



# Dunster First School

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## Newsletter No 14



# Summer Term

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to

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup>

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school after the Easter holidays for what promises to be another very busy term. Hopefully the good weather over the last few weeks is a sign that we are in for a Long Hot Summer.

## Diary Dates

Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup>

First Day of Summer Term 2017

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

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

**Year 4 Residential Trip to Pinkery**

Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Exmoor Coast Federation Family Support  
Drop-in Session - 8.40am

**Monday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**School Closed for Bank Holiday Monday**

Wednesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Reception Class visiting Briddicott Farm  
(more details to follow)

**Monday May 15<sup>th</sup> to**

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 2 SATS Week**

Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>

West Somerset Primary Tennis Challenge  
(more details to follow)

**Friday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 2 visit to Dunster Castle (more  
details to follow)**

Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> to

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>

Summer Half Term Holiday

**Monday June 5<sup>th</sup>**

**School Swimming lessons start (swimming  
timetable to follow)**

Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>

West Somerset Sports Association Catchball  
Gala, Minehead Middle School (more details  
to follow)

**Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 1 Phonics Check**

Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>

After School Swimming sessions start  
(swimming timetable to follow)

**Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting for parents and carers with  
children moving from the Reception Class  
into Year 1, 3.30pm**

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Beacon to Beach Run Offs. 6.30pm (more  
details to follow)

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<b>Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 2 visit to Dunster Beach (more details to follow)</b>
Friday June 30 <sup>th</sup>	New Parents Morning, 9.10am (more details to follow)
<b>Friday June 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Exmoor Coast Federation Family Support Drop-in Session - 8.40am</b>
Monday July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 2 visit to Minehead (more details to follow)
<b>Monday July 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Meeting of the Board of Governors, 7.00pm</b>
Wednesday July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class and Year 1 visiting Nutcombe Bottom (more details to follow)
<b>Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>West Somerset Sports Association Area Sports at Knights Templar First School, 1.30pm (more details to follow)</b>
Friday July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Orienteering event at Dunster Castle for Year 4 (more details to follow)
<b>Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Sports Day, 1.30pm</b>
Wednesday July 12 <sup>th</sup>	School Sports Day (Reserve Day)
<b>Friday July 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4 Leavers Party, 6.00pm (more details to follow)</b>
Tuesday July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class and Year 1 visiting Dunster Beach (more details to follow)
<b>Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Teddy Bears Picnic (more details to follow)</b>
Thursday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Leavers Performance, 1.45pm
<b>Friday July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Summer Term</b>
Saturday July 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Sunday September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Summer Holidays
<b>Monday September 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closed for Staff Training</b>
Tuesday September 5 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Autumn Term 2017

### Staffing News

The end of last term saw a number of changes to the staff team at Dunster First School.

At the end of term we said goodbye to Miss Lys Vogel who left us to prepare for her return to college in September where she will be undertaking a Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Sully our Year 4 Midday Supervisor and Mrs Usher our Year 1 Midday Supervisor, both of whom have left to start new jobs. Mrs Sully has been replaced by Mr Sifa Vea and Mrs Usher has been replaced by Mrs Rita Green.

On Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> we will also be saying goodbye to Mr Daly who after sixteen years as caretaker at the school will be retiring. Mr Daly will be replaced by Mr William Wake, who before joining us, was the caretaker at Minehead First School.

We wish all those who have left or who will soon be leaving all the best for the future and thank them for all that they have done for our school.

### Easter Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Friends of Dunster First School Bingo evening on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup> or who contributed prizes for this event. I would also like to thank Mrs Thrush and Miss Moles who did an incredible job of organising and running the evening.



The Bingo evening raised an incredible £916.00.

### Spring Term Attendance

Congratulations to the following children who all achieved 100% attendance during the Spring Term 2017:

Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Toby Ware Kaiden Winter	Samantha Blay Sasha Brodie Cormac Corley Ruby Edwards Eva Furse-Sowden Charlotte Higgins Toby Payne Wilfie Staley Alfie Thresher Oscar Ware Blossom Whittaker Billy Williams	Ollie Curtis Isaac Lammiman Ellis Nurton Erin Ramsey Orla Strong Tallulah Webber	Charlie Clarke Kate Lancaster Amelia Marsh Tilly Nicholls Megan Powell Jack Radford Hannah Richards Lyla-Rose Stevens Erin Strong Albert Vickery	Zacc Binding Oliver Groves Taylor Hollingsworth Riley Lovell Daniel McClafferty Ethan Mitchell Molly Phippen Lexie Webber Jake Woodward

Over the next few days you will be receiving a report on your child's attendance for the Spring Term 2017. As a guide the average attendance for the Spring Term 2017 for the whole school was 96.1%. If there are any inaccuracies in your child's attendance report please contact Mrs Thrush.





### Swimathon Sponsorship Money

Could I ask that any Swimathon sponsorship money is handed in to the school office as soon as possible so that it can be passed on to the Rotary Club of Minehead and the Quantocks.

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the money that they have raised.

Any money raised through sponsorship is shared between the school and the Rotary Club of Minehead and the Quantocks.

### Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Easter Hat and Bonnet Parade at the end of last term. The children all looked wonderful and everyone enjoyed watching the parade through the village. The winners in each year group were as follows:

Year R	Jemima Sully and Poppy Stone
Year 1	Lotty Higgins and Wilfie Staley
Year 2	Will Goble and Sophie Lucas
Year 3	Benjamin Wintermantle and Logan O'Connor
Year 4	Ethan Mitchell and Molly Phippen

Thank you to the Friends of Dunster First School for supplying the Easter egg prizes.





## SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

### Relationships

As part of all the children's Personal, Social and Health Education the children are continuing to follow a programme called Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, known to the children as 'SEAL'.



Relationships

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 'Relationships'. The children will have the opportunity to do further work about feelings within the context of our family and friends. This theme touches on helping children understand the feelings that we all need to cope with at some time: that of loss, whether of a favourite possession, a friend moving away, a family home or a loved one. There will be a SEAL good work assembly at the end of this half term to share their work and honour their learning and achievement.

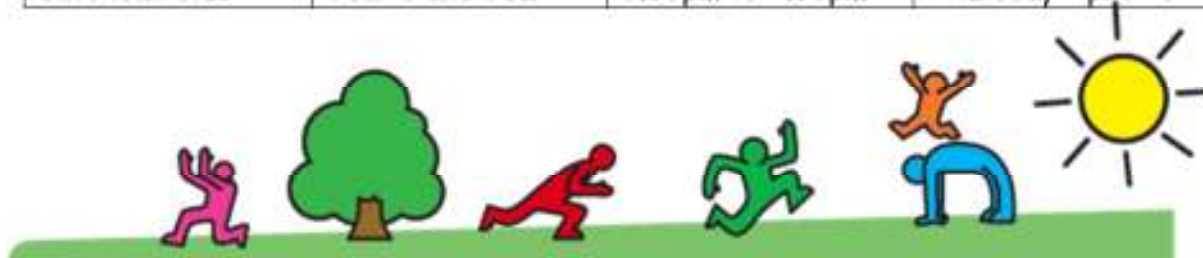
These are some ideas you can do at home to support this theme:

- 1) Arrange a tea party for your child with a best friend or a few friends.
- 2) Play a favourite game or read a favourite book together.
- 3) Have a family meal together.
- 4) Read a story book together e.g. 'Dogger' where the young child loses his favourite cuddly toy.

### School Clubs

The school clubs for this term are as follows:

Name of Club	Year Group	Times	Start Date
DASH Club	Year R to Year 4	See Timetable	Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Skipping Club	Year 4	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Monday April 24 <sup>th</sup>
Gymnastics Club	Year 3 and Year 4	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Tuesday May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tennis Club	Year 3 and Year 4	3.30pm to 4.30pm & 4.30pm to 5.30pm	Wednesday April 26 <sup>th</sup>
Catchball Club	Year 3 and Year 4	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Thursday April 20 <sup>th</sup>



### Volunteers in School

As we head towards the summer it won't be long until we start planning the swimming timetable.

Although there is no cost to parents and carers for swimming during school time and after school

sessions, we do rely on volunteers to come in and help supervise the children while they are changing and to help oversee after-school swimming sessions.



Any parents and carers volunteering to help with the supervision of changing or after school swimming sessions will need to be cleared through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Application forms, which can be collected from the school office, need to be collected as soon as possible so that any volunteers are cleared in time for the start of the swimming season. Volunteers who have been cleared within the past two years do not need to reapply.

### Key Dates for Year 4 Parents and Carers

With a term to go until our Year 4 children transfer to Minehead Middle School here is a reminder of the key dates for Year 4 children and their parents.



Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> Year 4 spend the afternoon at Minehead Middle School

Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting for parents and carers at Minehead Middle school at 6.30pm. This meeting is for parents and carers only. No children to attend please.

Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> Year 4 spend the day at Minehead Middle School. During this visit they will find out which class they are in and who their teacher is going to be.

Meeting for Year 4 Parents and Carers at Minehead Middle School starting at 6.30pm.

Yours truly,

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