



Dartmoor
MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



Autumn 2019 Newsletter 3

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A message from our Executive Head, Mrs Underwood

Dear Parents,

As we near the end of September, completing the first month of our school year, I am delighted to see our Three Hares Primaries in full flow with our children engaged in active learning about their schools and the communities surrounding them. I met with our Academy Committee (Governing Body) last week, where the leadership of the schools reported just how fantastic our team of staff have been, in setting up the classrooms and developing the teaching & learning, ready for this term. Our teachers and teaching assistants have worked tirelessly to develop the curriculum and organise resources for a smooth transition into the new academic year. On behalf of our governors, may I take this opportunity to officially thank our staff for their dedication and hard work.

It has been a busy few weeks and many parents have taken up the offer to come into school to meet the teachers and hear a little more about the year ahead and our vision for the Three Hares. Thank you to those parents who attended at South Tawton – I was pleased to meet you formally and for you to be able to put a ‘face to a name’.

Next week, I am looking forward to meeting with school councils to talk about our school logos. We are hoping to incorporate the Three Hares within each logo, which will then be included on future school uniform, website and other branded items. Our websites are also an aspect of current consideration for redevelopment, in order to make sure they accurately represent the lives of our schools and the Department for Education compliancy requirements. Please bear with us whilst we work on this key window into our schools.

In my role, I enjoy such a variety of interesting elements which make up each week as I join each staff team in each school, but this week has had a couple of wonderful highlights. On Tuesday, I accompanied children from the Three Hares Primaries at a festival of athletics, held on the sports field at Tavistock College. It was heartwarming to see our children inter-mixing and encouraging each other as they tackled track and field events with other primaries from across our multi-academy trust. Fortunately, the rain held off until we were back on the bus back to schools and the children were excitedly recalling their experiences. A fun day of sport was enjoyed by all and we are grateful to the Y10 students of the college who organised the activities as part of their GCSE curriculum.

The second highlight of my week was to take a small sample of each school choir to Okehampton College where we joined with schools from across our MAT, to learn some songs to be sung after Christmas in a special day, at the moment referred to as our ‘Trust Day’. More details will follow in due course. Our Three Hares children were magnificent in their behaviour throughout a three hour rehearsal; this was no mean feat as we learned songs with complicated harmonies and in Latin, alongside others which we knew a little better!

Well done to all of our children for another super week in school and I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs E Underwood
Executive Headteacher

Junior Lifeskills.

On Tuesday, Year 6 attended the Junior Lifeskills event held at Parklands Leisure centre. During the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to learn vital skills such as resuscitation and the recovery position, water safety skills, online safety, how to make a 999 call and fire safety. They also had the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from The Dog's Trust, Recycle Devon and a Dartmoor Ranger. It was a fantastic afternoon which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. A special thank you must also go to all the parents who helped with transporting the children to and from the event.



St Petrock's (Exeter) Ltd

Harvest Festival Wish List 2019



At St Petrock's, we provide a range of emergency, advice, health, welfare and housing services to help individuals who are homeless housed lead more settled and independent lives.

In 2018/19 we saw an increase of 20% in visits to our drop-in centre services. We now regularly see 60-80 people a day.

If you can assist by donating any of the items listed below, we would be very grateful - it will help us to provide some of the 10,000+ cooked breakfast and lunches we serve each year to those in need.

Thank you for your generous support with Harvest Festival donations



<p>Packaged Goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Sugar - granulated & castor * Instant coffee * Hot chocolate * Cup-a-soups * Long-life fruit juices * Fruit squash * Herbs/spices * Marmite/Vegemite * Stock cubes * Instant gravy mix * Mint/apple sauce * Stuffing mixes * Branston pickle * Mustards * Mayonnaise * Tomato ketchup * Brown sauce * Marmalade * Strawberry jam * Peanut butter 	<p>Packaged Goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Breakfast cereals * Pasta sauces * Jars of curry sauce * Custard powder * Biscuits (sweet) <p>Tinned Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Baked beans * Ravioli * Macaroni cheese * Tinned tomatoes * Tinned vegetables * Tinned fruits * Rice pudding * Tinned custard * Condensed milk * Evaporated milk * Tinned meats/meat pies * Corned beef * Tinned fish * Tinned curries 	<p>Cleaning Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Anti-bac hand soap * Biological washing powder * Anti-bac cleaning spray * Washing up liquid * Washing up sponges * Rubber gloves * Tea towels <p>Toiletries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Shower gel * Shampoo * Combs/Brushes * Disposable razors * Shaving foam * Baby wipes * Men's roll-on deodorants <p>Pet Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tins of wet dog food * Packets of dry dog food * Dog treats and biscuits
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We regret that we are unable to accept donations of fresh produce or windfall apples. If you would like to arrange a collection, or would like to organise a talk about our work, please contact Lucy on lucy@stpetrocks.org.uk.

St Petrock's (Exeter) Ltd. www.stpetrocks.org.uk. Telephone number: 01392 422396. Charity number: 1090155

Food Bank Collection

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the school hall on the 15th October. This year we would very much like to donate to those in need through the St Petrock's and Okehampton foodbanks. The wish list is below; please be reminded that anything perishable cannot be accepted. Okehampton Foodbank specifically need tinned fruit, tinned vegetables and tinned meat or meaty soups please.

The collection point will be in the hall from next week and will be delivered to the foodbanks by Miss Chalcraft. Many thanks in advance.

Free School Meals – Do you think you could be entitled?

Parents/carers in receipt of certain benefits are entitled to Free School Meals for their children. Please go to the Devon Citizens Portal:

<https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal> to register and apply. It only takes a couple of minutes and you will get an instant decision. If you have any difficulty in applying, please contact the admin office and we will be happy to help you. Every child entitled to Free School Meals attracts additional funding for our school.

NEWS: We will give every child who successfully registers for free school meals before October 3rd

(Census Day!) a Kindle! Please let us know if you are successful!

Year 1 trip to Taw River Dairy

On Thursday Year One had a fantastic trip to Taw River Dairy. We were able to go into the field and meet the milking cows, we saw the milking parlour where the cows were milked and then we got to visit the processing room where the ice cream was made. We particularly enjoyed trying the yummy flavours of ice cream that they had on their farm. Thank you very much to all of the parent volunteers who kindly came and provided transport for the trip. Mrs Dennis.



Year 1 trip to Multi-Skills Festival



On Friday, Year One had an exciting coach trip to Okehampton for the Year One multi-skills festival . We were able to have a go at fencing, badminton, athletics, dancing, ball skills, basketball, cricket and rugby alongside other year 1 children from local schools. A great time was had by all! Mrs Dennis.

Year R cooking

Year R went to the farm to pick blackberries, then we made our own blackberry and apple crumbles in class.



Dates for your diaries

October 3rd Census day – it is very helpful for us if all children can have school dinners on this day.

Monday 7th October and Tuesday 8th October – Parents' evenings. More details to follow.

October half term – Monday 21st – Friday 25th October

Last day of Autumn Term – Thursday 19th December