



Durweston CE VA Primary School

Durweston, Blandford Forum, Dorset

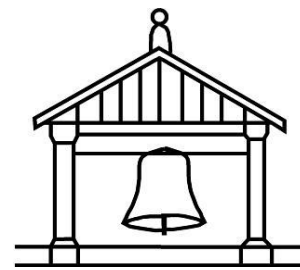
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! This is going to be a very short letter, after a short week! I hope you all had a lovely holiday. Coming back after Christmas always seems particularly brutal – far too cold and dark in the mornings still - but the days are getting longer and, with a short term in front of us, it'll be Easter before we know it.

Durweston's Got Talent

Yes it's that time again! Heats will take place in classes on Friday 12th January with the final on the 19th January. The winners will then go through to the BIG final at the Blandford School on Thursday 1st Feb.

PTA

Flushed with the success of the Christmas Fair but not wanting to rest on their laurels, the PTA will be meeting in the Reef on Wednesday 10th January at 9am, just after drop off. Do come along and listen to their plans for the next term.

Parent Forum

I'm aware that I failed to organise a Parent Forum meeting last half term. Could we get together on Tuesday 16th Jan at 2.45pm? The advert for the Headship is going out today; we could talk about the qualities you are looking for in the Head of our school. However the agenda is very much what you want to talk about, so do bring along any other issues you would like to discuss. Also, if there is anyone who would prefer an evening meeting, please do let me know. I would be happy to organise this if it would be useful.

Attendance for the Autumn term

Well done all the children who received certificates for attendance at the end of last term. 84 children had Outstanding attendance (more than 97%) and out of those, there were an amazing 41 children who haven't had a single day off school this academic year. Congratulations!

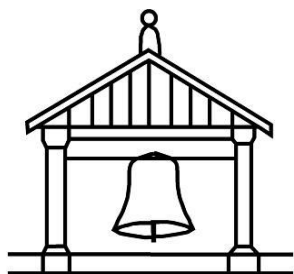
100% Attendance

Haidee Bartlett, Kailen Bartlett, Fyn Bennett Seeger, Aimee Bingol, Mya Bingol, Lalage Blanco, Evie Broome, Callie Cassidy, Jacob Corrie, Fergus Crook, Ella Dawson, Ella Dickson, George Dickson, Henry Gould, Heath Harper, Dylan Hawkins, Eva Hinks, Sammy Hiscock, Alfie Jerrard, Elliza Legg, Izabelle Legg, Jazmyn Legg, Leon Long, Harry Lucas, Holly Lucas, Keira Niamh Nolan, Charlie Pullen, Arron Rankine-McIntosh, Henry Rastall, Anya Riley, Tommy Smyth, Alfie Spiller, Max Stainthorpe, Theo Tetley, Eden Ward, Luke Warren, Mae Whitham

More than 97% attendance (no more than 2 days absence)

Lani Bennett Seeger, Danon Courage, Ollie Courage, Ollie Dike, Freddy Freemantle, Aiden Gillam, Martha Gwinnett, Freddie Knowles, Imogen Murrell, Matthew Plummer, Mia-Lily Warren, Faith Whitaker, Max Wigg, Rudy Wigg, Ruby Allaway, Austin Green, Kyle Grover, Boyd James, Eli Banyard, Dallan Bartlett, Matilda Brennan, Tiaghe Briggs, Poppie Clarke, William Coward, Jenson Craddock, Oscar Denning, Marley Foot, George Gostick, Charlie Hawkins, Ryan Lockyer, Elliot Mathison, Nicola Minina, Lucie Rankine-McIntosh, Arthur Robbins, Daisy-Ann Robbins, Eliza Saint, Ciara Smyth, Maddy Broadhurst, Luc Didier, Leah Foot, Brynmor Truman, William Weir.





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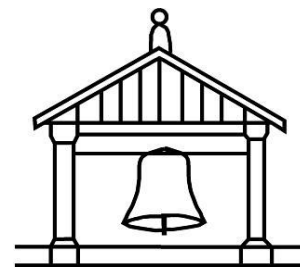
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Remember that ideally your child's attendance should be above 96.5%. Where attendance is below 95%, I am required to investigate and potentially refer to the Locality Attendance team. Even in cases of sickness, we are now being told to request proof of medical appointments if attendance is very poor. If this is a concern for you, please do come and talk to us – there might be things we can do to help.

Class	Autumn term Attendance	Whole school
Starfish	96.88% 😊	96.34%
Dolphins	95.56%	
Seahorses	96.81% 😊	
Sharks	95.78%	
Porpoises	96.82% 😊	

Debt collection

Thanks to everyone who cleared their various debts before the end of last term. There are still payments outstanding for Breakfast Club, After School Club, Handy Paws and trips. If this money could be cleared as soon as possible we would be very grateful.

Have a good weekend.

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Monday 8th January

Wednesday 10th January, 9am

Monday 15th January

Tuesday 16th January, 2.45pm

Wednesday 17th January, 8.50am

Wednesday 24th January, 9.30am

Monday 29th January

Wednesday 31st January

Friday 9th February

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February

Tuesday 27th March

Thursday 1st March

Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April

Dorset Music Service lessons start this week

PTA meeting in the Reef

Clubs start this week

Parent Forum meeting

Dolphins swimming lessons start at Blandford Leisure Centre

Little rascals toddler group starts

BOOK WEEK

Books at Bedtime

PTA Sponsored pancake flip

HALF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Parents Evening

Parents Evening

END OF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

