

Summer 2019 Newsletter 5

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Sports Day - Tuesday 25th June

At the time of writing, the forecast looks good for Tuesday! Hopefully, this will not change, and the day will go ahead as planned. However, if we do need to postpone, please look out for emails on Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning – obviously rain makes the grass slippery as well as making the event less pleasant for children and spectators.

Sports Day will follow the same format as last year with KS1 and KS2 taking part in activities during the morning, followed by KS1 races. KS2 children will have an early lunch and then return to the recreation field for their races in the afternoon. The children will also need a plain, coloured T-shirt (no football shirts) that matches their team colour.

Our PTA have also kindly offered to provide a refreshment stall, but they are looking for more volunteers to help. If you'd be happy to give up some of your time, please let Mrs Everett or one of the PTA members know. We would also be extremely grateful for any donations of cakes for the stall.

There will be a slight change to the lunches that day also: there will be no jacket potato or vegetarian option, but the main and school packed lunches will be available as normal. If you need to change a lunch booking, please let us know.

Year 5 Visit from Dartmoor Zoo

On Wednesday, we had a man called Mitch come in from Dartmoor Zoo and talk to us about classification and adaptation because it was related to the science we had been doing. When he brought out some of his animals, he talked to us about what group of animals they came from and different facts about them. We got to stroke a Macleays spectre stick insect and surprisingly it felt like velvet. We also held a crested gecko called Dylan, a tiger land snail called Frodo and a western snub nose snake called Django. I learnt a lot of different words and new facts from our visit and it was an amazing experience. Iris Leslie, Year 5.



The Lost Words

As a school, we have been lucky enough to have been given two copies of the beautiful book *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. *The Lost Words* bases its magic on words used to describe the natural world – words that are known to be vanishing from the language of children: acorn, adder, bluebell, bramble, conker ... and so on. These were kindly gifted to us by The Dartmoor Preservation Association and The Outdoors Group and the children are already enjoying sharing these wonderful books. Mrs Dennis.



Unwanted uniform

The PTA are asking for donations of school uniform that you no longer require. They request that it is washed and in very good condition. School jumpers and boys clothing are needed in particular.

If you have any unwanted uniform, please bring it in to Mrs Culverhouse in Year R and it will be used in a second-hand clothing stall later this month.



Year 5 Visit to RHS Rosemoor

On Monday 10th June, the Year 5's visited RHS Rosemoor to find out more about nature inspired Patterns and Prints. With the initial part of the morning spent in the Educational Centre finding out about artists who have been influenced by nature (William Morris, Escher and the architect Gaudi), our guide then took the pupils into the gardens to find their own inspiration. We continued the rest of the morning back in the classroom where the pupils used their sketches to create their own impressive botanical patterns and prints.

The pupils behaved impeccably and it was lovely to overhear a visitor to the gardens comment on what a well behaved group they all were. Well done Year 5.



Dates for your diaries

Sport's day – Tuesday 25th June KS1 am only. KS2 all day

Reserve Sport's Day – Thursday 11th July

PTA BBQ- Friday 12th July

Y1 – 6 Parent's Evenings – Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July.

Last day of term – Friday 19th July

Autumn Term begins – Wednesday 4th September