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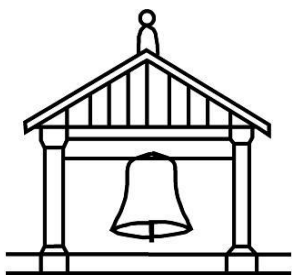
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Dear Parents,



It's been an amazing week. I don't think I have ever been so proud of our children. After all the hard work, we have been treated to two amazing performances. First, on Tuesday afternoon, we had Dolphins and Seahorses nativity, Christmas with the Aliens, which truly was the best ever. The children sang, acted and danced with such joy and enthusiasm. See the photos [here](#). This was followed on Wednesday evening by Sharks and Porpoises carol service, a magical evening which caused many an adult in the congregation to shed a tear. The quality of the singing was incredible. I am hoping to get a video loaded onto our blog over Christmas – I'll let you know when it's ready. Enormous thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make both of these performances such amazing successes, but a very special thank you to James Henshaw who provided the staging and lights – quite fabulous!





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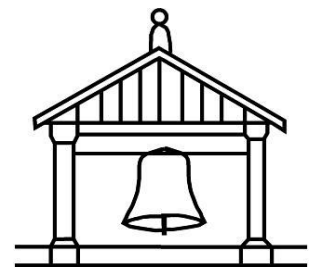
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Handy Paws and Starfish were also busy on Tuesday morning. Parents joined in with Christmas activities and then the children sang at the end. This is where it begins!



Wednesday was Christmas lunch, something all the children seem to look forward to. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who came in and helped serve. In the afternoon, a small group of us went to Bryanston to watch a screening of The Nutcracker performed by the Royal Ballet. It was lovely – and we got an ice cream in the interval!





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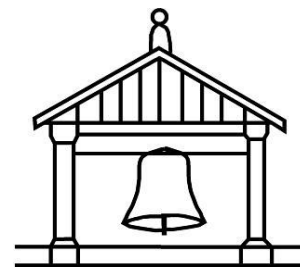
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Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	91%	92.36%	95.98%
Dolphins	95%		
Seahorses	91.85%		
Sharks	89.63%		
Porpoises	94.40%		

And so we've made it at last. I hope you are all looking forward to 2 weeks of rest and relaxation. The children certainly deserve it. All the classes were working hard right up until Wednesday of this week and the quality of work in the books I have seen has been superb.

Finally, thank you for all of the kind gifts and cards – they are very much appreciated. It just remains for me to say,

Merry Christmas everyone!

See you in 2020!

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 20th December, 1pm

Tuesday 24th December, 4pm

Monday 6th January

Monday 13th January

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Wednesday 15th January

Monday 17th Feb – Friday 21st Feb

Friday 3rd April

END OF TERM

Crib Service at St Nicholas church, Durweston

Come dressed up as anything you like. Short half an hour service: carols and retelling the nativity

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Dorset Music Service lessons start this week

Dolphins swimming lessons start at Blandford Leisure Centre

HALF TERM

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Crafty Christmas!

Make your own Christmas paper chains and enjoy a seasonal story-time!



Blandford Library

**Saturday 21 December
2.00pm - 3.00pm**

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

For more information  01258 452075



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