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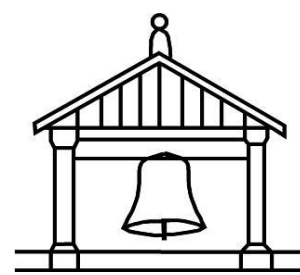
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to find out what some of you have been getting up to over the holidays and to meet some of the new faces in school. Most people seem happy to be back! I'm looking forward to a really brilliant term.

New beginnings

Perhaps the best news of all this week - Mrs A has had her baby. Olivia Hope arrived on Monday. Mother and baby are both doing well and we are really looking forward to meeting them both!

Who's who

You will have received a letter explaining the staffing structure for this year; hopefully you've already seen the photo that is in the PTA notice board. At the moment we have no more news regarding Mrs Wesley-Barker. The rumour that she has been sacked is not true! As soon as we have more news, we will pass it on.

New house captains have been elected this week. The candidates all gave brilliant speeches and I think the staff were glad that they didn't have to make the decision themselves. After a very tense count and re-count, Marcus Kirby was elected as Ash House Captain; Ronnie Jerrard became Beech House Captain; Edith Broadhurst was chosen to represent Oak and Stela Behancova will represent Chestnut. Joe Traves is Football captain, Charlie Jenkinson is vice-captain and Jacob Scott is captain of rugby. They will be joining Isaac and Amelie, our Head Boy and Girl. We wish them all the very best of luck in their new roles.

Parent Survey

You will also have another letter today with the results of the parent survey, carried out last term and the dates of the next Parent Forum meeting. I've made it an evening in the hope that this might enable more parents to come. It's also just before the PTA AGM at the White Horse in Stourpaine. Some of you might want to make an evening of it?

Signing your life away

Please forgive us for the enormous number of things you need to sign and return this week but there are numerous 'permissions' that we need to seek from you. All children should come home today with a Home-School Agreement and a Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement that you need to read, sign and return. Children will be unable to use I pads or Netbooks until the Acceptable Use agreement has been signed by both an adult and the child and returned to the office. Parents of new children will be receiving an extra 'pack of permissions' to work through. Let us know if any need explaining further.

Communications books have also been put in book bags this week. If you have any worries, your child's class teacher should always be your first port of call. If you can't see them in person, please use the communication book to write down your concerns. Your child should then put the book in the box located by the reading books. This box is checked daily by a TA.

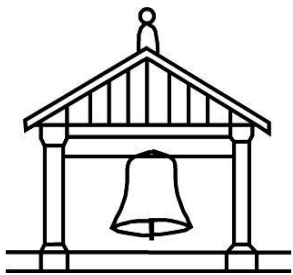


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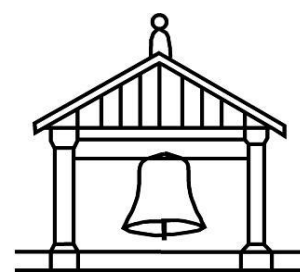
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We had hoped to have new reading record books to send out today but our order still has not arrived. We will get them out to them as soon as we can. Staff have been busily hearing children all week to check their reading levels. Once each child has a new reading record, you can keep the old ones at home.

Sport for All

We are really pleased to announce that we will be working with Premier Sports this year. They are going to run football club, an archery club and a tag-rugby club, as well as covering PE lessons for Sharks and Porpoises. This does mean that we are saying good bye to Mr Flatters and we would like to say a huge thank you to him for the work he has done with so many of our children over the last 8 years. Miss Stirk is arranging a card that children and parents can sign.

Mrs Nolan and Mrs Haskett have kindly offered to teach swimming again during this year so swimming will continue for Starfish, Dolphins and Seahorses. We have decided to suspend lessons for Sharks and Porpoises for the time being. Organising minibus travel to Bryanston is an ongoing problem. We are going to try to organise some intensive sessions for the older children who still need to get their 25m later in the summer term. We are also hoping to run a Swimming Gala.

Murder Mystery Night

The PTA have been busy already arranging a performance of The Queen's Coronation, a murder mystery by the Valley Players in the village hall on Saturday 15th October. Bring your sleuthing caps and solve the mystery. Light supper will be included. Wine on arrival but feel free to bring your own, as there isn't a bar. Soft drinks will be available to purchase. Traditional fete, games, etc. Many prizes are up for grabs including best fancy dress (optional 1950's style). £15 per ticket. Group booking discount per table of 8 people. Tickets on sale from 14th September after school. Further information from Claire Briggs.

The PTA are always happy to receive more donations of school uniform, so do pass on anything you no longer need. Second-hand uniform is kept in the school entrance, £1 per item. Do come and look.

We have already had our first request for a cake sale! Dillon, Tommy, Freddie and Dallan from Seahorses class are holding a cake sale on the 30th September. We wondered if we could devote money raised this term to school please. This would be spent on further improvements to the garden and outdoor areas. Next term, we would like to support refugees and in the final term, children can choose a charity of their choice.

From dawn till dusk

It is good to see so many parents using our Breakfast and After-school clubs again this term. Mrs Kevern and Mrs Sutherland have taken over from Mrs Wyatt and are doing a sterling job from 8am in the mornings whilst Miss Holloway is holding the fort Monday to Thursdays from 3.30pm -5.30pm. Please let us know if you would be interested in using either of these. We are happy to accept ad hoc as well as regular bookings. Sadly, some parents are running up quite large debts! Please do try and keep up with your payments. We may have to start turning children away until debts are paid - something we would like to avoid.

Apologies for the length of this newsletter. There just seems to be so much we need to share! Enjoy your week!

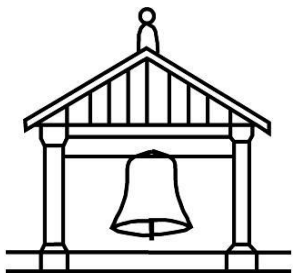


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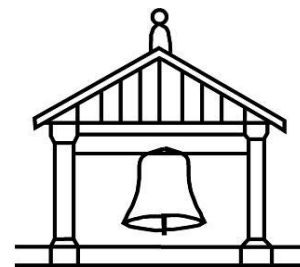
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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 12th September

Wednesday 14th September, 8.50am

Wednesday 14th September, 6.30pm

Wednesday 14th September, 8pm

Friday 16th September, 11am

Monday 19th September

Monday 19th September

Thursday 22nd October, 9.15am

Friday 23rd September

Mon 24th - Fri 28th October

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 8th November

Thursday 10th November

Thursday 17th November

Friday 18th November

Monday 28th November

Friday 2nd December

Sunday 11th December, 6pm

Tuesday 13th December, 2pm

Wednesday 14th December, 10am

Wednesday 14th December, 6pm

Friday 16th December

Premier Sport clubs start this week

Seahorses swimming lessons start at Blandford Leisure Centre

Parent's Forum meeting, School Hall

PTA AGM at the White Horse, Stourpaine

Dorset Music Service music demonstration

- all parents are welcome to meet our music teachers and hear them perform

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Dorset Music Service lessons start this week

Harvest Festival (**whole school**) at St Nicolas Church

STAFF TRAINING DAY

HALF TERM

Children return to school

Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 6pm

Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 6pm

Individual photos

Children in Need

LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS

Fun run (more details to follow)

Durweston Carol Service

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Handy Paws and Starfish Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol Service

END OF TERM



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