



# Dunster First School

Headteacher: Peter Hoyland

## Newsletter No 11



### Book and Story Week

Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Parent and Teacher Meetings

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Spring Half Term Holiday. May I please bring the following to your attention:

## Diary Dates

**Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> to  
Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> and

Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>**

Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>

**Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>**

Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> to

Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>

**Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> to**

**Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Book and Story Week (further details below)**

Year 2 visit to West Somerset Garden Centre

**FODS Committee Meeting - 7.00pm (further details below)**

Parent and Teacher meetings (further details below)

**Year 4 taking part in Exmoor Coast Federation, "The Jungle Book" (further details to follow)**

Year 2 visiting Moorland Edge Forest School

**School taking part in Rotary Club's Swimathon**

Exmoor Coast Federation Family Support Drop in Session, 8.40am in the Monstas Room

**Meeting of the Board of Governors - 7.00pm**

Year 4 visit to Bannerman Road Primary School (further details to follow)

**Last day of Spring Term**

**Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade - 9.10am**

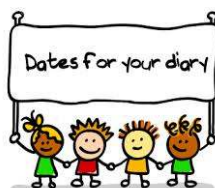
**Easter Service - 2.00pm**

Easter Holidays

**Bank Holiday Monday**

First day of Summer Term

**Year 4 Residential trip to Pinkery**



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## Staff News

Our Year 1 Midday Supervisor, Ms Sue Usher, will be leaving our school this week to take up a new position at Seashells Nursery, Minehead. Sue has been a wonderful member of our lunchtime team and we wish her the very best for the future.



## Book and Story Week - February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017

Our annual Book and Story week will be taking place between February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our theme this year is Traditional Tales and Legends.



During the week story teller Steve Manning will be visiting the school to tell stories. As in previous years we will also be inviting a number of people from the local community to come into school to read a story.

During the week we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in the School Hall. At the fair we will be selling a wide range of books including picture books, young fiction and junior novels as well as reference and non-fiction titles. A leaflet showing some of the titles accompanies this newsletter.

The Book Fair will be open at the following times:

|                                   |                  |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Monday February 27 <sup>th</sup>  | Closed           | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Tuesday February 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Wednesday March 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 8.40am to 9.15am | Closed           |
| Thursday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Friday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>      | 8.40am to 9.15am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |

**Volunteers are needed to help run the book fair, so if you are able to help please contact the school office or complete the slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to school.**

Your support through buying books at the fair would be greatly appreciated because for every book sold, the school earns commission which will enable us to buy books for our school. Last year we sold £1047 worth of books which meant that we were able to choose £125 worth of new books for each class in the school.

To finish the week on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be holding a Book Character day when children and adults are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. Weather permitting we will hold a book character parade in the school playground.



Nearly New Uniform Sale - Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Throughout Book and Story Week the Friends of Dunster First School will be selling items of nearly new uniform in the school hall. Items including sweatshirts, polo shirts, skirts, trousers and daps will be on sale at very reasonable prices.

The Friends of Dunster First School always welcomes donations of good quality uniform.

### West Somerset Sports Association's Football Gala

Congratulations to the school's football team for representing the school so well at the West Somerset Sport's Association's Football Gala at Knights Templar First School on Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team played superbly to win all of their five matches, scoring ten goals without conceding any. The following children played for the school: Jake Woodward, Oliver Groves, Ethan Mitchell, Zacc Binding, Jude Stanbury and Daniel McClafferty.



A special thank you to Mr James for running the school's Football Club this year and for helping to produce such a team of talented footballers. His motto of "Aim High" ensured that there was no Luck in the team's excellent performance.

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Friends of Dunster First School Meeting - Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm

There will be a Friends of Dunster First School meeting on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting, which will be held in the Year 4 classroom, will start at 7.00pm. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:



**Agenda**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and Review of the Advent Fair
3. Matters arising
4. Requests for resources
5. Easter Bingo Evening
6. Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade
7. Any Other Business

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Parents and Carers Meetings with Teachers - March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>

Parents and Carers meetings with teachers will be held on the following dates:

Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> 6.00pm to 9.00pm  
Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm to 7.00pm



These meetings are an excellent opportunity to see your child's work and to find out how they are doing at school. We were delighted that for last term's meetings nearly all of our parents and carers were able to attend. To make an appointment, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to your child's teacher.

When all of the slips have been received, they will be returned to you with the approximate time of your appointment. We are aiming to give parents and carers ten minutes with their child's class teacher. However, if you feel that you need longer to discuss your child or if you are unable to make the above dates, I would ask you to contact your child's teacher to make an appointment for another date. Wherever possible we will do our best to accommodate those parents and carers with children in different classes.

## School Clubs

Please note that due to Book and Story Week there will be no Skipping Club for Year 4 on Monday February 27<sup>th</sup>, no Fundamentals Club for Year 1 on Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> and no DASH Club on Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. All other clubs will run as normal during Book and Story Week.

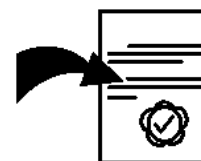


The before and after school clubs for the second half of this term are as follows:

| Club              | Day                 | Year Group    | Notes  |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|
| DASH Club         | Mondays and Fridays | Years R to 4  | No DASH Club on Friday March 3 <sup>rd</sup>   |
| Skipping Club     | Mondays             | Year 4        | No club on Monday February 27 <sup>th</sup> .  |
| Fundamentals Club | Tuesdays            | Year 1        | No club on Tuesday February 28 <sup>th</sup> . Club finishes on Tuesday March 28 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Tennis Club       | Wednesdays          | Years 3 and 4 | Club finishes on Wednesday March 29 <sup>th</sup> .  |
| Catchball Club    | Thursdays           | Years 3 and 4 | Club starts on Thursday March 9 <sup>th</sup> .  |

## SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

# Going for Goals!



Going for Goals

This year as part of all the children's Personal, Social and Health Education the children have been following a programme called Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, known to the children as 'SEAL'.

Each half term there is a new theme which is introduced in a special whole school SEAL assembly. This half term we are working on the theme called 'Going for Goals!'. The children will have the opportunity to set themselves realistic goals and then try to achieve them. There will be a celebratory assembly at the end of this half term to share their good work and honour their learning and achievement.

These are some ideas you can do at home to support this theme:

- 1) Talk about all the things that your child is good at.
- 2) Look for things your child does well and tell them.
- 3) Ask your child each day to tell you something they have learnt today.
- 4) Make a star chart together to help achieve a goal e.g. learning to ride a bike, learning to skip, learning to do up buttons, learning their timetables.

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Key Dates for Year 4 Parents and Carers with children transferring to Minehead Middle School

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Thursday June 15 <sup>th</sup>     | Year 4 children visiting Minehead Middle School for the afternoon                                     |
| <b>Monday June 26<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Year 4 Parents and Carers Meeting for children from Dunster at Minehead Middle School - 6.30pm</b> |
| Tuesday July 4 <sup>th</sup>       | Year 4 spending the day at Minehead Middle School   |
| <b>Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Meeting for all Year 4 Parents and Carers (not children) at Minehead Middle School - 6.30pm</b>    |
| Friday July 7 <sup>th</sup>        | Exmoor Coast Federation Orienteering Event for children transferring to Minehead Middle School        |



Sainsbury Active Kids 2017

This year we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers on behalf of Monstas After School Club.

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from 25<sup>th</sup> January at Sainsbury's. You will receive one voucher for every £5 spent in Sainsbury's Local and one for every £10 spent in Sainsbury's supermarkets. If you buy from Sainsbury's online you will receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend but they will all be printed on one piece of paper so keep them safe.



A collection box will be kept in the front lobby for the duration of the promotion and will be exchanged for resources for the benefit of children using Monstas Club. Spread the word and ask your friends and family to donate their vouchers too.

Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland  
Headteacher

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# Parent/Carers and Teacher Consultation Meetings

## Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>

Please complete the slip below by ticking the times at which you would be able to attend and return it to school as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you could be as flexible as possible

**Monday**      **March 6<sup>th</sup>**

6.00pm to 7.00pm     

7.00pm to 8.00pm     

8.00pm to 9.00pm     

**Tuesday**      **March 7<sup>th</sup>**

4.00pm to 5.00pm     

5.00pm to 6.00pm     

6.00pm to 7.00pm     

Name of child .....

Year .....

Signature of parent .....



*Please return to your child's teacher*

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## 2017 Book and Story Week - February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>

I am able to help at the Book Fair at the following times (please indicate with a tick the times that you are available to help)

|           | 8.40am to 9.30am | 3.00pm to 4.00pm |
|-----------|------------------|------------------|
| Monday    | Closed           |                  |
| Tuesday   |                  |                  |
| Wednesday |                  | Closed           |
| Thursday  |                  |                  |
| Friday    |                  |                  |

Name .....

Telephone Number.....

**Please return to the School Office**

