



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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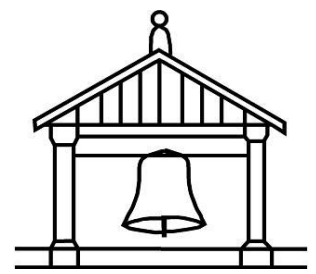
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Dear Parents,

No photos last week, so this week I'm over-compensating.



Many thanks to Mrs Rastall for this fantastic photo. Isn't it great? Hopefully it should be appearing in the Forum Focus to tell everyone about our Tesco's win.



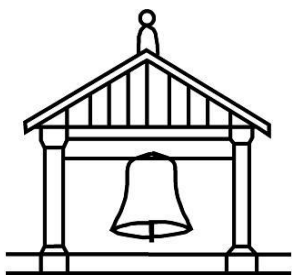
Another busy week in Durweston! Seahorses were off to the farm on Tuesday. Don't think it could have been much hotter, but they all seemed to have a lovely time.

More photos in Seahorses blog page:

<http://durweston-seahorses.blogspot.co.uk/>



Half of Sharks went climbing on Tuesday afternoon. The other half of the class went a few weeks ago but this session had to be postponed due to wind and rain. Hard to believe and not a problem this week! In fact, we were very glad of the shade at the bottom of the climbing wall and discovered that the holds (which were in the sunshine) were almost too hot to handle! Some fantastic performances, with children working hard to push themselves as far as they could. Well done to you all. More photos on Sharks blog <http://durweston-sharks.blogspot.co.uk/>



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On Tuesday evening, I was invited to the licensing of our new Priest-in-Charge, Belinda Marflitt. It was a perfect Dorset summer's evening (if rather warmer than usual) and Holy Trinity in Stourpaine was packed to the rafters. There was even a video screen outside! Some of you might have already spotted Belinda - she came to the circus and to Sports Day and is clearly keen to get involved in the life of the school. We are really looking forward to working with her.

On Wednesday, three members of staff from The Blandford School came to deliver a Forensics Roadshow to our Year 6s. A ransom note had been delivered and the children had to track down the guilty culprit. More pictures on Porpoises blog <http://durweston-porpoises.blogspot.co.uk/> While you're there, take a look at the photos from their French Day at Clayesmore - another great experience kindly organised for us by Mr Didier.



I asked for the weather to be hot, hot, hot on Wednesday and it didn't disappoint. Thank heavens for Starfish's Choc Ice Sale! Thank you to everyone who came and spent their money. An amazing £120 was raised which Mrs Cresswell will be sending off to the Refugee Council.





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The Circus came to Durweston on Thursday thanks to the funds raised by you and our amazing PTA. By all accounts, the children had a great time and were very proud of the new skills they learnt. Thanks also to Nigel from the village, who provided the fantastic tent.

And so to Friday and Sports Day. Sadly, although I took my camera down, I failed to take a single photo ☹️ It was a great afternoon, summed up I think, by the group of children who spontaneously ran the last straight of the Cross Country with Danon as he came into the finish. If anyone managed to capture that, or any other of the great moments of the afternoon, please do send them to me at [nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk) so that I can share them on the blog. And do come to our Sports Assembly on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9.15am. Stay on for Parent Forum, PTA and a cup of tea!

## Attendance

Quite frankly, if you weren't here, you missed a great week!

Class	This Week	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	90.91% Poor		
Dolphins ☺️	99.29% Outstanding	96.7% Very good ☺️	96.23% Good!
Seahorses ☺️	98.7% Outstanding		
Sharks ☺️	95.71% Good		
Porpoises ☺️	98.97% Outstanding		

## Fidget Spinner Fridays!

I think the news seems to have got out that Fidget Spinners are fantastic on Fridays but miserable on Mondays, terrible on Tuesdays, woeful on Wednesdays and simply thoughtless on Thursdays. Thanks to everyone for their co-operation.





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## And finally...

..they've arrived! Sunny and Lightening, our new guinea pigs, are in their new home but, as they are only 7 weeks old, they're still a bit scared. We need to give them some time and space to get used to their new home and hopefully they'll be feeling a bit braver by the end of the week. I shall be asking the children to let me know who would like to help look after them so that we can organise a rota.

Hope you don't mind this newsletter coming to you on Monday rather than Friday, but as you can see, we did have *rather* a busy week! Just Arts Week this week!

Nicola Brooke  
Acting Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

### ***New dates added in bold***

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 6pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15am**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 - 6pm

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 11am

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 12pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Class photographs

Sharks trip to Higher Green Farm Arts

Parent information evening for new Reception class

Transition day (more details to follow)

Last week for clubs

School production, matinee performance

School production, evening performance

Year 6 Leavers Treat

**Sports Assembly**

Optional Parents' Evening

Paddleboat Theatre present 'Rustle' funded by the PTA

**Year 6 trip to see 'Into the Woods'**

Swimming Gala at QE - Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6

Leavers Assembly

Family Picnic

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