



Parents' Weekly Bulletin 1

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

18th September 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Message from Dr Craddock

It has been a wonderful first few weeks back at West Moors Middle School and I continue to feel so proud of all of the children here. The children are working very hard in their tutor group hubs and already making good progress in the curriculum subjects.



We are also pleased to say that all our new Year 5 children have settled in well and are getting used to their new routines, as are all other new children who joined us this term. Welcome to you all! I wanted to say a huge thank you, again, to the many parents, carers and people in our village who continue to support our school community so well. Whether you have donated resources or have offered kind words of support, all that you do is greatly appreciated and valued.

Our children have completed baseline quizzes in reading, writing and maths so that the learning progression is tailored to meet the needs of every child. We are aware that some learning may have been missed during the lockdown period so teachers have been working hard to ensure that children understand their key learning targets in subjects, relating to their learning journeys. We are also proud to share that we are one of the first schools in Dorset to be working towards the Artsmark accreditation, evidencing our commitment to Art, Drama, Music and Dance to ensure that all children engage in a broad and balanced curriculum. Everyone is really looking forward to this exciting development which will provide an opportunity for all children to "Thrive and be the best that they can be - together."

Year 5 have settled in brilliantly.



Hogsmeade in the snow and Harry Potter themed music together in the school great contribution

West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 ODA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East



to their tutor groups, helping and encouraging each other and trying their best. What Superheroes!

We had a magical start to our Harry Potter inspired potions club this week.

The Year 5 children received their letters from Hogwarts and experimented with exploding filibusters!

They had a wonderful time set to a background of

New Gym Equipment Installed



All children have now had an opportunity to try out the school's new outdoor gym equipment and the feedback is they love using it!

Year 6

What a fantastic start back to school we have had in Year 6! Children so excited to see their friends and teachers again, and so engaged in all their new, cross-curricular topics. In particular, all the children thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to design and create their own Viking coats of arms; some pupils even fashioned their shields into items of jewellery.

In Science, Year 6 have been focusing on laboratory safety and ensuring they gain their science licences. Year 7 and 8 have also been concentrating on lab safety but have also begun their Secondary school journey into science by learning how to investigate a problem and how to design a hypotheses.

Chameleon HQ

In the first two weeks we have spent time getting to know one another playing games, familiarising ourselves with the sensory park, scooters and wide range of resources here in Chameleon HQ.

We have learned about the artist Paul Klee and had a go at using a reduced number of colours to recreate his paintings and creating different tints by adding white into our chosen colour. The children have created PowerPoints' and iMovie's on Switzerland. How to stay safe in the kitchen and reptile life cycles. Before heading into the kitchen for cookery, we learned how to stay safe and hygienic, then we made chocolate chip cookies. Yum!

With our weekly visit from our speech and language therapist back, Julie spent time with each of the children individually and in groups, focusing on supporting their conversation skills.

Each afternoon we have reading time. In the first week the children relaxed and listened to Georges Marvellous Medicine and this week we have focused our English learning around Fantastic Mr Fox another Roald Dahl classics.



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 ODA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East





Coronavirus (COVID-19): getting tested:

Guidance on coronavirus testing, including who is eligible for a test and how to get tested can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19getting-tested>

European Day of Languages Thursday September 24th

'Europe is rich in languages'- there are over 200 European languages and many more spoken by citizens whose family origin is from other continents. Language learning brings benefits to everyone. Even if you only know a few words of the language of the country you visit, (for example on holiday), this enables you to make new friends. English alone is not enough! Please look out for the letter from Mrs Parkes with more exciting details about what colour you need to wear in each year group.

Youtube Links to Class News

- * [Year 6 News](#)
- * [Year 7 News](#)
- * [Year 8 News](#)

(Press Ctrl+Click to follow the links)

The 'Hands. Face. Space' public information campaign urges the public to continue to wash their hands, cover their face and make space to control infection rates and avoid a second peak.

The public are encouraged to continue to be vigilant of coronavirus symptoms which include a new continuous cough, high temperature, or a loss or change in your sense of taste or smell. If you or someone you know, displays any symptoms, no matter how mild, please get a free test by calling 119 or visiting NHS.uk



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East



needs to be kept clear as it is the busiest entrance to

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

Autumn Term 2020:

Term starts for students on Monday 7th September

Term ends on Friday 23rd October

Term starts for students on Monday 2nd November

Term ends on Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Tuesday 5th January

Term ends on Friday 12th February

Term starts for students on Tuesday 23rd February

Term ends on Thursday 1st April

Summer Term 2021:

Term starts for students on Monday 19th April

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May school closed

Term ends on Friday 28th May

Term starts for students on Tuesday 8th June

Term ends on Friday 23rd July

Inset Days:

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Nut free zone



We have a number of children with severe nut allergies; any contact at all can produce an acute reaction. The school is therefore a nut free zone and we ask all parents to avoid these products when preparing children's lunch boxes. Thank you for your consideration in this important health matter.

Ways to Parkwise

Please can we ask that you are safe and considerate when dropping children off each morning. We politely remind parents to never park on the zig zags, this area

the school. Please park away from the school and then walk in. Your support in keeping everyone safe is appreciated.

Children are among the most vulnerable road users, and we believe it is important for children to be wearing a correctly fitted cycle helmet to prevent serious injury as they journey to school.

For the latest news and updates follow us on twitter at:

[@westmoors](https://twitter.com/westmoors)

Cycle Helmets

Finally.....



West Moors Middle School, Heathfield Way, West Moors, Ferndown, Dorset. BH22 0DA

Phone: 01202 872474 Email: office@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Dr Deborah Craddock Deputy Head Teacher: Deborah East

