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20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



What a great start to the summer term! The sun has shone and the children have already been out on the field at lunchtime. Long may it last!

Many children are already bringing in hats to wear at lunchtime. Please do make sure that all clothing brought in to school is named – we've done really well at keeping lost property to a minimum this year. During this term, some children also keep a lightweight anorak in school just in case of showers during the day. If not, just keep an eye on the forecast and make sure your child has a coat in school on days it might rain.

### New term, new topic!

You will be receiving a letter from your child's class teacher over the next few days letting you know about this term's learning. The focus for this term is Science and DT so hopefully lots of practical stuff going on. We don't set homework projects this term – but do keep up the reading! (Some teachers may be setting special reading challenges.....)

### Fabulous fundraising

A huge thank you to Macy, Luc, George, Anya, Lila and Lacey May who raised an amazing £82 with their cake sale and which they are giving to the school. The staff and governors are going to have a go at beating them next Friday though we will be raising money for Mrs Hoey and the air ambulance.





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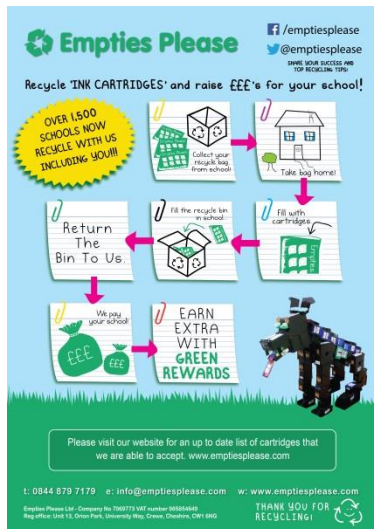
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## Bring us your ink and toner cartridges!

You might have noticed the boxes in the entrance. We can earn money for school by recycling branded and toner cartridges. Please ask your friends, family and work colleagues to contribute and help us save the planet as well as helping the school. A list of acceptable brands can be found here: [www.emptysplease.com](http://www.emptysplease.com)

## Attendance

Amazingly, there were 41 children who managed to avoid all of the various bugs that were going round last half term and were in school every single day. A fantastic well done to:

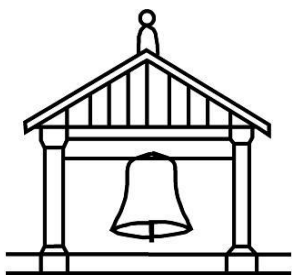
Ruby Allaway, Dallan and Kailen Bartlett, Fyn Bennett-Seeger, Lalage Blanco, Maddy Broadhurst, Neve Cassidy, Jacob Corrie, Jenson Craddock, Fergus Crook, Ella Dawson, Luke de Silva, Ella Dickson, George Gostick, Henry Gould, Austin Green, Kyle Grover, Heath Harper, Dylan Hawkins, Lennan Hopcroft, Elliza and Izzy Legg, Leon Long, Jamie Lucas, Imogen Murrell, Austin and Winston Nicholson, Dillon Nolan, Charlie Pullen, Henry Rastall, Anya Riley, Arthur Robbins, Ciara and Tommy Smyth, Theo Tetley, Lacey Mya Thomson, Theo Walton-Evans, Luke Warren, William Weir, Ellierose and Faith Whittaker.

Especially well done to Arthur Robbins and Imogen Murrell who aren't even 5 yet!

I am sorry that I have to keep talking about attendance, but it is one of the things that OFSTED have asked us to improve. As requested by the authority, I will be sending letters out next week to children whose attendance this year is currently less than 95%. I know that often this is due to illness but it might surprise you how quickly the odd day here and there add up. Whole school attendance last half term was a fairly awful 92.3%.

Obviously I'm hoping for an extremely healthy summer term with everyone in every day. If you're not sure if your child is well enough for school, remember we can always ring you during the day. Often if you can get them into school, they do perk up once they are into the swing of things. If not, we will get in touch.





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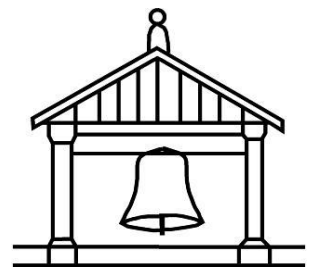
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This week's numbers....

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96%+)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (needs to be more than 96%)
Starfish	100% 😊😊	98.53% 😊	95.41%
Dolphins	95.71%		
Seahorses	99% 😊		
Sharks	98.52% 😊		
Porpoises	99.68% 😊		

## St George's Day

Monday is St George's day. If your child is a brownie, beaver, rainbow etc they are allowed to wear their uniform to school. If they belong to a local football or other sports team they can also wear their kit. Please no premier league football kits! Alternatively they can add some red to their normal school uniform.

## Country Fayre

The Country Fayre is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Chris Newton (Freya in Dolphins mum) is looking for good condition soft toys and cardboard boxes (suitable for prize in a box). If you are able to donate any please bring them to the school office. She also needs man power! If anyone can spare an hour on the day please contact her on 07988 791260.



Have a lovely weekend! Let's hope the sun carries on shining!

Nicola Brooke  
Headteacher





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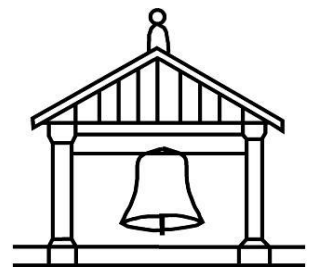
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## Dates for Your Diary

*New dates added in bold*

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30pm**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30pm**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

## **CLUBS START THIS WEEK**

**PTA Meeting at The White Horse, Stourpaine**

**Starfish swimming lessons start, Blandford Leisure Centre**

**Cake Sale to raise money for Dorset Air**

**Ambulance/Mrs Hoey**

**Year 6 parents information evening for SATs and PGL**

**Life Education van**

**Mufti Day for Country Fayre**

**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**

**Country Fayre**

**Year 6 SATs week**

**Year 6 PGL residential**

**Sally Wilson (Head teacher The Blandford School) talk to Year 6 parents**

## **HALF TERM**

## **CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**Year 1 Phonics screening week**

**Sports Day**

**Summer Welly Walk**

**Year 4 Leeson House residential**

**Last week for clubs**

**Sports day (wet weather alternative date)**

**Transfer Day**

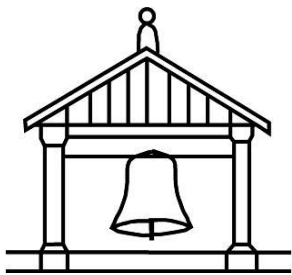
**Celebration of Music evening**

**END OF TERM**

**STAFF TRAINING DAY**







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**For all parents and carers of children and young people  
(pre-school upwards) with an additional need or disability**

**Dorset Parent-Carer Council**



Making Positive Change for Children and Young People with Disabilities

## BIG INFORMATION EVENT 2018 INVITATION

**New date:  
MONDAY  
23rd APRIL !!  
10am till 2pm**

Over 50 stallholders  
Drop in  
No need to book

**Kingston Maurward  
College  
Dorchester  
DT2 8PX**

**Everything FREE —even the parking.**

**Come along and find out what's out there to help you and your child.**

Looking for  
Short Breaks?

Meet & talk to  
organisations,  
hear their  
news and ask  
questions

Find out  
about  
local  
activities

Have your  
say! Come  
and tell what  
is working well  
locally and what  
you would like to see  
change!

**Now in its  
9th year!**

**The biggest and  
best FREE  
information event  
for parent/carers  
in Dorset**

Learn about the  
special educational  
need and disability  
reforms

Relax &  
enjoy a  
free coffee  
and  
biscuits

...or chat to  
us and other  
parents

Young child and  
worried? Come  
and chat to the  
**Early Years** team.

**Invited organisations include:**

- Local Short Break providers
- Special Educational Needs Team
- Early Years
- Dorset Local Offer Team
- Educational Establishments
- Portage
- School nursing
- Educational Psychology
- Speech & language Team's
- Children's Therapy Team's
- Family Information service
- Behaviour Outreach Service
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS)
- Social care Teams
- Local Support Groups
- Children Centres
- The Xchange

Professionals and organisations welcome too



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