



South Dartmoor  
Academy



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4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Parent's Meetings with Teachers

Parent meetings with teachers will be held on the week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Each class will have a slightly different timetable and the late appointments will be on the Wednesday. We will be organising appointments slightly differently this year and hope the new system will be quicker and more efficient.

Each class will have a set of sign-up sheets where you can choose an appointment time to meet your child's class teacher.

- If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you will find the sign-up sheets on the wall in the KSI corridor.
- If your child is in Years 3-6, you will find the sign-up sheets on the walls in the foyer next to the hall.

Sign-up sheets will go up around school from Tuesday next week.

Please ensure you make an appointment. It will be an opportunity to see your child's learning at school as well as talking with their teacher about how they are getting on. We find that children's progress almost always accelerates after parent's meeting weeks because the children respond to the positive feedback they are given from parents and their teacher.

## Harvest Service

Don't forget our Harvest Service at St Luke's Church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. It will start at 10am, not 10pm which was put on last week's newsletter!! Parents, carers and other family members are invited to come along. Every class will be doing an individual performance and there will be some whole school songs.

## Drinks in School

We are encouraging children to have a spare drinks bottle in class containing water to drink during lesson time. These are kept in a container next to the sink in classes. This bottle must only contain water. This means there is less disruption to learning from children going to their bags or having to go to the water fountain. Bottles containing flavoured water, squash and juice are only for lunchtime.

## Playtimes

Over the next few weeks, we are going to be making a few changes to playtime routines. This is going to enable children of different ages to play together and make better use of



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the play areas we have around school. When the changes are made, we will send out a letter to all parents to explain the plans.

## Scooters

A number of parents have raised concerns about children using scooters on the playground. Please ask your child not to ride their scooter on the playground at the beginning and end of the day as there are so many people around. While we recognise that it is a lot of fun, we don't want anyone getting hurt. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Parent Voice Group

I would like to get a parent voice group together who could meet once every half term in school. It would be an opportunity to talk about what is going on in school and share ideas on how to make things better for the children. It would be great to get a range of parents with different age children involved. If you are interested in being part of the group, leave your name with Michelle in the office.

## Spanish Club at School

A message from Patty at Kidslingo:

We are delighted to announce that Kidslingo will continue running two Spanish lunch clubs on Thursday for KS1 and KS2 in the new school academic year 2019-2020. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Learning a language at a young age helps children to grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. There is a fantastic window of opportunity during early years development where children can absorb a language without even realising it!

At Kidslingo, we are dedicated to teaching Spanish to children through fun.

We use stories, games, songs, Makaton and drama to bring the language to life and inspire our learners.

- 30 minute classes on Thursdays 12:00-12:30pm for KS2 and 12:30 -13:00 for KS1
- Next term starts on 12th September 2019 with a maximum of 12 children.
- £4.00 per class (30 minute session). Pay on a half termly basis. Existing customers will have priority at renewal for the next term's classes.
- We will issue vocabulary sheets, provide reward certificates and worksheets.
- Kidslingo students have free access to Languagenut – an award-winning digital language learning product.

To register your child, please go to the following link below, select Buckfastleigh primary school and click on enrol now. <https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/> If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**

**EDDIE BROWN**