



West Moors Middle School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid Update

I am glad to say that the spike in Covid cases we had before half term has now passed and cases in school continue to decline. Many pupils aged 12+ will have had a vaccination or have some immunity because they have had Covid themselves. However, this is not yet the time to let our guard down and we have had several cases of staff, who have been double jabbed, still getting Covid and feeling very poorly as a result. Please may I ask that we continue to do all we can to look after each other, staff and children, by wearing a face covering in communal areas for a little while longer. This is in line with latest Public Health Dorset advice but continues to be reviewed. Please also continue with the regular twice-weekly LFD testing.

Odd Socks Day

Nationally, Odd Socks day takes place on Monday 15th November 2021. This is the first day of Anti-Bullying Week to help raise awareness of bullying. On Monday, all we want our children to do is to wear odd socks! This is a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week and throughout the week, this will form the focus of assemblies and tutor times, aligned to our school's emphasis on the importance of kind words and kind actions, taking care of each other.

Key dates for diaries: -

Parent and Carer Consultation meetings with Teachers:

Next week, parents and carers will be able to sign up to slots on 30.11.2021 and 01.12.2021, to enable you to talk to your child's tutor about his/ her learning and progress this term. Please can you make a note of your preferred date and your child's tutor is looking forward to meeting with you in the near future.

Outdoor Christmas Service on 8th December 2021 18.30-19.30

A special Christmas celebration with carols, instrumental performances, special readings and mince pies.

PTFA Outdoor Christmas Market on 10th December 2021 16.30-18.30

Friday 26th November 2021 is Mufti day in return for either £1 or a contribution to the tombola for our Christmas Outdoor Market on the 10th December 2021. Items should be taken to the assembly hall before school. We would particularly appreciate the following kinds of gifts from these year groups:

Year 5 Chocolates or sweets

Year 6 and Year 7 Toiletries & Gifts

Year 8 Bottles



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This special event will be outdoors in front of the school which is floodlit, and we have taken all necessary precautions to make the event as safe as possible. Please come along and join us in these festive celebrations, enjoy a snack and/ or hot chocolate with cream, take part in our tombola, and play festive games! We will also be setting up a photo booth with props as well as Santa's grotto with help from his elves!

Keeping us all safe online

In line with many schools nationally, we have become aware Tik Tok accounts being used to make rude or disparaging comments about others and in some instances fake accounts have been set up, mimicking schools' official accounts across the country. This is simply not acceptable and is considered to be online harassment and cyberbullying. We have told pupils that if they have set up such an account this must be taken down immediately. If a child has followed such an account, they need to unfollow it. Any inappropriate and/ or fake accounts will be reported to Tik Tok, the police informed and the child will be subject to disciplinary action in line with the school's behaviour policy.

I would be grateful if you would check your child's social media account and if you have any information relating to such accounts, please report it immediately to your child's tutor. Please can I ask parents and carers to check and ensure that they know what their child is accessing online, taking appropriate measures if required, to help to keep them safe.

A word of thanks

Thank you to our PTFA members for all their help to raise funds to support children in our school. On behalf of West Moors Middle School, please can we also thank Ms Traves for her amazing efforts to raise funds to enable all our children to go to the Christmas pantomime to see 'Beauty and the Beast'. If there are any families genuinely struggling to afford the cost of the pantomime, please contact office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk.

We are absolutely delighted that Ms Traves, along with our Governor, Mrs Martin, have just agreed to join our PTFA and help in our efforts to raise funds to implement enrichment projects that support our children's education. If there are any other parents and carers who are willing and able to help our PTFA, please can you let me know as we would welcome all support.

How are we doing?

Please can I ask you to complete a Parentview survey by Monday 29th November 2021– [click here](#). This only takes a few minutes and is a great way to show your support for our school.

Thank you for your continued help in looking after each other and keeping our school community safe.

All good wishes,



Dr D Craddock

Head Teacher