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St George's Day at Durweston

Dear Parents,

Apologies for the lack of a newsletter last week. I really wasn't well on Friday. So....

A (belated) welcome back!

I hope you all managed to make the most of the good weather over Easter. Wasn't it lovely? Sadly, the sunshine and lack of rain has taken its toll on our hanging baskets - I never thought to water them. If anyone has any plants they could spare, it would be great to replant the baskets; they do make the front of the school look that bit more inviting.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Communion Service. It really was a very special event and the children led us beautifully through the Easter Story. We were very lucky to have Karen, the Bishop of Sherborne with us - she was very human I thought, and made us laugh when she wished us all a "Happy Christmas"!

And recipe success!

Well done to Ronnie who won the Leftover Recipe competition with his brilliant recipe for Perfect Pineapple Pancakes. It has been sent off and will hopefully be appearing in a recipe leaflet soon. We'll let you know when we have some copies.



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More sporting success



After the Easter service, a group of us whizzed off to Canford School to take part in a Schools Orienteering Event and amazingly, we won! Amelie and Charlie did especially well but Isaac, Joe, Jacob S and Marcus were close on their heels. Brilliant performances all round.

Leeson House

A big thank you to all our year 4s who did us proud whilst away for 3 days at Leeson House. Even the bus driver commented on how well behaved and polite the children were. (Obviously this only applied on the outward journey; on the return journey I think most of the children, and possibly some of the adults, were fast asleep!) Everyone seems to have had a really good time. Thank you to Miss Stirk, Miss Holloway and Mrs Gedye for giving up their time to make this happen for the children. There are lots of pictures on the Sharks blog on the website.

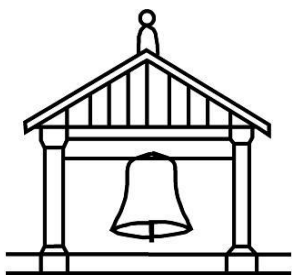
Life Education Van

Hopefully your child will have come home this week to tell you about their time in the Life Education van. The sessions are a really great way of delivering parts of the PHSE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum and the children really enjoy them too. Yet again, our children were complimented on their behaviour, knowledge and on the interesting and sensible questions they asked. As these people work with children all over Dorset, this means a lot. Sadly though the sessions are not free. Although the PTA have very kindly offered to cover half of the total cost of £335, we do need to ask for parental contributions for the other half. A letter should be coming home tonight.

The Great Outdoors

As you will see from looking around school, our teaching assistant, Mrs Sutherland has been busy wielding her paint brush over the holidays. Doesn't it look great? She's asked if you could scour your sheds for any scraps of wood stain you might have lurking in a corner as she needs some to finish the last few jobs she has left. All donations gratefully received. Some parents also suggested a garden working party from 2.15pm to 3.15pm on Friday afternoon. If anyone is free next Friday, I know Sandra would be able to find you useful things to do. Please let the office know if you'd like to come and help.





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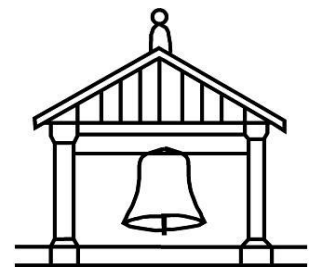
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Fund raising

Just to let you know that although Sainsbury's vouchers are no longer being given out in store, if you find any lying around, we can accept them until the 30th June. Also, Tesco have been in contact - they are counting the votes from Bags for Help and will let us know! Fingers crossed!

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the Fashion Show on 19th May. It should be great fun (though I am obviously a little anxious). They are still available to purchase from the school office. The PTA have also asked me to let you know that they have booked another Murder Mystery for the 30th September. The last one was brilliant so save the date in your diaries now!

SATs next week

I know you will want to join me in wishing all of our year 6s the very best of luck in their SATs tests next week. Every one of them has worked fantastically hard and have made great, great progress. Mrs Smith is going to be making them breakfast next week to feed their brains with all the energy they need and the rest of the school will be making sure we give them the quiet they need to show those examiners exactly what they can do! (And yes you can read that sentence in two different ways).

Attendance this week

Seahorses leading the way with all of the older children setting a great example! Well done.

Class	This Week	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	95.45% RI	97.41% Outstanding ☺	95.93% RI (but creeping up again)
Dolphins	95.98% RI		
Seahorses ☺	100% Outstanding		
Sharks ☺	98.21% Very Good		
Porpoises ☺	97.41% Outstanding		



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And finally...

See you all on Sunday at the Durweston Country Fayre!

So far, the forecast's looking good. Children need to be in school at 11.45am in their school uniforms please. We will bring them down onto the field for the dancing. You can take them from there when we have finished, so please don't leave anything you need in the classrooms.

I know the PTA have been working non-stop to make this another great event. Christmas was great, will this be even better? Please come along and find out!

Nicola Brooke
Acting Head teacher

PS, Miss Stirk has just put in a request for Pringles tubes and small cuboid cardboard boxes. If you have any at home, Sharks would like them for a DT project. Thank you!

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Sunday 7th May, 12pm - 4pm

Monday 8th - 11th May

Friday 12th May

Friday 19th May

Friday 19th May, 7.00 pm

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June

Friday 21 July

Durweston Country Fayre

KS2 SATs

Sailing for Porpoise class

Safewise trip for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

Travelling Trends Fashion Show (Village Hall)

PGL Barton Hall residential (Year 6 only)

HALF TERM

STAFF TRAINING DAY

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

END OF TERM

