



Dunster First School

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Newsletter No 19



Summer Holidays
July 22nd to September 3rd
(and goodbye to Year 4)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As this term, the school year and my time at Dunster First School draws to a close may I bring the following to your attention.

Diary Dates

Wednesday July 19th

Thursday July 20th

Friday July 21st

Saturday July 22nd to

Sunday September 3rd

Monday September 4th

Tuesday September 5th

Teddy Bears Picnic on the school field

Year 4 Leavers Performance - 1.45pm

Last Day of the Summer Term 2017

Summer Holiday

School closed for staff training

First day of the Autumn Term 2017

West Somerset Sports Association Cricket Tournament

To complete what has been an outstanding sporting year for our school on Friday July 14th the Dunster First School Cricket Team won an end of term tournament at Dunster Cricket Club. Playing against teams from Minehead First School, St Michael's First School and St Dubricius First School, the team won all of their matches to claim the trophy.



Well done to Oliver Groves, Erin Strong, Jake Woodward, Taylor Hollingsworth, Jude Stanbury and Noah James. Thank you to our Cricket Club coaches, Mr James and Mr Woodward.

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Beacon to Beach - Sunday July 9th

Congratulations to all of the children and adults who represented the school at this year's Beacon to Beach on Sunday July 9th. This year we fielded four children's teams and four adult teams, which meant that altogether we had 28 children and adults running for the school.

Children's Teams

Dunster Flyers



**Ethan Mitchell
Harry Wallace
Gabriel James
Noah James**

Dunster Harriers



**Jake Woodward
Ella Woodward
Lexie Webber
Millie Slader**

Dunster Strollers



**Esme Priddle
Maisie Lyddon
Jody Lyddon
Cass Heley**

Dunster Dynamos



**Jude Stanbury
William Bishop
Erin Strong
Albert Vickery**

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Adult Teams

Dunster Hopefuls	Dunster's Chosen	Dunster Desperados	Dunster's Midnight Runners
Helen Wilkes	Olivia Stanbury	Ian Woodward	Iona Priddle
Julian Wallace	Ashleigh Bishop	Ian Woodward	Tim Lyddon
Peter Hoyland	Ro O'Hagan	Kim Slader	Tim Lyddon
Paul James	Ellen Vickery	Kim Slader	Joe Heley

A special mention for the Dunster Dynamos team who won the relay race for First Schools.

Well done also to Ethan Mitchell, Jake Woodard and Jude Stanbury who after running the first legs for their teams, went on to run the rest of the race...seven long miles. Ethan managed to run this in an incredible 58 minutes and 40 seconds!

Thank you to all those parents and carers who helped transport the runners to and from the various starting and finishing points on the course.

Lucy Payne's Fundraiser for St Margaret's Hospice

Thank you to all those children who entered the colouring competition to help raise some money for Year 1 parent's fundraising work for St Margaret's Hospice. The winners of the competition were as follows:

Reception Class - Jacob Bond

Year 1 - Amy Green

Year 2 - Helaina Sherrin

Year 3 - Emily Johnson

Year 4 - Cora Gregson



On behalf of everyone at the school I would like to wish Lucy the best of luck for her long distance cycle ride for St Margaret's Hospice on August 6th. We hope that she is able to raise lots of money for this charity.

Teddy Bears Picnic - Wednesday July 19th

On Wednesday July 19th we will be holding our end of year Teddy Bear's Picnic on the school field. For the picnic the whole school will spend the lunchtime on the field. If you haven't ordered a picnic lunch for your child from the school kitchen then please make sure that you send them in with one on Wednesday. All of the children (and adults) are also invited to bring in a teddy bear with them.

In the event of bad weather the picnic will be held on the school field.

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DASH Club finale

On Friday July 14th this year's DASH Club came to an end with a walk to school from Hopcott Common. Over 65 children, adults and dogs came on the walk as DASH Club members from years gone by came to join the current members to mark my last DASH Club. It was a wonderful walk in beautiful sunshine... made all the better by the bacon sandwiches waiting for everyone at the end of the walk...kindly prepared by Head of Kitchen, Sarah Masters.



DASH Club Walkers - Past and Present.

Sports Day - Wednesday July 12th

Thank you to everyone who came along to our "Exmoor Games" sports day on Wednesday July 12th. Although it was a day late due to the very wet weather on Tuesday...it was worth changing to the Wednesday as the sunny dry weather was perfect for an afternoon of sport and entertainment.





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Music Medals Success

Congratulations to the following children in Year 4 who all recently passed their Copper Music Medal assessments.

Copper Music Medals were awarded to Harry Vince, Zacc Binding, Star Esson, Maisie Lyddon, Alisha-Beth Fairbrother, Lexie Webber, Lorena Bray, Ruby Smith, Oliver Groves, DJ Walton, Gaia Di Campli, Millie Slader and Finlay Twiss.



The Music Medals are awarded by the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (ABRSM) and it is a stepping stone to the more formal graded examinations that children can take later in their music career.

Thank you to our recorder teacher, Mrs Sue Fletcher for all of her hard work in teaching the children and preparing them for their assessment.

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.



And finally thank you...

- To all those of you who have served as governors this year
- To the members of the Friends of Dunster First School
- To those who have taken part in, helped with and supported us at the many community and sporting events that we have taken part in
- To those who have come into school to listen to children read, to help with swimming or school trips
- To anyone else I might have forgotten... THANK YOU!

Without you our school would not be the vibrant, busy and happy place that it is. You only have to read through this newsletter or any of the newsletters from this year to see how much goes on in our school.

To all the children and parents in Year 4 who are leaving Dunster at the end of the year, may I wish you all the best for the future and thank you all for the help and support that you have given the school throughout your time here... you will be missed. Please keep in touch with the school and with myself so that we know how you are getting on.

For me, this is the end of my time at Dunster. It has been an honour and a privilege to have been Headteacher of such a wonderful school and to have been lucky enough to work with such incredible and inspirational children, parents, governors and colleagues. I will miss the school that has been such an important part of my life for 30 years... I have loved working here.

To everyone who will be returning to Dunster for the new school year and to your new Headteacher, Mrs Philp, I hope that you have a wonderful summer and I wish you all the very best for the new school year that will start on Tuesday September 5th.

Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher

