



West Moors Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed a lovely half term break and Jubilee Celebrations. We are looking forward to Summer 2 with lots of wonderful things planned for our school family.

Children at West Moors Middle School, across both our primary and secondary phases, take pride in their education and this begins each and every day by arriving to school in full uniform and prepared with all equipment.

School Uniform and Learning Equipment

Uniform is a statement of pride in a school, a statement of belonging and a personal commitment by the individual to the school. We share the [school uniform expectations](#) with parents and carers at the start of each academic year, and our school uniform is smart, comfortable and practical, presenting a positive image of our school to both our local and wider community. It reflects the aspirations of our school and children are expected to wear it correctly at all times of the day. (*Full details of our uniform are in our uniform policy that can be downloaded from the Key Information section of our website- please [click here](#)*).

This in turn, helps to prepare your child for the phase in their education, as upper schools have similar high expectations with regard to school uniform and appearance, which will stand them in good stead in life. To prevent uniform getting lost, please make sure that each item is named using an iron-on, stick-on or sewn-in label, or by using a permanent naming pen.

All children are required to bring the **learning equipment** listed below every single day. Their tutor, to ensure that students are prepared and ready to learn, will check this daily. If a student does not have a piece of equipment, then they can purchase it from the school shop before school or in their break time. The following list of equipment is detailed in the children's planners:

- a pencil case with a ruler, rubber, pencils and a pencil sharpener
- a blue handwriting pen (not biro)
- 2 dry-wipe whiteboard pens
- a basic geometry set
- a calculator
- a set of colouring pencils (including orange & purple)
- a calculator
- a glue stick
- purple pen
- yellow highlighter

(*We will provide dry-wipe whiteboard pens for any child who does not have one this term).

We also have a small hardship fund to support any families who need help, and will provide children with learning equipment needed in a pencil case that they will keep in school. If you need support to provide your child with learning equipment needed, please email office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk and we will do all that we can.



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Enrichment Clubs

For the Summer term, if your child would like to attend any of the clubs appended, please can parents and carers [CLICK HERE](#) to sign him/ her up and select scheduled sessions. This will only take a few minutes and it means that we can electronically collate whole school data to update the attendance registers. All enrichment clubs begin from week 2 of every half term (week commencing 13.06.2022), and all afterschool clubs will end between 16.30 and 16.35. These enrichment activities provide opportunities to encourage children to keep active, engage in competitive team sports and have fun with their friends- whilst simultaneously keeping them busy, and away from technology for a period of time. We would be grateful if you could encourage your children to take part in these enrichment opportunities, supporting mental health and well-being through exercise, teamwork and spending time with friends.

Homework

Homework is important because it enables students to:

- **Continue learning** outside of the classroom
- **Consolidate newly-acquired knowledge**, revise prior learning and practise skills
- Develop the **self-discipline**, perseverance and confidence to study independently
- **Involve parents/carers** in their learning.

Parents and carers should provide a well-lit desk in a quiet area for students to complete their homework. As we support our children's development of life long skills, to enable them to be the best that they can be, homework goes beyond just the task itself; **it helps children take control of their workload and increase their time management skills**. Homework is set with a deadline and taking ownership of this deadline helps them think independently and develop problem-solving skills, standing them in good stead for their futures at upper school, university and/ or college, and/ or the workplace.

It is therefore important that children complete their homework tasks set by the given date, maintaining our school's high standards. Please can we ask that parents and carers enquire to **see their child's homework before it is handed in**, as this will provide them with an opportunity to discuss the work with their child, ensure neat presentation and support the child in checking their work for spelling, punctuation and grammar.

Summer Fair

We are in the process of organising our summer fair and need to ask for help and support to ensure its success. Due to Covid-19, this will be the first Summer Fair possible in three years, and will take place on Sunday 17th July 2022 from 11.00-15.00. A flyer for this event has been appended to this letter, and a copy will be given to all children to take home tomorrow.

The school is currently raising funds to pay for an outdoor amphitheatre in the school field where the children will be able to perform in plays, poetry recitals and musical extravaganzas. If you can help in any way, please contact the PTFA via 01202 872474 and/ or email PTFA@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk. Alternatively, if you work for a company that would be willing to help fundraise by match funding or by providing a raffle prize please let the school know. We understand that we live in a busy world but we want to make this event a friendly, fun couple of hours, in addition to bringing our community together while we raise some funds for a worthwhile project that will be beneficial to all our children.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 30th June 2022 to ask for donations towards the raffle and tombola. Thank you so much for your support.

Key dates for diaries: -

Thursday 30th June 2022	<p>This is Mufti day in return for either £1 or a contribution to the tombola for our Summer Fair on the 17th July 2022. Items should be taken to the assembly hall before school. We would particularly appreciate the following kinds of gifts from these year groups:</p> <p>Year 5 Chocolates or sweets</p> <p>Year 6 and Year 7 Toiletries & Gifts</p> <p>Year 8 Bottles</p> <p>This special event will be outdoors on the school's field. Please come along and join us in these summer celebrations, enjoy a snack and/ or hot chocolate with cream, take part in our tombola, and play summer fair games!</p>
1st July 2022	School Inset Day and Transfer Day for Year 4 starting Year 5 in September 2022
Wednesday 6th July 2022	Formal Tutor Group and Whole School photo, Fraser Portraits
Friday 8th July 2022 (reserve date in the event of poor weather: 15.07.2022)	School Sports Day
Monday 11th July 2022	Children's Art Exhibition Gallery- assembly hall (15.30-16.30)
Tuesday 12th July 2022	KS2 School Disco- 17.30-19.00 KS3 School Disco- 19.15-20.45 (organised by the school's PTFA)
Wednesday 13th July 2022 and Thursday 14th July 2022	Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies (School Production- doors will open at 18.00 with the show starting at 18.30)
Friday 15th July 2022	Year 8 Leavers' Summer Prom 18.00-21.00
Sunday 17th July 2022	Summer Fair 11.00-15.00
Friday 22nd July 2022	Last day of term- school closes at 13.00

So, as you can see, there are a lot of special activities planned this term for everyone in our school community to enjoy. There is much to enjoy and we look forward to another successful and happy half term before we break up for the summer holidays.

All good wishes,



Dr D Craddock

Head Teacher

Summer term After School Clubs 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Gymnastics Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Lucy Hale	Cricket Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 PE Coach, CASA	KS2 Creative Writing Club Dr Craddock 7:15-8-15am	KS3 Writing Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Dr Craddock	Basketball Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 PE Coach, CASA
Tag Rugby Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 PE Coach, CASA	Drama/ School Production Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Mrs Cope	Girls' Football Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 PE Coach, CASA	Netball Club Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Mrs Fountain	Tennis Afterschool Club
	Eco & Gardening Afterschool Club (Year 6) 15.35-16.35 Miss Willis and Mrs Creighton	Maths KS2 Times Table Rock Star and KS3 Homework Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Mr Der	Craft-A-Noon Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35 Mrs Traves and Mrs Chew	
			KS2 Homework Afterschool Club 15.35-16.35	



WITH FREE ENTRY, JOIN US FOR OUR FAMILY FUN DAY!

OUR PTFA MEMBERS NEED VOLUNTEERS
TO HELP MANAGE THE STALLS. IF YOU ARE HAPPY
TO HELP, PLEASE CONTACT THE PTFA VIA THE SCHOOL
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