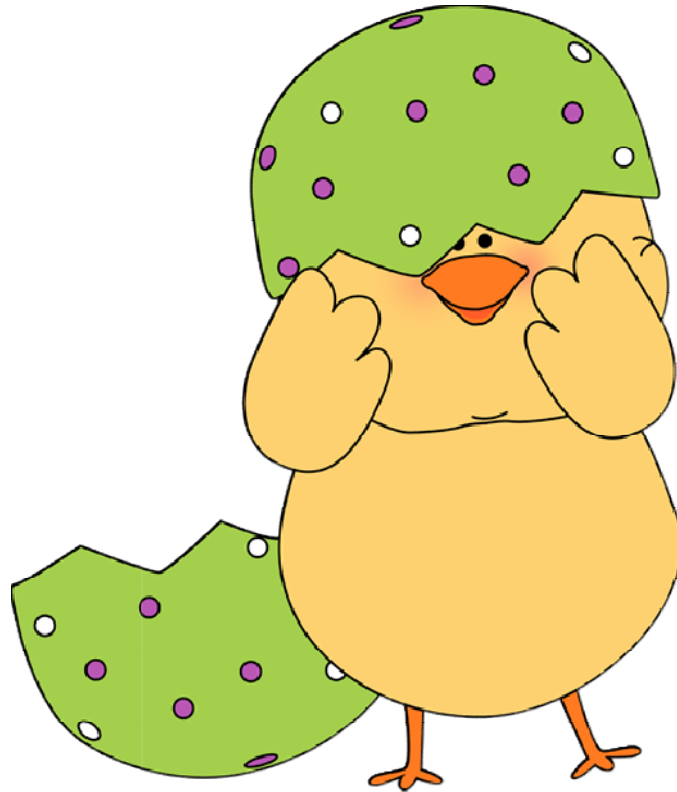




# Dunster First School

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## Newsletter No 13



# Easter Holidays

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>

to

Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I please bring the following to your attention.

## Diary Dates

Thursday March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 visit to Bannerman Road Primary School (further details to follow)
Friday March 31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of Spring Term Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade - 9.10am Easter Service (children and staff only) - 2.00pm
Saturday April 1 <sup>st</sup> to Sunday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
Monday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday April 19 <sup>th</sup> to Friday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Residential trip to Pinkery

## Exmoor Coast Federation Jungle Book Musical

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 4 who took part in the Exmoor Coast Federation's Jungle Book musical on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>. I am sure that parents, carers and grandparents will agree with me when I say that our children sang beautifully and represented our school brilliantly.



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## 2017 Swimathon

Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Swimathon on Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. The following children swam for the school:



### **Dunster Sharks (56 lengths in 40 minutes)**

Evie Willis  
Riley Lovell  
Gaia Di Campli  
Cora Gregson  
Lyla-Rose Stevens  
Katy-Lou Bretherton  
Jacob Krasko  
Jake Woodward



### **Dunster Dolphins (74 lengths in 40 minutes)**

Amelia Marsh  
Harry Vince  
Ben Higgins  
Jude Stanbury  
Izabella Antonelli  
Oliver Groves



### **Dunster Seals (64 lengths in 40 minutes)**

Finlay Twiss  
Erin Strong  
Maisie Lyddon  
Abigail Sweet  
Ruby Smith  
Lorena Bray

Special congratulations to the Dunster Dolphins team who swam 74 lengths in 40 minutes and came joint first in the inter-school competition for most lengths swum by a First School team.

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After the younger children had finished, two teams made up of past pupils took to the water to see how many lengths they could swim in 55 minutes. The two teams were:

**Dunster Forever**

Isabelle Webber  
Rosie Webber  
Iona Priddle  
Maya Leworthy  
Thomas Leworthy  
Olivia Stanbury  
Louis Stanbury

**Dunster Graduates**

Ashleigh Hickman  
Lucy Willis  
Amy Richards  
Megan Bell  
Lily Sutcliffe  
Keegan Noble  
Liza Radley

Thank you to all of our swimmers and to those parents, carers, grandparents, children and friends of the school who came along to help and support on the evening. If anyone raised any sponsorship for the Swimathon, could I ask that it is returned to school as soon as possible after the Easter holidays. The school receives half of all the money raised and this will be used to subsidise the cost of school swimming.

Friends of Dunster First School Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade

Once again, this year the Friends of Dunster First School will be holding an Easter Hat and Bonnet competition on the last day of term.

Anyone wishing to enter will need to wear or bring an Easter hat or bonnet to school on Friday March 31st. We will have a hat and bonnet parade around the village if the weather is fine (or in the school hall if it is wet) and a prize of an Easter egg will be provided for the winner and runner up in each class.



There will be no charge for entering this competition.

Head lice

Along with a number of other schools in the local area, we have had several reports from parents of cases of head lice. We would be grateful if parents and carers could check their child's/children's hair over the next few days and take appropriate action if head lice are found. It will be important to make sure that if head lice are found that everyone in the family has their hair checked.



Accompanying this letter is a leaflet containing advice on checking for head lice and the action to take if your child's head is infested.

## School Clubs

Our school clubs will be restarting after the Easter holiday on the following dates:

Name of Club	Club Leader	Restarts on...
DASH Club	Mr Hoyland	Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Skipping Club	Mrs Thrush and Miss Moles	Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Gymnastics Club	1610 Club	Tuesday April 25 <sup>th</sup>
Tennis Club	Simon Barmby-King	Wednesday April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Catchball Club	Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Vickery	Thursday April 20 <sup>th</sup>

The Fundamentals Club for Year 1, provided by 1610, finishes at the end of this term. Thank you to Dan for leading this club.

Information about next term's 1610 Gymnastics Club will be sent home over the next few days. Places will be available on a first come first served basis.



## Scarlet Fever

We have been asked by Public Health England (PHE) to advise parents that scarlet fever is currently circulating in the community.



# Public Health England

The bacterial illness is characterised by a distinctive pink, red rash that feels like sandpaper to touch. The first symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat and fever, which may be accompanied by a headache, nausea and vomiting. Between 12 to 48 hours after this, a characteristic fine, sandpapery rash develops, often appearing first on the chest or stomach and then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. Scarlet Fever is mainly a childhood disease and is most common between the ages of two and eight.

Parents and Carers who think that their child has contracted Scarlet Fever should contact their GP. Symptoms usually clear up after a week and in the majority of cases 'remain reasonably mild' providing antibiotics are taken. Children who contract Scarlet Fever will need to stay at home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

## Friends of Dunster First School Non-Uniform Day - Thank you

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Friends of Dunster First School Non Uniform Day on Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful response to our request for chocolate treats and raffle prizes and there should be a wonderful array of prizes at our Bingo Evening on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup>.



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### Friends of Dunster First School Bingo Evening

Thank you to everyone who has booked places for the Friends of Dunster First School Bingo evening on Friday March 24th. The Bingo evening is now sold out, however if you would still like to come, please add your name to the reserve list by

contacting Mrs Thrush in the school office.



Those attending the Bingo evening are reminded to bring their own dabbers!

### Parents and Carers Meetings with Teachers

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent and Carers meetings on March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we were delighted that so many parents and carers were able to attend these meetings.



Please contact your child's teacher if you have yet to make an appointment or if you missed your appointment and would like to make another one.

### Monstas Easter Cake Sale - Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>

On Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> Monstas After School Club will be holding a Cake Sale to help raise money for new equipment. The staff and children at Monstas will be selling a variety of Easter goodies and cakes. The sale will start after school at 3.30pm.

If you are able to contribute a cake or cakes please could you bring them to the Monstas room on Thursday morning. If you are not able to contribute a cake you can help by coming along and buying some!



Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland  
Headteacher