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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Mrs Hoey

I am sure that many of you will have heard by now about Mrs Hoey's accident in Shillingstone on Monday. A lorry ran into the back of her car and pushed her into the path of a truck coming in the opposite direction. She was taken by air ambulance to Dorchester and has a broken pelvis but no other injuries. The children in Dolphins have already made her a card but if you would like to send her anything, please drop it in at the office.

Some parents have suggested it might be nice to raise some money for her children and for the air ambulance service. So, the staff will be holding a cake sale on Friday 20th April in order to raise some money. Apologies in advance if the quality of some of the contributions isn't up to the usual standard.....

We are currently advertising for a teacher to cover until Mrs Hoey returns.

More snow!!!!



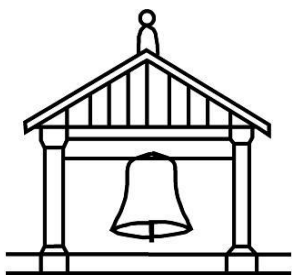
Monday's snow seems a long time ago now. Well done to everyone who made it in. Anyone who had wellies was allowed to go on the field and play snowballs at morning playtime. Much fun was had by all, including Mrs Saint, who proved herself to be a bit of a demon snowballer! Cross country club also enjoyed a fantastic walk across the fields at the end of the day.

Sports Relief



Everyone's been being sporty this week enjoying the activities Ms Stirk planned. On Wednesday, we had a handball competition run by Sam our sports coach. I'm not sure who won, but everyone enjoyed themselves. (If I had the technology, I could have turned this into our first Spot the Ball competition....next time.)





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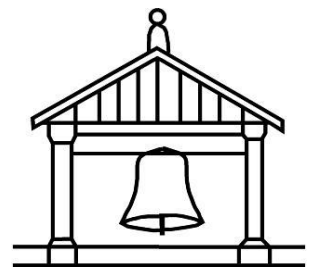
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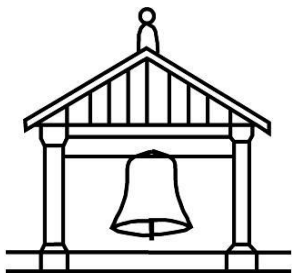
You can't have missed them! Starfish now have a new pirate ship, a water tunnel, a sand shed and a DT shed in their playground. They were all provided by students of Mr Bolton (William in Dolphins and Ella in Starfish's Dad) who teaches DT at Bryanston and who arranged for them to be designed and made as part of their 'A' level DT projects. The children have loved playing on them! (We're going to organise some time for the older children to have a go next week). An enormous thank you to all who made this possible.

Ukulele



Sharks class entertained the school and their parents on Tuesday afternoon when they showed off the Ukulele skills they have been acquiring this term. It was a super performance – as their teacher pointed out, ukuleles have come a long way since George Formby! We really hope that some of the children will be inspired to continue playing. If you would like to arrange lessons for you child next year, please get in touch with the office.





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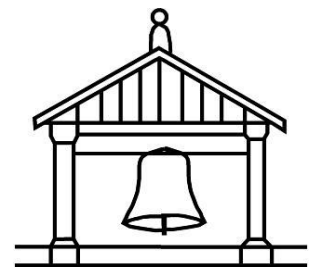
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Film night fun!

Nearly half the school stayed behind on Friday to enjoy Paddington 2 with popcorn, pizza and a drink. Thank you to the PTA for another fabulous event. If anyone has any ideas for more films to show, we'd love to hear them. Perhaps an older film that our children our unlikely to have seen?



Well done to Ella, Grace and Lacey from Seahorses who raised an amazing £100 for the WWF at their cake sale on Tuesday. The lemon drizzle cake I bought was delicious. (I put it in the staff room and it didn't last long).

Thank you too to everyone who has returned their pancake flip money – you raised a fabulous £780!

Open morning



A huge array of geographic projects on display on Friday morning – we never fail to be impressed by the range, scale and quality of the work produced. Thank you to all of you who show such an interest in the children's work – those whose parents can't make it really appreciate the chance to present what they have done to someone.

Wanted: A Foundation Governor

Is there anyone out there who might like to be on our governing body? Governors monitor the work the school does and make sure that we are doing a good job for our





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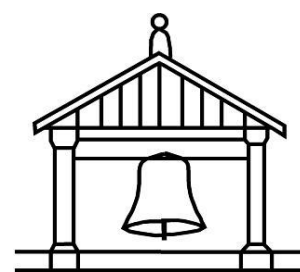
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children. The governing body meets monthly and governors also come into the school to find out about specific aspects of the school's work. It can be a very interesting and rewarding role. Currently we need a **foundation governor**. For this, you need to be in sympathy with the Christian ethos of the school and be a regular church goer – though this can be of any church. If you might be interested, or you know of anyone else who might be (they do not need to be a parent), please could you let the office know?

Country Fayre

The Country Fayre is on Sunday 13th May. Chris Newton (Freya in Dolphins mum) is looking for good condition soft toys and cardboard boxes (suitable for prize in a box). If you are able to donate any please bring them to the school office. She also needs man power! If anyone can spare an hour on the day please contact her on 07988 791260.



Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96%+)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (needs to be more than 96%)
Starfish	97.78% ☺	93.6% ☹	95.32%
Dolphins	95%		
Seahorses	93.67%		
Sharks	91.85%		
Porpoises	89.68%		

Only one more week to go!

And it's going to be a busy one. Governor meeting on Monday, Sing Up concert on Tuesday, Easter Communion on Wednesday, cake sale and break up on Thursday. Remember it's end-of-term, so early closing – children need to be collected at 1pm.

How has this term been for you? Things you've liked, things you've not liked, ideas for the summer term? Come and share your thoughts at Parent Forum 9.15am on Friday 20th April.

Sorry this letter is late – it's been a busy week!

Nicola Brooke





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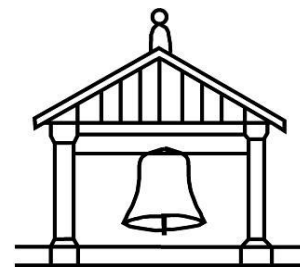
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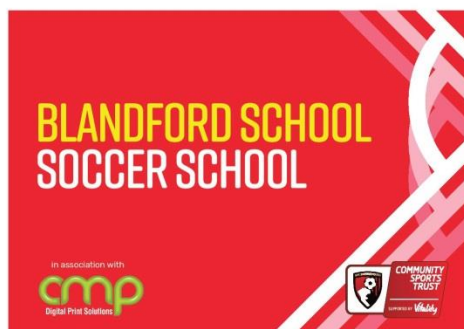
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Community events this Easter



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Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Phone: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Post Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Date: _____

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

BLANDFORD SCHOOL
(for boys & girls aged 7-14)
Thursday 28th April
10am-3pm
£10.00

BLANDFORD SCHOOL
(for boys & girls aged 7-14)
Thursday 29th April 2016
10am-3pm
£10.00

GET IN TOUCH
For further information please contact:
Steve Davis (Head of Community)
steve.davis@durweston.dorset.sch.uk
or 01258 452277



Blandford Parish Church Community Kitchen

Easter Holidays:
Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th April
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th April

You are invited to come for a free cooked lunch with other families and members of the community.

Doors open at midday and Lunch will be served at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre
(Opposite the Post Office & Library in Blandford)

You can be sure of a warm welcome; there'll be a craft table for those who like to keep busy.

Community Kitchen is for everyone: young or old, living alone or as a family with children.

You are welcome to join us for one day or both.
Booking preferable but not essential:
communitykitchen@bfpc.org.uk or 01258 456260

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Monday 26th March

Tuesday 27th March, 6.30pm

Wednesday 28th March

Wednesday 28th March, 11am

Thursday 29th March, 1pm

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Last week for clubs

Sing Up Concert (TBS)

Last Dolphins swim session

Easter communion at St Nicholas Church, Durweston

Cake Sale for the school

END OF TERM





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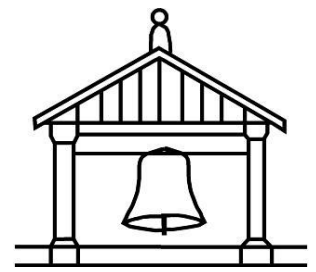
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Monday 16th April

Friday 20th April, 9.15am

Wednesday 25th April

Friday 4th May

Sunday 13th May

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Parent Forum meeting

Starfish swimming lessons start, Blandford Leisure Centre

Mufti Day for Country Fayre

Country Fayre

