



South Dartmoor
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10th October 2019

Parent's Meetings with Teachers – Next Week

Please sign up for Parent Meetings. We cannot emphasise enough how important they are. Over many years, I have always seen the significant positive impact the meetings have to children's self esteem, behaviour and positive attitude to learning.

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

- Reception, Year 1 or Year 2: Sign-up sheets on the wall in the KSI corridor.
- Years 3-6: Sign-up sheets on the walls in the foyer next to the hall.

Harvest Service Donations

We are collecting donations for the Buckfastleigh Foodbank at St Luke's church. They urgently need tinned fruit, tea boags, dried pasta, UHT milk and breakfast cereals. You can find more information at <https://buckfastleigh.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Please bring any donations into school on Monday or Tuesday mornings and we will take them down to the church.

The service will start at 10am on Tuesday. We will be walking down as a school. It will be great to see as many parents, carers and family members as possible.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in on Wednesday 16th Oct from 8:00am. Family photos with non-school age and/or older siblings attending secondary schools will take place at the start of the day.

Playtimes

We are going to try a different arrangement for lunchtimes and playtimes on Thursday and Friday next week. Children will be able to access both playgrounds during lunchtime and there will be free-flow through the area outside the hall. This means that all children will have their lunch break between 12:00-1:00pm. The morning play will also be free-flow between the playgrounds. This will be explained to each class.

The aim of this is to get a better variety of play opportunities for the children. Siblings will also be able to play with each other. We hope that as this develops, we will be able to introduce new and exciting ideas onto the playground to enhance the children's experiences.



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Secondary Applications Deadline

A reminder from the admissions team to all primary schools to ensure their year 6 children make an application for Secondary school before the 31 October deadline.

Further information can be found at:

https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login

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.

Music Lessons

Petya Halse is our current music teacher. She is able to offer music lessons in school and currently has spaces for recorder, flute and saxophone tuition. There are usually 10 lessons per term at the following prices:

- Single 20min lesson = £9
- Shared 20min lesson = £5 .

Spanish Club at School

We are delighted to announce Kidslingo will continue running two Spanish lunch clubs on Thursday for KS1 and KS2 from 4th November for the remainder of the Autumn term. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. To register your child, please go to the following link and 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 contact Patty on: 07813 272979 or patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk

HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!

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