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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, there has been much to celebrate.

It has been two years since children have completed any SATS in Year 6 and we are very proud of the children's results with a huge thanks to my staff team who have worked exceptionally hard to scaffold, support, stretch, and challenge them all. As you are aware, children's targets are set from their Key Stage 1 data in year 2, and in KS2, our children have exceeded these targets. In reading, from KS1 data 16% of children in the Year 6 cohort were predicted to attain Greater Depth in KS2 however, we have exceeded this outcome with 24% of children attaining Greater Depth. Similarly in Maths, from KS1 data 13% of children were predicted to attain Greater Depth in KS2 however, again we exceeded this prediction with 22% of our children attaining Greater Depth. As a result, our progress data is outstanding, evidencing the excellent challenges set and high aspirations that we have for all children. Furthermore, in Key Stage 3, our children completed an external Maths assessment for Ferndown Upper School, achieving the highest marks **across all middle schools** thanks again to the high aspirations and levels of challenge set in our school. Our efforts throughout lockdown, to continue our children's education via 'live' lessons, which were delivered through Microsoft Teams, and following our daily timetable, has paid dividends.

This year, as a key investment, we have taken our children in Years 5 and 7 swimming as we consider this an important life skill. Today, I have been arranging swimming lessons in Year 5 and 7 in the Spring and Summer terms of 2023, ensuring that children are able to enjoy and develop their swimming stroke skills and gain water confidence. In this conversation, the swimming teacher told me that West Moors Middle School was their main customer, with only the schools in West Moors taking their children swimming at Ferndown Leisure Centre in 2021/22 post Covid. He was incredibly impressed as in the past this has not been the case, sharing that we were doing an excellent job.

As many of you are aware, I am committed to the importance of sports, inter-school competitions, and extended provision of afterschool clubs with this being a priority area in my School Development Plan. This year we took our children to many inter-school sports competitions with other local schools, schools in the Ferndown pyramid and Cranborne Middle School across all year groups- from football, racquets, rowing, athletics, Festival of Sports event our children have had amazing opportunities to get involved. We have delivered a range of afterschool clubs this year from the outset with gymnastics, football, tennis, tag rugby, cricket, netball and basketball amongst many others. We also held our first Sports Day in three years themed on the Commonwealth Games for our children that they all enjoyed. We were all delighted to have been awarded the Sports Games Gold Award- high accolade indeed.

We are also currently putting on our superb drama production, Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies, promoting Performing Arts across all year groups in our school. Honestly, to witness their growing confidence and self-esteem, and see our children communicating effectively so all roles come together in this fantastic production is an absolute joy.

We are also proud to announce that I have appointed new members of staff to my team. Teaching KS3 Science, Mr Hudson will be teaching the Science curriculum with Mrs Fountain teaching children in KS2. He has taught at every Key Stage level from year 5 up to GCSE and beyond with vocational courses. He has run a successful Science department for over 20 years and organised numerous residential trips linked to science and sporting activities. He has also tutored science at GCSE and college level, and his aim is to make science as interactive as possible within



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West Moors Middle and instil a love for the subject across all of his classes.

Our Music teacher, Mrs Miller is retiring at the end of the year, and Mrs Watkiss will be joining us next term. She is very excited about joining our school and has already met some of the students including the new Year 5 at their 'taster day.' She has a wealth of teaching experience and is a graduate of Kingston University, completing her PGCE at Reading University. She plays a number of instruments including piano and saxophone. Mrs Watkiss plays the baritone sax in a Jazz band called 20 to 1. She also plays piano and organ at Hyde Church. Mrs Watkiss is keen to cultivate the students' enjoyment of music and believes that 'Music is for all.' She has been running steel bands for a number of years and is keen to start a steel band for the students at WMMS. She runs an adult steel band, which you will be able to hear at the School Fair on 17th July 2022 and is looking forward to meeting our students and parents.

We have also appointed a new Modern Foreign Language (MFL) teacher, Mrs Pickering who has taught languages at Ferndown Upper School for a couple of years and other schools in the area. Her language degree involved working in a school on the continent with children much the same age as at West Moors and she is looking forward to promoting MFL in our school community.

I know that you will join me in celebrating our children's achievements and congratulate our staff team on what has been such an amazing year- I am so proud of everyone in my school community.

Warmest Wishes,



Dr Deborah Craddock

Headteacher