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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

As I write this on Thursday evening, it's blowing a hoolie outside and the forecast for Friday is sunny but still windy, so just perfect for our Welly Walk! Mrs Weir, William's mum who works at Knighton House, said she is expecting to see children flying past her window tomorrow afternoon – what a DT project that would have been!

Working their socks off!

The children certainly deserve a break – there has been some great work going on this week. We're introducing something called Talk 4 Writing this year (more info here www.talk4writing.co.uk). Pretty much what it says on the tin, it involves children doing lots of oral rehearsal before they write. All the classes have been learning model texts this week (if you ask, some might be able to perform for you at home) and doing 'short bursts' of writing to try out new words and to practise different bits of grammar and punctuation. George G and Aiden from Seahorses were sent to show me their writing on Wednesday and Mrs Saint showed me Mae's book this evening, but all the teachers have been commenting on the standard of writing in their classes. Even Starfish have been writing about Little Red Hen!

Bread, Jam and Chutney



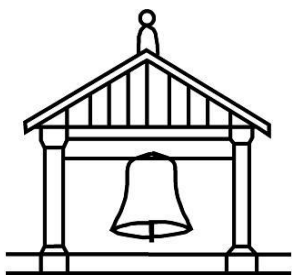
Starfish were also out picking blackberries this week. Like Little Red Hen, they made some bread and then they used their blackberries to make jam. It looked delicious when I saw it on Wednesday. Next year, perhaps they can help me make chutney. I had to do it myself this year (well my husband helped) – the results are on sale in the office.



Parent Forum

A few parents came along to Parent Forum on Thursday; minutes are on the website here. Everyone seemed quite happy with the start of the year which was lovely to hear.





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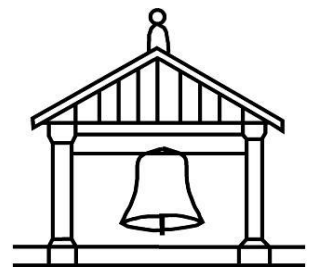
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Attendance

Looking good!

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	96.43%	97.7% 😊😊	97.7% 😊😊
Dolphins	98.93% 😊		
Seahorses	97.5% 😊		
Sharks	98% 😊		
Porpoises	97.67% 😊		

Save the date!



This was a great event last year with lots of lovely things on sale. Many thanks to Dawn Whitaker for organising.

Paper Storm

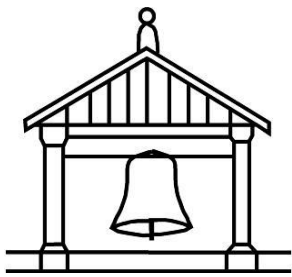
It's that time of year again. Data Collection sheets are coming out on Monday – please ensure we have 3 numbers so that we can contact you in case of emergency – and then on Friday, its Home School Agreements, Internet Use Agreements and the annual attendance letter. Please do check in your child's bag. Thank you!

I'm looking forward to the poetry competition next Friday and know that the classes are busy preparing. Hopefully the children are practising at home too. Heats will be held in classes next week and we'll text the names of finalists on Wednesday. Let me know if anyone would like a parents' category...

Have a lovely weekend.

Nicola Brooke





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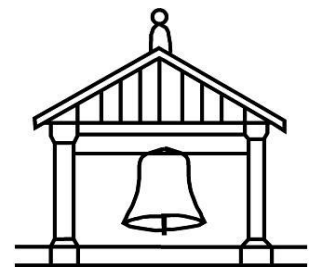
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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 24th September
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Wednesday 26th September, 8.50am

Friday 28th September
Friday 28th September, 1.15pm
Friday 12th October, 2pm
Friday 12th October, 7.30pm
Friday 19th October

Mon 22nd – Fri 26th October

Monday 29th October
Wednesday 31st October

Tuesday 6th November, 2.30pm – 5pm
Wednesday 7th November, 3.30pm – 6pm
Friday 16th November, 8am
Friday 16th November
Friday 16th November, 7pm
Friday 23rd November
Friday 30th November, 2.30pm
Saturday 1st December
Tuesday 18th December
Tuesday 18th December, 2pm
Wednesday 19th December, 6pm
Friday 21st December

CLUBS START THIS WEEK

Dorset Music Service lessons start this week

Seahorses swimming lessons start at
Blandford Leisure Centre

National Poetry Day

Poetry Competition final

Harvest Festival at the St Nicholas Church

PTA Race Night, Durweston Village Hall

PTA Disco – times to be confirmed

HALF TERM

Children return to school

**Deadline for Middle and Secondary school places
(September 2019 – Year 6 parents)**

Parent's Evening

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Individual school photos

Children in Need

PTA Christmas Shopping evening at the Village Hall

Mufti Day for the Christmas Fair

Open Afternoon

PTA Christmas Fayre

Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas Activity morning

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

END OF TERM

