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Dear Parents,



The weather has smiled on us when we have needed it this week. After the spectacular hail and rain on Monday, Pancake Day dawned bright and clear, meaning that we could Shrove in sunshine. Many thanks to you all for making sure that every child in school had flowers and thanks too to the parents who came to help. This year, Dolphins talked to villagers who remembered Shroving themselves 50 years ago, Seahorses impressed Knighton House with their singing and Porpoises once again met the man who has the walking stick of Valentine Rickman, the man whose bequest to the school requires us to Shrove each year. This year, as well as leaving flowers on every doorstep and on the grave of Valentine Rickman, we also left flowers on Mr Paulley's grave, a staunch Shroving supporter, who was much missed this year.





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More flippin' pancakes..

Tuesday afternoon saw the great pancake flip take place in the hall. Enormous thanks must go to Charlie Spiller, mum of Alfie in Starfish and PTA chair, who scoured supermarkets as far away as Poole and Dorchester on Monday in search of pancakes to flip, only to find that all the cupboards (well shelves) were bare. Charlie spent the next *6 and a half hours* making 150 pancakes for the children to flip on Tuesday. A supreme effort for which we are extremely grateful. Great flipping fun was had by all; the champions in each class were:

Class	Champion	Flips
Starfish	William B	19
Dolphins	Brynley	39
Seahorses	Mae	43
Sharks	Brynmor	51
Porpoises	Joe	47

Congratulations to everyone who took part and thanks to everyone who helped to make this happen. Please return sponsor money and forms to the office as soon as possible.





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Sporting Heroes

The sun shone again on Thursday when our netball and football teams played matches against Milldown. Things were looking grim for the netball team right up until the last quarter when Amelie saved the day with 3 fantastic goals that drew us level. Of course, this wouldn't have happened without the support of an outstanding team. Over on the football pitch, our footballers were giving a text book display of teamwork which took them quickly to a 6-0 lead. At this point, our coach asked the boys to stop trying to score goals but instead to concentrate on passing accurately under pressure. A controversial decision, but the quality of our football improved immeasurably and the boys' passing was sublime. Well done to you all and thank you for being such considerate sports people.

We're in Tesco!

Hopefully lots of you will have already spotted that since March 1st, Durweston has been in Tescos! Our application to their Bags of Help Grant Scheme was successful and our Forest Schools project has been put forward to customer vote in Tesco stores during March and April. We're not just in Blandford - we're also in all of these stores ...

BROADSTONE POOLE EXP BH18 8BP
BLANDFORD FORUM DT11 9PU
POOLE EXTRA BH12 4NX
POOLE EXTRA BH12 4NX
POOLE FLEETS CNR EXT BH17 7EJ
POOLE 4 BRANKSOME BH12 1AU
POOLE FERNSIDE RD EXP BH15 2EW
LILLIPUT POOLE EXP BH14 8HA
SHAFTESBURY SP7 8PF
LYTCHETT POOLE EXP BH16 6BQ
PARKSTONE POOLE EXP BH12 4HU
BOURNMTH RD POOLE EXP BH14 9HR
POOLE QUAY EXP BH15 1LF
WESTBOURNE POOLE EXP BH4 9DW
SANDBANKS EXPRESS BH13 7PW
POOLE WALSDWN RD EXP BH12 5BU
POOLE RINGWOOD RD EXP BH12 3LY

...so please do tell anyone and everyone you know. (Also, apparently if you mention to the cashier that you're connected to the school, they sometimes give you two tokens....)

We should also be in the Bournemouth Echo on Saturday. I sent in photos from our Book Week to feature in the World Book Day special they are producing and they've promised to put them in.





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Comic Relief 24th March 2017

School Council have suggested that the children could pay £1 to have their faces painted for Comic Relief. Amelie and Isaac wrote:

We are in need of some volunteers to come in and paint some of the children's faces for Red Nose Day. It would be appreciated if you would be able to come in and do this,

Yours sincerely

Amelie (Head Girl), Isaac (Head Boy).

Is there anyone who might be able to help?

Calling all 3 year olds?

Do you know anyone with a 3 year old looking for a pre-school? Could we ask that you tell them about how brilliant our pre-school Handy Paws is? Handy Paws has been graded Outstanding in every OFSTED inspection we've ever had. Anyone who knows doesn't need telling how brilliant Lyndsay and Helen are, but we need to get the word out on the street. Our pre-school 'at the bottom of the garden' offers unrivalled care in a child-sized setting where each child gets the attention they deserve. Drop in and have a look if you or someone you know might be interested. And if you know someone who's going elsewhere, could you let us know why? All comments would be much appreciated.

Jam jars

If you have some at home, Claire Briggs needs jam jars for a charity event she's running. Drop them in at the office and we'll pass them on.

Attendance this week

Class	This Week	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	92.05 Very Poor	94.62% Very poor	96.33% Good
Dolphins	93.3 Very Poor		
Seahorses	95.11 Poor		
Sharks	93.75 Very poor		
Porpoises	98.28 Outstanding!		

Oh dear. But well done Porpoises. Quite a lot of illness this week. Please do remember to ring us to let us know why your child isn't in school so that we can record the reasons in our registers. We are usually very understanding, honest.





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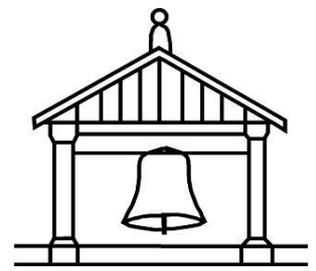
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Let us know if you're finding getting to school difficult as we might be able to help. We are trying to be prompter about shutting the doors at 9.10am. After this time, you need to come in through the office and sign your child in. Do remember though, that getting to school after 9.30am always counts as an unauthorised absence.

That's it for another week. I am now the proud possessor of a bright orange plaster cast which sadly I have to keep for another 4 weeks. Spare a thought for my husband who is having to drive me into school every day...

Have a great weekend.

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Monday 6 th March & Tuesday 7 th March	Parents meetings - Starfish, Seahorses, Porpoises
Tuesday 7 th & Thursday 9 th March	Parents meetings - Dolphins & Sharks
Wednesday 15th March	Last week for French and Spanish clubs
Monday 20th March	Last week for clubs
Thursday 23 rd March	Spring welly walk
Friday 24th March	Comic Relief
Friday 31 st March, 9am	Open morning
Friday 31 st March, 3.30pm	Craft Sale to raise money for Syrian refugees
Wednesday 5th April, 3.30pm	PTA Film night
Thursday 6th April	PTA Bingo evening
Thursday 6 th April, 11am	Easter Communion service
Thursday 6 th April, 1pm	END OF TERM
Friday 7 th April	TRAINING DAY

