



NEWSLETTER Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are heading into the final few weeks; they're looking busy so do keep an eye out for email reminders or entries on the website calendar.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22.6.26	Mrs Last in school for the day
29.6.26	Mrs Last in school for the day
2/3/6/7/8.7.26	Class 4 swimming lessons
3.7.26	FOLS Summer Fair ~ Mrs Last joining us today
9.7.26	KS2 Production – The Wizard of Oz, Landscope Village Hall 2pm for parents and families of Class 3
10.7.26	KS2 Production – The Wizard of Oz, Landscope Village Hall 2pm for parents and families of Class 4
13/14.7.26	Class 3 residential
13/14/15.7.26	Y6 Bikeability
20.7.26	Kip running music workshops for C1, C2 & C3
21.7.26	Year 6 leavers service, 10am St Matthew's, refreshments at school afterwards Break up today

STAFFING UPDATES

I am pleased to share some exciting staffing updates for the coming academic year. Firstly we would like to welcome Mr George Ball to our team – he joins as an HLTA and is covering Mrs Tasha Lissaman's maternity leave. Mr Ball is a qualified teacher and so will be able to offer lots of support across the school, he will also be running breakfast club and some after school club sessions.

Mr A will be heading up Class 2 in the coming year, he is very much looking forward to getting back to his KS1 roots and building those positive relationships with our Year 1 and 2 children. Mrs Searle will be moving to Class 3 where we know her enthusiasm and expertise will make a wonderful impact on the children's learning. We are delighted to support them both in this next step of their careers.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Mrs Neville, who has secured a well-deserved promotion and will be joining Moretonhampstead Primary School as KS2 leader and SEN lead. She will also be leading Christian distinctiveness for the Totnes Hub Schools. Throughout her time with us, Mrs Neville has been an integral part of our school community, bringing dedication, warmth and a genuine passion for supporting both pupils and colleagues. Her positive influence, commitment to high standards and ability to inspire those around her have made a lasting impact on the school and she will be greatly missed. While we are sad to see her go, we are incredibly proud of her achievements and wish her every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter.

Class 1	Mrs Woods (Part-time)
Class 2	Mr Ansermoz (Full-time)
Class 3	Mrs Searle (Full-time)
Class 4	Mrs Barons (Full-time)

From September, Mrs Barons will take on the role of Class 4 teacher, bringing her experience and energy to the class. To support our youngest learners, we will also be advertising for a 0.4 position to join Mrs Woods in Class 1.

We look forward to another positive and successful year ahead with these exciting developments.

SPORTS DAY FUN



It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports day. The gazebos were very welcome and in spite of the warm weather everyone had an afternoon of fun. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope you did too!

Huge thanks to the FOLS team and Paul for afternoon refreshments and music. A great success!

CLASS 4 – RESIDENTIAL

On Tuesday last week, Class 4 went on their four day residential to the Dartmoor Centre and had a fantastic time. Every single child gave it their all and had a go at every task. We weren't so lucky with the weather but it didn't stop the rock climbing, weasling, bouldering and scrambling and everyone managed to improve their confidence in mountain biking.

Most important of all, we are proud of all the children who showed responsibility for looking after themselves, each other and the property of Dartmoor Centre and for their fantastic attitudes all week (despite the very early waking up times!!) Well done Class 4!!



ETHOS, VISION & VALUES

Class Three welcomed Angela from our Food to Thought Project, who taught us all about fruits, vegetables, and their different plant families. In the Spiritual Garden, Angela explained planting, the importance of nitrates in the soil, and the best ways to harvest the beans we have grown.

The children also enjoyed exploring the artefact box from our partner school in Uganda. It contained a variety of items, including a ball, a skipping rope, and dolls, all made from natural fibres.

The visit has sparked a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for planting more fruits and vegetables.



FOLS UPDATES

Sports Day Thank You. We are delighted to share that we raised over £500 towards the new field sports shed!

We had a dream team of parents helping to flip burgers, cut watermelon, sell cold drinks and serve up a lovely selection of cakes. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out, donated or purchased something.

Summer Fair — Save the Date

Our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 3 July 3.30-5pm — please save the date!

We are sending out a separate letter today with more information about how you can get involved. There is a sign-up sheet outside the school office, so please add your name if you are able to.

Can you Help? fols@outlook.com.

9/10 July — Wizard of Oz school play: We are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments to the audience. Please arrive one hour before the play starts.

21 July — Year 6 leavers service: We are also looking for volunteers to help serve tea and cake after the Year 6 leavers service. Set up from 9am and finished by 11.30am

Have connections in the shed world? We are looking to support the school with the purchase of 3 new sheds. Do you have any links to local businesses who can support us with this? Or, if you would like to boost our fundraising and want to make a donation for this initiative, please speak to one of the FOLS team or school staff members.

SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

With the exception of YouTube, WhatsApp has always been one of the most popular messaging apps, including for children under 13. This has always been a concern for a lot of different reasons but Meta have now created a parent-managed service. Similar to other parent-managed accounts, a parent will pair their device/account to the child's device/account which then gives a lot of flexibility such as: no 'view once' messages, no location sharing, messages and group invites from unknown contacts sent to the parent for approval and parent notifications, such as new contact added. More details can be found

here: https://faq.whatsapp.com/899820539143195/?helpref=faq_content&cms_platform=web



Attendance:

(Our school target is 96.8%)

Whole school	95%
Class 1	95%
Class 2	95%
Class 3	96%
Class 4	94%
Well done to Class 3!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact FRONTDOOR on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder, and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz.

That's all for now, have a lovely weekend!

Jill Ryder.