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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Firstly I need to say an enormous thank you for all the kind words, cards and gifts I have received this week. I really didn't expect that. I feel truly and honestly honoured to have been chosen as head teacher.

Sadly I have also to tell you that Mrs Uden is leaving us. She has been lucky enough to get a job at the Children's Centre in Poole which will give her more time to spend with her family. Whilst we are very pleased for her, we will be very sad to say goodbye (although she has said she will come back and do supply if we need her). Mrs Uden's last day will be Wednesday 21st February. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her the very best for the future.

Mrs Hoey is going to increase her hours to teach Dolphins Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mondays will be covered by Mrs Victoria Panther. Mrs Panther currently teaches at Shillingstone for two days a week and is really looking forward to coming and spending a day a week with us. The children met her briefly this week when she came in to look round and hear some readers.

So what else happened this week? The football team won against Dunbury on Monday 5 -1. The NSPCC came in on Thursday to do an assembly which seems to have gone down really well with the children. Other things may have happened, but in truth I'm not sure my head has really been here...

Flippin' Pancakes



Last year's Pancake Flip!





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Hopefully this afternoons flipping fun fundraiser went well – I know the children have been looking forward to it. Please could we ask that the money raised is brought into school as soon as possible after half term? Thank you.

Brilliant Book Week

You raised another £377.85 by buying books from the Book Fair! Thank you!

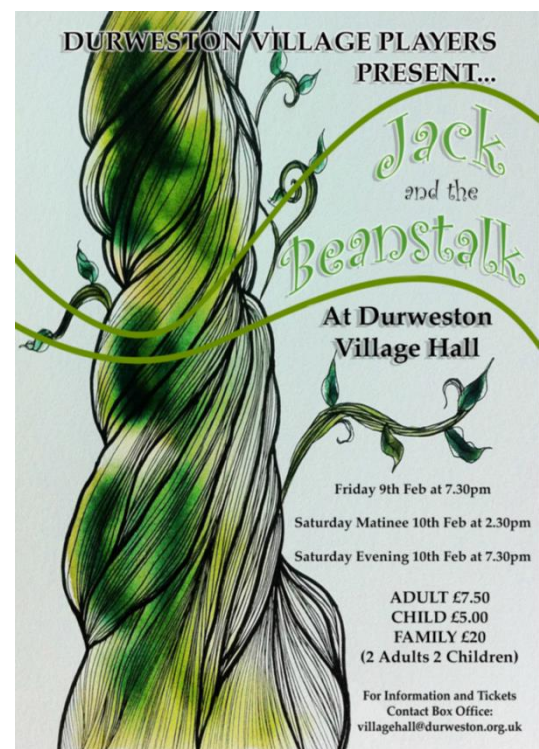
Attendance

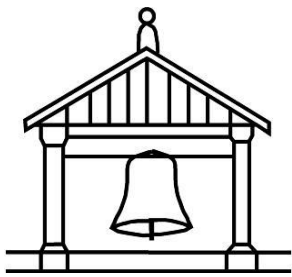
The attendance officer visited on Thursday. She looks at any cases where attendance is below 95%. No fear of that in Starfish though. The second week of amazing attendance – it would have been another 100% apart from one medical appointment.

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96%+)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	99.44%	94.70% ☹	95.93%
Dolphins	93.57%		
Seahorses	94.00%		
Sharks	92.59%		
Porpoises	95.48%		

Hurrah for the holiday!

Don't forget the panto! The Saturday matinee is sold out but you can pay on the door for Friday and Saturday evening performances. Please do come along and support the playing fields.





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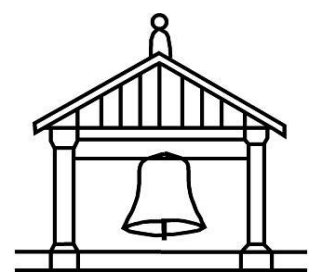
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More things you might like to do at half term



The Bone Ensemble - Where's my Igloo gone?

Wed 14 February, 3:00pm. Durweston Village Hall. 01258 488883. £7, £6 u18s, £24 fam

Oolik is an ordinary girl who goes on an extraordinary journey. Sitting in her igloo, a drop of water falls on her head. Then another! Is her home melting? Join Oolik as she sets out on a journey to find help. On her way she meets some exciting friends – including YOU! Journey into a dazzling, Arctic world of soaring snow geese, pet husky dogs and starry nights, and the kind of cold that makes your skin tingle! Travelling through snowstorms, across oceans and into our hearts, Oolik is not the kind of girl to give up on her quest...With enchanting live music, it's a fun, magical experience for all the family, showing that when we work together, anything can happen! Where's My Igloo Gone? is very visual in nature and contains no spoken English so is extremely accessible to Deaf, hearing and non-English speaking audiences. Touring Dorset with Arts reach, the counties touring arts charity. Suitable 5+.



FA LIDL SKILLS PROGRAMME

GIRLS ONLY SESSION



WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2018

WHERE:
BLANDFORD
SCHOOL (3G),
MILLDOWN
ROAD,
BLANDFORD
DT11 7SQ

WHEN:
10:00 - 12:00

WHO:
£3
GIRLS AGED 7-11

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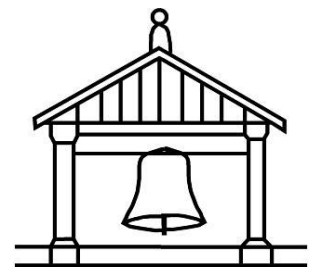
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Looking ahead!

Children who have chosen to be part of our Sing Up choir will be out on the first Monday at 1.30. Thank you for sending the reply slips back so promptly. Half of Sharks are back at the climbing wall on Tuesday and then we're all out to see Dippy on Wednesday!

Parent's Evenings are the following week so please do come in and sign up for an appointment. We'll be interested to find out if you like the new system.

Remember we're dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 1st March – time to organise your costume over half term perhaps.

And with only 5 weeks till Easter, don't forget that Open Morning will be on us before you know it.

So there it is. Another half term, done and dusted. Enjoy the break and see you back here again on the 19th!

Nicola Brooke
Head teacher ☺

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Friday 9th February, 7.30pm

Saturday 10th February, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February

Wednesday 21st February

Friday 23rd February, 1.45pm

Tuesday 27th February

Thursday 1st March

Friday 2nd March

Wednesday 14th March

Friday 23rd March, 9.15am – 10am

Monday 26th March

Wednesday 28th March

Wednesday 28th March, 11am

Thursday 29th March, **1pm**

Monday 16th April

Jack and the Beanstalk panto at Durweston Village Hall

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HALF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dippy on Tour

Year 5/6 Netball Tournament at TBS

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

Dolphins Gym festival

Last French and Spanish club

Open morning

Last week for clubs

Last Dolphins swim session

Easter communion at St Nicholas Church, Durweston

END OF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

