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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



A glorious day for Dolphins and Porpoises to get back into the forest yesterday and lovely to hear how much they all enjoyed it! Apparently, they came back reeking of garlic



You're never too old to enjoy making a mud pie!

Life Ed Van

Everyone's been to the Life Ed van this week and lots of teachers have come back saying how good the sessions were. It's always amazing how much the children remember from the previous year.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the cost and to the PTA for making up the difference.





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Swimming for Durweston



A very impressive performance from our year 4s (and a year 3) at the North Dorset Swimming gala at Clayesmore on Tuesday. Some fantastic performances and very stylish swimming from them all. Phoebe did best, coming second in breaststroke and third in the freestyle, but everyone swam their hearts out and were a pleasure to spend the morning with. Thanks to Suzi Legg for taking us there in the minibus.

Up and running!

We've started the Daily Mile and have been overwhelmed by the children's enthusiasm! All the older classes are going to try and get out every day. Great training for Sports Day!

Let them eat cake!

Another awesome cake sale last Friday. £130 raised for Mrs Hoey's family and the Dorset air ambulance. Thank you!

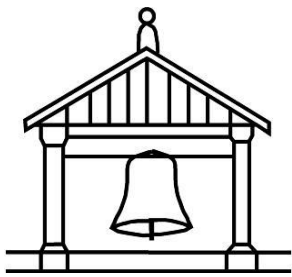
Road works

We have been told that the A357 is going to be closed for road works from 8th May until 17th May. The road is only being closed at night on weekdays from 7pm until 6am so hopefully it won't be too disruptive for us.

Meet your local MP

Simon Hoare is coming to school next week. Our new governor, Bronwen Jones, has invited him to come and talk about school budgets. He's arriving at 2pm for a look around the school, and he's then going to talk with Porpoises and then with the governors, but from 3.15pm, we're hoping he will be available to chat to parents.





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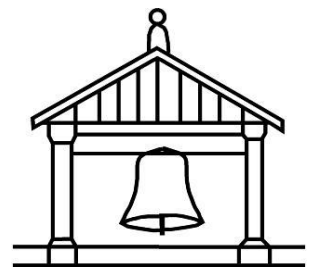
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And finally, you are cordially invited...

... to my Commissioning Service. It seems I have to have one as a new head of a church school. It would be lovely if some of you could be there (and I believe Belinda is planning tea and cake afterwards) 2.30pm May 25th in the church.

Attendance

Fantastic figures, but remember you don't have to come to school on Monday!

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96%+)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (needs to be more than 96%)
Starfish	96.50% ☺	97.15% ☺	95.56%
Dolphins	96.90% ☺		
Seahorses	100% ☺ ☺		
Sharks	95.93%		
Porpoises	96.13% ☺		

It's been a lovely week in school. When I walked around on Tuesday afternoon, some children were singing with Mrs Ford; Starfish were out at the Life Ed Van; Dolphins were planting sunflower seeds; Seahorses were drawing skeletons using chalk on black paper; Sharks were either investigating sound waves using skipping ropes or sawing wood to make their greenhouses and Porpoises were out doing the Daily Mile. Broad and balanced curriculum or what!

Enjoy the (long) weekend

Nicola Brooke
Headteacher





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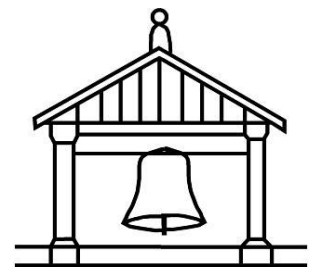
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Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Monday 7th May

Tuesday 8th May, 9.15am

Thursday 10th May

Sunday 13th May

Monday 14th May

Thursday 17th May

Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd May

Thursday 24th May, 3.30pm

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Year 1 Phonics information meeting

Forest School sessions for Seahorses and Sharks

Country Fayre

Year 6 SATs week

Forest School session for Handy Paws and Starfish

Year 6 PGL residential

Sally Wilson (Head teacher The Blandford School) talk to Year 4,5,6 parents (*this has been opened for parents in Years 4 and 5*)

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

HALF TERM

Monday 4th June

Monday 11th June

Saturday 16th June

Wednesday 20th June

Thursday 21st June

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June

Monday 2nd July

Wednesday 4th July

Monday 2nd July, 6pm

Monday 9th July

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Thursday 12th July

Tuesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th July

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Year 1 Phonics screening week

Durweston and Bryanston Church fete

Sports Day

Summer Welly Walk

Year 4 Leeson House residential

Last week for clubs

Sports day (wet weather alternative date)

Dolphins new parent information evening

Transfer Day

Parent information evening for September 2018 new

Starfish class

Celebration of Music evening

END OF TERM

STAFF TRAINING DAY

