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4th October 2019

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Anything been happening this week? Well...



Monday saw some children making bows and arrows in the forest with Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Gedye (dry) and cross country club enjoyed a run in the rain (slightly wet and then very wet). On Tuesday, it should have been Seahorse's turn in the forest but the weather forecast was awful, so we cancelled and then the sun shone (dry when it was supposed to be wet). A chicken visited Dolphins. Mrs Cresswell was in again on Wednesday making fish to decorate the church (wet outside). On Thursday, Sharks were in the forest making more bows and arrows, Dolphins went to the farm, we had the Open the Book team for assembly and Porpoises made carrot soup and apple cake with the help of Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Sutherland, Mrs Smith and Mrs Partridge (all dry). (I cycled home – biblically wet). In between times, staff have somehow found the time to practice for our Harvest Festival which is happening this afternoon. And Maisy the dog visited Dolphins.





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Just an ordinary week at Durweston.

Reduce, reuse, recycle

Hopefully everyone's been recycling their crisp packets at lunchtime. The good news is that we can now recycle pens as well. Please bring your old pens, biro's and markers to the office and we will make sure they get sent to the right place. Thank you!

Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	100% 😊 😊	96.59% 😊	96.27% 😊
Dolphins	99.20% 😊 😊		
Seahorses	98.15% 😊		
Sharks	94.07%		
Porpoises	92.40%		

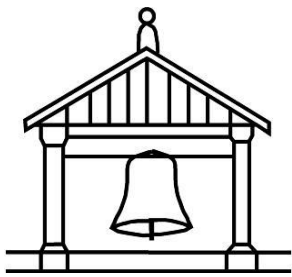
Very tidy bookworm wanted

Might anyone be able to spare an hour or so each week to help keep our library organised? We have some very willing librarians in school who help with the borrowing and returning of books but keeping everything in the right place is a big ask for them. Perhaps you could stay for half an hour after drop off or come a bit early a couple of days a week? It would be much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

Nicola





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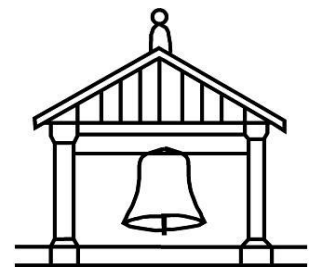
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Parenting workshops

We've been sent information on two parenting workshops this week. Both look interesting.

Workshops for Behaviours that Challenge Us
Come and meet our friendly team and learn more about managing
your child's challenging behaviour

If you are a parent or carer of a child aged between 2 and 12 and
you are keen to:

- understand more about your child's behaviour
- learn more about positive parenting and how you can apply it to
your family

Come along to one of our Challenging Behaviour Workshops. You
can bring a friend or family member with you, or someone who is
working with your child.

Monday 16th September

Location: Poole

Time: 10am to 12:30

Monday 11th November

Location: Christchurch

Time: 10am to 12:30

Monday 14th October

Location: Weymouth

Time: 10.30am to 1pm

Monday 2nd December

Location: Blandford

Time: 10am to 12:30

Places are limited and must be booked. Please contact us by e-
mail, giving your name, your child's name, child's date of birth and
your preferred workshop

at: dorsetparentingproject@actionforchildren.org.uk

The Dorset Youth Association (DYA) are running several **FREE parenting support sessions** in September and October in Bovington.

The sessions give parents and their children a safe, supported space to build their relationship by learning skills and coping techniques for difficult situations. They provide help to recognise good choices and healthy ways of managing those more difficult and challenging times together.

The sessions are FREE and lunch/refreshments will be provided. They will be held at the Royal British Legion Club, King George V Road, Bovington BH20 6JQ

This programme is open to all families with 6-10 year olds. Parents or young people can refer themselves onto the programme by contacting DYA or by speaking to the school practitioners they are already working with. It may be possible to assist with childcare or transport costs. Specific requirements will be looked at on a case by case basis.





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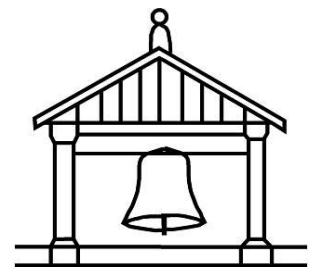
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Dates for Your Diary

Friday 11th October
Tuesday 15th October
Monday 21st October

PTA Race Night
Flu vaccines (whole school)
Individual portrait photos

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November

Monday 4th November
Tuesday 5th November, 2.30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 6th November, 3.30pm – 6pm
Monday 11th November
Friday 15th November
Thursday 21st November, 9.15am
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Friday 29th November
Friday 6th December, 2.30pm
Saturday 7th December
Tuesday 17th December
Tuesday 17th December, 2pm
Wednesday 18th December
Wednesday 18th December, 6pm
Friday 20th December, 1pm

HALF TERM

Children return to school
Parent's Evening
Parent's Evening
Remembrance Day
Children in Need
Starfish class assembly
Parent Forum
Mufti Day for the Christmas Fair
Open Afternoon
PTA Christmas Fayre
Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas activity morning
Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity
LFL Christmas lunch
Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

END OF TERM





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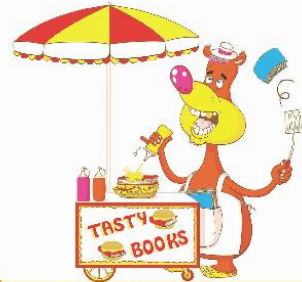
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Chatterbooks



Share your favourite books and discover exciting new ones, at our fun, free book club! Ideal for ages 6 - 12 years.






Blandford Library

Third Saturday of the month
11.30am - 12.30pm (booking essential)

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

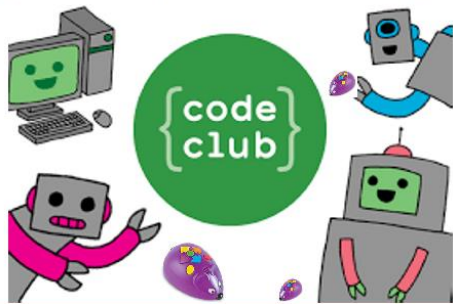
For more information ☎ 01258 452075

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Code Club

Free, fun and creative computer programming for children.
No previous experience necessary.






Blandford Library

First Monday of the month.
4.30pm - 5.30pm (term time only)

Suitable for ages 7 - 11 years. Booking essential

For more information ☎ 01258 452075

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We are delighted to announce that October sees the start of two new children's clubs at Blandford Library:

Chatterbooks: starting 19th October

Code Club: starting 7th October





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The Parenting Project

A Survival Guide for Parents



FREE 3 Part Course aimed at Parents & Carers

Taking place at the Skills & Learning Adult Education Centre,

Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11, UK

Open to anyone 18 or over who lives in Dorset, (including 16-18 year old parents)

To book a place **01202743279** or email Jane.keyworth@edasuk.org

All sessions run 9:30-12:30

Day 1 30/01/2020	How to communicate more effectively with children, especially teenagers. How to speak so that they listen and listen so that they speak.
Day 2 06/02/2020	Understanding self-esteem and how it underpins motivation. How to support your child's self-esteem.
Day 3 13/02/2020	An introduction to understanding Anxiety and Anger. How to support children with calming techniques.

