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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Have you given up anything for Lent? We've been talking about Lent a lot this week and retelling the story of Jesus in the Wilderness. Rather than giving something up, I've asked the children to think about what they are going to do with their lives and how they might make a difference. Might be worth asking them about this over the weekend.

### Shroving 2019

Weren't we lucky with the weather? I think everyone enjoyed their trips around the village on Tuesday morning and we've had several lovely thank yous from villagers, who were clearly delighted to come home to find some flowers on their doorstep. A huge thank you to all of you who sent flowers in. We had a really varied selection this year – it was particularly hard to give away the hyacinths...





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## Pancakes, pancakes, pancakes!

Pancakes at Breakfast Club and then another flipping fantastic afternoon in The Great Pancake Flipathon organised by the PTA. Much fun was had by all and not a scrap of pancake left over. The winners were:

- Starfish with 33 flips was Rohan
- Dolphins with 33 flips each - joint winners were Ella B and Mia-Lily
- Seahorses with 37 flips was Romeo
- Sharks with 48 flips each - joint winners were Brynley and Theo
- Porpoises with a staggering 82 flips was Lake

The PTA wanted to thank the children for being so polite and such good sports (and for being excellent sponsorship collectors of course).



## Parents' evenings

It was lovely to see you all in school this week. I hope the time was useful and informative.

Remember that you can make an appointment to see your child's work and/or class teacher at any point in the year. You only have to ask.

## World Book Day

And so, just to cap it all, after first asking you to come in to school for parents evening, then for flowers for Shroving and money for sponsorship for the pancake flip, we then ask you to provide costumes for World Book Day. But you came up trumps. Some really super costumes this year. (Next week we're not going to ask you for anything, I promise.)







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## Tag Rugby

I would have got dressed up honest but sadly I had to take our team to a Tag Rugby festival at Chapel Gate in Bournemouth. Once again, we managed to dodge the rain (phew) and out of the 8 games we played, we lost one, drew two and won five. A pretty impressive performance. There were no actual winners declared as it was a 'festival' but I'd be surprised if anyone else did much better.



## Signs of spring

It's that time of year. Mrs Ward has brought us some frogspawn and Mrs Holbrook brought some catkins from her garden. It would be lovely to have some more signs of spring on the Nature table – perhaps some of the lovely flowers that are beginning to grow in your gardens.





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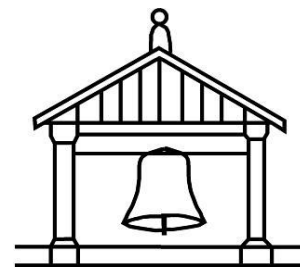
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## Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	98.80% 😊	97.72% 😊	95.75%
Dolphins	99.29% 😊 😊		
Seahorses	96.07% 😊		
Sharks	96% 😊		
Porpoises	98.97% 😊		

## A plea

Seems a bit mean to mention this after we've taken so much of your cash in sponsorship but..... we are trying to be a cash free school. Using SIMS Agora to make payments saves hours of Mrs Holbrook's time, something we have far too little of as it is. If you are still experiencing problems with your account, do please come and talk to the office staff. They will sort it out for you – as we pay for the service so it jolly well should work!

## Next week

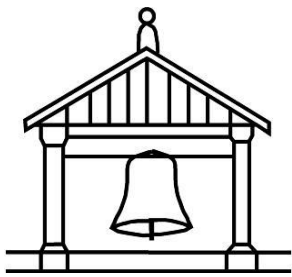
You'll be pleased to hear it's a bit quieter next week. The year 5s are off to the Blandford School on Wednesday to take part in a Maths day and the Fire Service are in on Thursday to talk to Starfish, Dolphins and Sharks. Friday night is Film night. Come along to the school hall straight from school for a sing-a-long version of a recent popular musical film (probably the Greatest... not allowed to publicise for licensing reasons!). This film is a PG. Tickets are £3.00 per child which includes a hotdog, popcorn and a drink. Tickets will be on sale in the library before school and at pick up on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The PTA need to know numbers by end of play Wednesday to allow time to buy the food and drink. Entry is by ticket only. We hope you can come along. Please collect your child after the film at 6pm, not 5.30pm as in last weeks' newsletter. Thank you.

As Friday is nearly St Patrick's Day, we've also arranged Irish dancing workshops for Porpoises, Sharks, Seahorses and Dolphins. I can't promise Riverdance but it should be fun.

Enjoy your weekend.

Nicola Brooke





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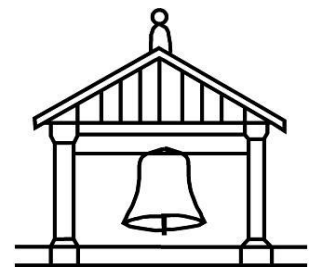
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## Dates for Your Diary

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 11am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Sally Wilson, Headteacher TBS talk to Yr 4,5 & 6  
parents**

PTA Film night

Last week for clubs

PTA meeting, The White Horse, Stourpaine

BSN Sing Up concert at TBS

Spring Welly Walk

Open morning

Easter Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

**END OF TERM**

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

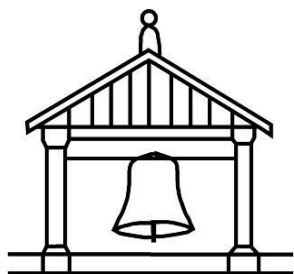
**Mufti Day for the Country Fayre**

*The school dates for next year (2019/2020) can be found at the end of the newsletter*

**DANCE & GYM**

  
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Showcase '19  
**Charity Event**  
Retiring Collection For  
Julia's House  
&  
Knighton House  
Creative Arts Equipment  
**March 8th & 9th**  
Friday 8th @ 7.00 pm  
Saturday 9th @ 2.30 pm  
**Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Gym**  
Performances by  
Knighton House Pupils  
Reception to Yr 8  
  
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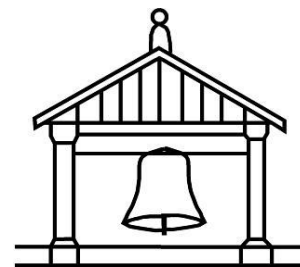
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## Dates for School Year 2019/20

### Autumn Term 2019

Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
Children return to school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Training Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Autumn Half term break	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019
Children return to school	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 - <b>1pm</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half term break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Children return to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
End of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Summer Half term break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Children return to school	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>END OF TERM</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
Training Days	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

