



Dunster First School

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School Sports Day

"The Exmoor Games"

Tuesday July 11th

1.30pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

May I please bring the following to your attention:

Diary Dates

Tuesday July 11th

Wednesday July 12th

Friday July 14th

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Tuesday July 18th

Wednesday July 19th

Thursday July 20th

Friday July 21st

Saturday July 22nd to

Sunday September 3rd

Monday September 4th

Tuesday September 5th

School Sports Day, 1.30pm

School Sports Day (Reserve Day)

Year 3 visit to Briddicott Farm

Year 4 Leavers Party, 6.00pm

Reception Class and Year 1 visiting Dunster Beach

Teddy Bears Picnic

Year 4 Leavers Performance, 1.45pm

Last Day of Summer Term

Summer Holidays

School Closed for Staff Training

First Day of Autumn Term 2017

Sports Day - Tuesday July 11th

We will be holding our Sports Day on Tuesday July 11th at 1.30pm. The sports day, which will be held on the school field, will have an Exmoor theme.

Could I please ask parents and carers to make sure that their child's PE kit is in school ready for the big day.



After the sports are over, the Governors would like to invite everyone to join them in the school hall for a cream tea, where we are also hoping there will be an opportunity to meet the school's new Headteacher, Mrs Naomi Philp.

In the event of inclement weather the reserve day is Wednesday July 12th.

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Could I please ask those attending our sports day to park considerately on the roads around the school, particularly in St George's Street where last year a badly parked car prevented an ambulance from gaining access to a local house. If time permits please park in Dunster Steep car park and walk in to school.



E-Safety Award

Congratulations and thank you to Mrs Gray who over the last twelve months has been preparing for the revalidation of our 360 Degrees e-safety Award.

The multi-award winning 360 degree safe schools self-review online tool provides a means for schools to review and develop their Online Safety provision for staff and children. Our application was evaluated by an assessor from the South West Grid for Learning in June. Thanks to the strong portfolio of evidence put forward by Mrs Gray our 360 Degrees e-safety award was revalidated. If you would like further information about the award, please contact Mrs Gray.

Dunster First School Tennis Team - Runners Up in Somerset County Finals

Congratulations to our tennis team who, after winning the West Somerset Mini Tennis Red Competition at Minehead Tennis Club in May, have gone on to achieve further success.

On June 22nd the team travelled to Taunton for the Somerset area final. After an afternoon of superb tennis and some incredibly close matches our team won the tournament and qualified for the Somerset County final.

The county final was held at Millfield School on July 6th and our team played amazingly to finish as runners up to Milverton Primary in the tournament and to claim the title of the second best Year 3 and Year 4 tennis team in the whole of Somerset. This is an incredible achievement for a school of our size.

A very big well done to the members of our team: Izabella Antonelli, Gaia Di Campi, Jake Woodward and Oliver Groves. Well done also to Ethan Mitchell who was a member of the team for the Minehead tournament but missed the subsequent rounds due to illness.

Thank you to all those parents and members of staff who helped transport the team to the various tournaments and to our outstanding tennis coach, Simon Barmby-King.



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Area Sports Success

On Thursday July 6th our school took part in the West Somerset Sports Association's Area Sports at Knights Templar, Watchet. Competing against schools from all over West Somerset our school had a very successful afternoon.

The highlights in the individual sprint and skipping races were as follows:

Year 2 Girls Sprint - **Esme Priddle** (finalist)
Jody Lyddon (1st Place and fastest Year 2 girl in West Somerset)

Year 2 Boys Sprint - **Toby Beadell** (finalist)
Joshua Marsh (3rd Place)

Year 3 Girls Sprint - **Erin Strong** (finalist)

Year 4 Girls Spring - **Astral-May Margison** (1st Place and fastest Year 4 girl in West Somerset)

Open Skipping Race 1 - **Jude Stanbury** (1st Place)

Open Skipping Race 2 - **Ethan Mitchell** (1st Place)

There were further successes for the school in the relay races:



Year 2 Hockey Relay
1st Place

Toby Beadell
Jody Lyddon
Joshua Marsh
Esme Priddle



Year 3 Baton Relay
7th Place

Noah James
Amelia Marsh
Erin Strong
Matthew Sherrin



Beanbag and Bucket Relay
3rd Place

Lorena Bray
Finlay Twiss
Leo Grigg
Abigail Sweet
Star Esson
Katy-Lou Bretherton



Tunnel Ball Relay
1st Place
 Zacc Binding
 DJ Walton
 Noah James
 Erin Strong
 Ethan Mitchell
 Jude Stanbury



Baton Relay
1st Place
 Daniel McClafferty
 Abigail Sweet
 DJ Walton
 Astral-May Margison
 Jude Stanbury
 Ethan Mitchell



Hockey Relay
1st Place
 Jude Stanbury
 Harry Vince
 Zacc Binding
 Taylor Hollingsworth
 Ethan Mitchell
 Daniel McClafferty

After the races had finished the children joined in with a mini country dancing display. Once again our country dancers represented our school brilliantly.



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Summer Reading Challenge

The summer holidays are fast approaching and all of the libraries in Somerset are getting ready for children to take part in their annual Summer Reading Challenge, organised by the Reading Agency.

This year the theme is Animal Agents, illustrated by the UK's best-selling children's illustrator Tony Ross. The story is...

"This summer there's something peculiar happening at the local library - and that's where the Animal Agents come in! From solving the case of the graffiti writing to the strange case of a missing lunch, children will join in the fun with the Animal Agents by reading along. As children read library books on the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive a host of stickers, some with mysterious smells. By collecting these clues in their detective folder, young readers will help the Animal Agents find out what's really been going on behind the scenes!"



Children who participate will be encouraged to read up to 6 library books during the school summer holidays. They will be rewarded with stickers and a certificate, while those who read all 6 books will also get a medal.

Last year **45 children** from our school participated in the Summer Reading Challenge.

The summer reading challenge is designed to help school children keep up the reading habit during the long summer holidays and avoid the September slump when they get back to school!

To join in is free and easy! Take your child down to the library after the 15th of July and ask to register for The Summer Reading Challenge. If your child is not already a member of the library, then you'll need to bring some form of ID with your address on it and they can be signed up very quickly (that's free too). Details of library opening hours can be found at www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

If you have access to the internet then your child can also have a look at the Summer Reading Challenge website: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk> where they'll find lots of games, competitions and blogs from some of their favourite authors.



Here's to a great summer filled with reading!

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday June 19th

Our annual Teddy Bears Picnic will be held on the school field at lunchtime on Wednesday June 19th. Children are welcome to bring their own packed lunch or alternatively a packed lunch can be ordered from the kitchen on the usual pink order form.



Children are invited to bring their teddy bears to school for the picnic.

In the event of a wet lunchtime the Teddy Bears picnic will be held in the school hall.

Year 4 Leavers Performance

May I remind you that our Year 4 Leavers Performance will be held in the school hall at 1.45pm on Thursday July 20th.

Parents, carers, grandparents and other family members are welcome to join us as the children in Year 4 provide a review of their five years at Dunster First School.



Friends of Dunster First School Chairperson

Please find below a message from the Chair of the Friends of Dunster First School, Peter Lancaster:

As I have been Chair for the last few years, I feel that it is time for someone else to take over the helm of FODS. Come the AGM in September, I will be stepping down. I will help, but I will not be an office holder. Can you please use the summer holidays to think about filling the posts in September? Remember without FODS, you will all end up paying more for the extras that are currently available to our children at school.

Peter Lancaster

Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher