



Lizard Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

18th December 2020



Message from all the staff at West Moors Middle School

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a wonderful term the children have had! All our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed being back at school, spending time with their friends and teachers, and making such excellent progress with their learning in their new cross-curricular topics. In particular, we are so proud of the children's engagement with their reading, which has increased significantly since the launch of our incredible new reading programme, Accelerated Reader. Every day in school, pupils enjoy reading their books and each week they look forward to taking quizzes at the library to try to reach one million words, hoping to soon become a Word Millionaire like Thomas in Year 8, and Kimberly and Izzy in Year 6. Huge congratulations to them all. Who will be next to receive their golden Word Millionaire pin?

More recently, there has been so much festive fun for us all to enjoy with Elf Day, Christmas Jumper Day, the Santa Dash House Competition and, of course, our delicious Christmas lunch this week, prepared by Mrs Mein, our fabulous senior cook.

So, after all the children's hard work and fun, the Christmas holiday will be all the more enjoyable. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their kind words of support and encouragement this term – we have worked incredibly hard to support all of our children and it is wonderful to know that all of our efforts have been appreciated and valued.

Therefore, from all of the staff team at West Moors Middle School, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

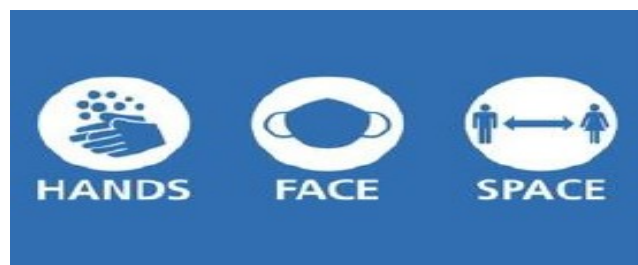
COVID COMMUNICATION

The Department for Education has asked that we share the following information with our families regarding what to do if your child develops Covid symptoms and tests positive, during the holidays: Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. For the first 6 days after teaching ends (up until Christmas Eve), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school has been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. For reporting of all Covid related information, please can all parents/ carers use the following email address:

Covid@westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk

This will be the only email address that will be used to support our Track and Trace processes in reporting Covid test results and/ or close contacts within our school community. If your child happens to be a close contact of a positive case identified once school has broken up we will be contacting you by email not telephone as we only have a skeleton staff working on this in the holidays. Please do check your emails in the first week of the holidays. Here is the link to the latest government guidelines regarding the rules for self-isolating.

<https://www.gov.uk/>



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ELF DAY

What an excellent day we all had last Friday for Elf Day, thank you so much to everyone for your donations. We raised £202 for the Alzheimer's Society! We are so proud of all of our children for their fabulous efforts on the day and their wonderful donations. Below 6CW making



FOREST SCHOOL

Just a polite reminder for children in 'Forest School' to come into school in their warm outdoor clothing on the first day of the new Spring term (Tuesday 5th January).



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS TOGETHER !

While it is not always possible to celebrate birthdays as usual, because of Covid. Here at West Moors Middle School on the last Friday of each month, we celebrate the children's birthdays together and play party games; Wink Murder is a favourite. Each child with a birthday receives a cup cake and sweets.





This week we are focussing on three articles, which have been grouped together under the theme of staying in contact with family. This week the articles are 9, 10 and 11. These articles say that children must not be separated from their parents against their will unless it is in their best interests, that children have the right to stay in contact with both parents even if they live in different countries and that governments must do everything they can to stop children from being taken out of their own country illegally by their parents or other relatives or being prevented from returning home.

Exciting Christmas Fun!

Orienteering Santa Dash Results

Year 5

Gecko	1 st place	40 points
Iguana	3 rd place	30 points
Komodo	3 rd place	30 points
Sand	2 nd place	20 points

Year 6

Gecko	1 st place	40 points
Iguana	3 rd place	20 points
Komodo	2 nd place	30 points
Sand	4 th place	10 points

Orienteering Santa Dash Results

Year 7

Gecko	1 st place	40 points
Iguana	3 rd place	20 points
Komodo	3 rd place	20 points
Sand	2 nd place	30 points

Year 8

Gecko	1 st place	40 points
Iguana	2 nd place	30 points
Komodo	4 th place	10 points
Sand	3 rd place	20 points

Orienteering Star Course Results

House	Gecko	Iguana	Komodo	Sand
Year 5	40	30	30	20
Year 6	40	20	30	10
Year 7	40	20	20	30
Year 8	40	30	10	20
Totals	160	100	90	80





SPRING CURRICULUM

The curriculum maps outlining the planned learning for the Spring Term 2021 can be located and **downloaded** for each year group via: <https://www.westmoorsmid.dorset.sch.uk/curriculum>

THANK YOU!



We wish to say a huge 'Thank You' to the 'John Thornton Trust' who have very kindly donated £1500 pounds to purchase new chrome books to benefit children in school. Thank you once again we appreciate your generosity and invaluable support.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year love from all the children and staff at Team WMMS.



Finally.....For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@west_moors](https://twitter.com/@west_moors)

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays 2020/21

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:

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021



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