

Friday, 18th January 2019**FROM MR JOLLIFFE****Executive Headteacher**

As the new term gets underway, the new sessions of Lords Meadow Sports start today, with the children in the middle of the schools taking part in swimming, outdoor games and gymnastics. This year we have used the increased PE and Sport Premium Grant from the government to fund qualified coaches to lead the gymnastic sessions and increase the number of swimming coaches at the same time. This has meant that the students from Exeter College, led by Tammi Vukusic, can focus on developing children's ball skills outside. Using Lords Meadow has been a strength of the federation for several years now but the additional funding has enabled us to make it a really first class experience for our children and something to look forward to every year.

**RESIDENTIAL VISIT INFORMATION**

A leaflet about the residential visit programme for this year should have come home this week, along with a letter about each visit for the relevant year groups. If you have not received this information, please ask the office staff at your child's school to give you a copy. We have done our best to keep the costs down this year by getting early booking discounts but we are aware that these visits represent a big cost to families, especially if more than one child is attending. If you would like help with the cost of residential visits, please do talk to your child's Head of School or contact Mr Jolliffe via the school offices. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding there is no need to pay for the visits.

SAFEGUARDING

Primary Schools in Exeter have advised parents that there was a potential incident involving a Year 8 pupil at West Exe School and 2 men in a small white van this week. The police are aware of the situation and parents are asked to be especially vigilant at this time.

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service have issued some very useful guidance about sleepovers and how to keep children safe away from home. This guidance is attached to this week's newsletters.

FROM MRS HARRIS**Head of School**

Dear parents and guardians

This week we are giving a warm welcome to Jack, we are hoping he settles into Beech class very quickly.

On Monday Beech class enjoyed an exciting first Drama session with Paddleboat Theatre Company. The themes for this workshop were 'Focus' and 'Physicality', the children thoroughly enjoyed this first session and are looking forward to working alongside the actors again over the next term

In Oak class the children had their first session using stringed instruments which was a super opportunity for them all to have the opportunity to play. The children enjoyed playing cellos and violins. Grace enjoyed playing London's Burning on the violin.

The whole school enjoyed the visit from the Dogs Trust; the spokesperson came in to tell us all about the organisation; Izzy liked the toy dog called Midnight and Bella enjoyed learning about how to approach dogs safely and how to care for them.

Oak class have set off this morning for their first sports centre at Lords Meadow Leisure Centre; let's hope it's not too wet for them. Have a lovely weekend, GLYNIS HARRIS





Stacy from the Dogs Trust talking to Ash Class children



Ash Class is Capital

This week Ash class have been busy converting their role play area to relate to their topic all about London. Doesn't it look Capital!



Happy New Year to you all!

Next meeting:

Tuesday 22nd Jan
Half Moon from 7.30pm
 to discuss the Easter Fair and other upcoming events.

Please come along to see what ideas are being discussed for future PTA events.

The events have a fundraising focus to raise funds to provide additional equipment for the school and also helping towards curriculum activities.

It would be lovely to see as many people as possible at the meeting.

What's On w/c 21 st January	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday		Netball Club	
Tuesday	Gymnastics	SATS Surgery	Elastic Band
Wednesday		Choir	Dance Club
Thursday		Beech Tuck Shop Garden/Eco Club Beech & Oak Class Football Club	
Friday	Please hand in sports sponsorship forms to the office. (If you prefer not to get sponsorship that is your choice).	Ash Class Football Club	Celebration Assembly 3pm



USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 25 th January	Class open afternoon from 3pm
Tuesday 5 th February	WWII Experiences - Beech class have an open invitation to all friends of the school who may wish to come in and share WWII experiences - 2pm
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
12 th and 14 th March	Child/Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 3 rd April	Beech class to perform with the CLC at Exeter University (tickets will be available at a later date)
Saturday 4 th May	Exmoor Challenge walk (Year 6 children) Saturday

TERM DATES 2019 to 2020

Spring term 2019

Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February [Staff Development Day 7th January]

Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April [Staff Development Day 25th February]

Summer term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May [SATS 13th to 16th May]

Monday 3rd June to Thursday 25th July

Autumn term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September to Friday 18th October [Staff Development Days 3rd and 4th September]

Monday 28th October to Thursday 19th December [Staff Development Day 29th November]

Spring term 2020

Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February [Staff Development Day 6th January]

Monday 24th February to Friday 27th March

Summer term 2020

Tuesday 14th April to Friday 22nd May [Staff Development Day 14th April]

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July