

# **Newsletter**

19th November 2021

Dear all,

There has been lots of excitement this week, starting with a wild range of odd socks on Monday and Tuesday! In assemblies and classes, we have been talking about 'celebrating differences' and being unique. It has also been anti-bullying week and the whole school learning the STOP rules which are Several Times On Purpose and Start Telling Other People. We also focussed on 'One Kind Word' with staff and children making a real effort to notice 'kind' words and actions. It is so lovely to see how kind and friendly the children are and how much they support and help each other.

The Student Council decorated 120 cakes and judged the colouring competition ready for Children In Need. Today has been lovely, if a bit chaotic! Great to see everyone dressed up or in non uniform and enjoying the day. Thank you for all your donations. We will let you know how much the children raised next week.

We are rushing towards Christmas at a tremendous pace now! We very much hope all planned events can go ahead, but due to 'high and rapidly rising' Covid rates in Devon we will need to be creative! FOMS are working hard to plan an Outdoor Christmas Trail/Fair. The staff are beginning to plan and practise Christmas performances which will need to be performed outdoors or recorded. As things evolve, we will endeavour to keep you all in the loop. Thanks in advance for your understanding and flexibility. Please have warm coats, woolly hats and wellies at the ready!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Alex Waterman



£150 Raised





#### **Early Morning Club**

Our Early Morning Club is available from 8am every day. Places are now bookable via ParentPay. Please choose the breakfast option (although unfortunately we do not currently offer breakfast!) and book the sessions you require. The cost is £2.50 per session.

#### **School Christmas Lunch**

Zoe will be preparing a special Christmas Feast for us on Wednesday 15th December. Please make sure that you book your child(ren)'s dinner via ParentPay in the usual way.

Dates for your diary	
Fri 3rd Dec	FOMS Christmas Trail/Fair
Wed 8th Dec	Christmas Performance 9.30am
Thurs 9th Dec	Christmas Performance 2pm & 6pm
Fri 10th Dec	FOMS Breakfast with Santa
Fri 10th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Wed 15th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Fri 17th Dec	SCHOOL CLOSES AT 2PM—END OF TERM
Wednesday 5th Jan 2022	Back to school

# **News from the classes**

#### **Little Tors**

Little Tors have been finding out all about space, we have been researching the planets and recreating the surface of the moon using playdough.



# **Shapley**

We have had a busy week in Shapley finishing our story writing in literacy. The children are working hard to build up their stamina to write more and I have been really pleased with their effort and enthusiasm. As it is anti~bullying week, we have been focusing on the theme of kind words and the class have been using simple message cards to recognise acts of kindness. Finally, we were very proud when Mr Pierce awarded the WHOLE class a sports superstar certificate to recognise our achievement in circuits training and building up our fitness. Keep up the great work

Shapley.



# **Pepperdon**

This week in Pepperdon we have been looking at how we can find out more information about Moretonhampstead and a town in Australia. We listened to a friend Down Under who had created a video about his home town and then wrote down the facts that we discovered.



# Mardon

We had fun making habitats for a range of animals, which included their food sources and threats to their environment, in our year 4 science lesson today.



## **Easdon**

Easdon have been working really hard in maths learning how to add and subtract one and two digit numbers.



## **Beckaford**

This week, Beckaford have been learning how to play write and in groups have each written a scene that will feature in our final performance. The class created their own character for each scene and have started writing character descriptions to support their script writing.





20th Nov 10am-4pm
At the Moretonhampstead
Sports and Community Centre

Come & enjoy a festive local market, full of beautiful wares by our amazing Dartmoor artisans & businesses

POTTERY, CHRISTMAS WREATHS,
WOODWORK, JEWELLERY, FELT, PLANTS,
BASKETRY, NATURAL HEALTH & BEAUTY, CARDS, LEATHERWORK, NIBBLES

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