



School Newsletter

Friday 22nd October 2021

Charley Monkey and Travelling Ted

Otter's Class are now able to return to the joys of sending home Charley Monkey with a child each weekend. Children are chosen at random by selecting named sticks in a jar and they can enjoy having him/her for the weekend then record in the book what they got up to! In addition to this we have a new 'member' of our class called 'Travelling Ted' who loves to accompany children when they are going a little further afield on a week-end away or a half term holiday. Let us know if you have a break coming up and we will put names in a hat for Travelling Ted too!

ECFC Kids Cup Tournament

A Drakes and Otterton football team will be entered into the ECFC KIDS cup. This hugely successful tournament has 32 local schools in it with the chance to compete to go on and represent our area nationally and potentially at WEMBLEY stadium. It is a Free Football tournament where the winning school from each local competition will go on to represent the football club at the Regional and National finals should they progress. The teams are 6 a-side with a squad of 8 players (girls and boys from years 4,5 and 6). It will be at the University of Exeter Sports park (Sports Park, Stocker Rd, Exeter EX4 4QN) on Thursday January 20th, 10.00am - 2.30pm. If any Y4, Y5, Y6 parent is interested in their child joining the team. Please email Ed2NorthPole@gmail.com

SENCo Role

Becky Humphreys is our new SENCo across Drake's and Otterton Schools. She works in the Inclusion Hub in the Link Academy and has a wealth of knowledge and experience. If you would like to speak to her about your child's needs contact the school office and we can get a message to her or speak with Mr Halford directly.

Parents Forum

Come and join Mr Halford for a Virtual cup of tea at the Parents Forum. This is an opportunity to discuss what is currently happening in school. It is an opportunity for parents to share what they feel is working well in school. An agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting and parents can contact the office in advance with things they would like to talk about.
Drake's - 9th Nov 1:30pm to 2:30pm
We look forward to seeing you there.

Important Dates	
Friday 22nd October	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 1st November	School Resumes
Tuesday 9th November	Parents Forum
Monday 15th November	School Photos
Saturday 20th November	Winter Craft Fair
Monday 13 th December	Pantomime
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 17th December	Last day of Term, 2pm finish

COVID Testing

Please could we remind parents that if their child has symptoms associated with Covid-19 they should have a PCR test. Lateral Flow Tests should only be used for asymptomatic tests.

Symptoms included are:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change in or loss of sense of taste or smell

Full details of when tests should be carried out can be found [here](#)

Sporting Events

Thurs 4th Nov Netball Tournament Yr 5/6 ECC (3.15—4.45pm)
Thurs 11th Nov Invasion Games Festival KS1 ECC Yr 1&2 (10.00—11.30am)

Dartmoor Schools Sports Partnership

You can keep up to date with DSSP Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/dartmoorssp/>

PTFA News

On the 29th of September our PTFA had Annual General Meeting, where we voted for functions within the members. PTFA voted as follows:

Jola Kawalek -Chair, Sarah Cox-Treasurer, Catherine Tribble- Secretary, Jessie Ridout - Deputy Treasurer. We also gained new members and would like to welcome Heather, Shirley, Sam, Jen.

Minutes of the meeting and treasurers report will soon be available on the school web-site.

Winter Craft Fair

On the 'dates for your calendar', you will see, that on the 20th of November our school is organising ever so popular in past years Winter Craft Fair. Please let us know if you would like to get involved, as we always need volunteers and helpers to join our merry bunch!!! On the day we would need 1-2 hours of your time- many hands make work easier! Poppy is organising an 'adopt a bear' stall for the craft fair- please can we have donations of unwanted soft toys. These can be given to Sarah/Jola at the school gates or we can collect them. Also, we would need donations of cakes, but those can be brought on the day. Very soon we will release a rota, where you will be able to put your name down to help, but you can always contact Jola, Sarah or other PTFA members to let us know on drakesptfaeb@gmail.com Look out on the other PTFA events, as we plan to busy all year round.

PTFA is working closely with teachers in planning and repurposing project and we're happy to say we are able to fund some of the equipment and tools.



Romans 12:12

Be joyful in Hope, Patient in affliction, Faithful in prayer