



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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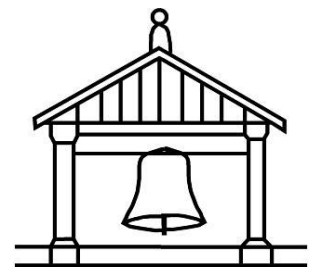
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Dear Parents,

## Book Week



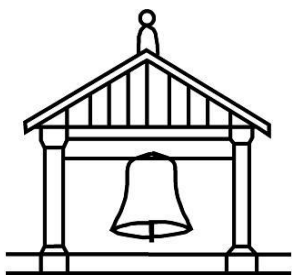
A huge thank to everyone who has supported our Book Week events this week. All the children seem to have really enjoyed their trips to the library; trips which couldn't have taken place without adult helpers. The puppet performance on Tuesday was magical (one child asked when they could see it again) and this wouldn't have happened without the PTA and all of you who contribute to that so generously. Thank you too, to those of you who have put a £1 in the pot at reception to help pay for this. Books at Bedtime was brilliant, despite the gruesome weather, and an enormous amount of money has been spent at the book fair, which means we will be able to buy lots of new books for the school library. There has also been a fantastic response to the book swap with lots of variety for the children to choose from after school today. Let's hope that all our children go home this Friday with a renewed love of books and a greater zest for reading.

## Staying safe Online

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day (<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2017>). Teaching children how to keep safe on-line is something we all have to take seriously nowadays. Dorset Safe Schools and Community team produce a termly newsletter for parents that you can find on our website (go to Parents, then Safety, and then scroll down to find the E-safety newsletter). It has links to lots useful websites. In school, Mrs Saint, our e-safety champion will be running sessions for Porpoises, Sharks, Seahorses and Dolphins on Thursday with Mrs Uden talking to Starfish. Maybe on Thursday you could ask your child/ren what they have learned.

(Whilst you're on the website, you could also take a look at the video of the children singing. I've finally managed to get it posted, after some technical assistance from my husband...)





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## School Council

Our School Council usually meet every Thursday during assembly time. The councillors bring with them ideas or issues that have been raised in their Class Councils and we discuss the things we can change and, sadly, the things that we can't. Unfortunately, a swing on the top playground is not really possible - sorry Dolphins - and neither is getting a bigger playground (if only...) but there are other things we can do. For example

- Stilts, skipping ropes, balls and chalk - we can use some of our PE funding to provide these as they lead to more active playtimes
- Wax crayons and sponges for Art Golden Time - already in school and can easily be made available
- More books in the library - well the Book Fair proceeds will be able to contribute to that
- Art day - we are organising and Art's *Week* for summer
- Easter Egg hunt - brilliant idea, let's do it
- Interhouse Netball competition - Ms Stirk is on the case
- Coin trail - another great fund raising idea
- Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday - the PTA are already organising another sponsored Pancake Flip
- Water fights in summer - in summer, on a nice day, maybe.....

As you can see, all suggestions are taken seriously and we try to say yes as often as we can. If your child has any ideas as to how we can make Durweston an even more brilliant place to be, get them to tell their school councillor. You never know....

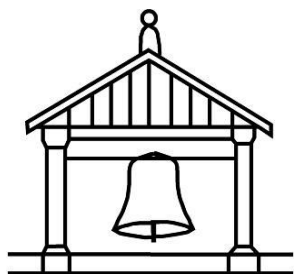
## Ello, ello, ello!

We were lucky enough to be visited by our new Police Community Support Officer on Tuesday. Lyn Parr (PCSO 5220) is hoping to come in regularly at lunchtimes to chat to the children. She is also going to bring her car in (one day when it's not needed elsewhere!) and some uniforms for the children to try on.

## Looking ahead

The PTA have already started thinking about the May Fayre and a date has been set for May 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who might be interested in taking part in a staff and parents netball match or perhaps even having a go at some Maypole dancing just need to let the office know.....





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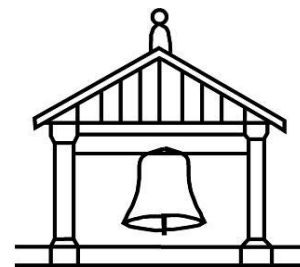
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## Attendance

Class	Attendance this week	Whole School this week	Whole school since September
Starfish	93.86%	95.26%	96.38% (Satisfactory)
Dolphins	96.79%		
Seahorses	97.39%		
Sharks	92.86%		
Porpoises	95.56%		

Oh dear, the sickness bug strikes again. Well done Dolphins and Seahorses.

And so just one week to half term. The children have been brilliantly behaved this week; Mrs Cresswell was particularly impressed with how lovely Starfish were on their trip to the library, but there were lots of tired faces after Books at Bedtime. Try to have a restful weekend if you can.

Nicola Brooke

PS The starlings at Studland are well worth a trip and apparently will be there until March.

## Dates for Your Diary

### ***New dates added in bold***

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9.15am

Parent Forum meeting followed by celebration assembly in the school hall. All welcome to come and join the assembly.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

HALF TERM

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Children return to school

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am

Shroving in the village - more information to follow!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Parents meetings

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Spring welly walk

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 9am

Open morning

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 3.30pm**

**Craft Sale to raise money for Syrian refugees**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Communion service

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

END OF TERM

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

TRAINING DAY

