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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



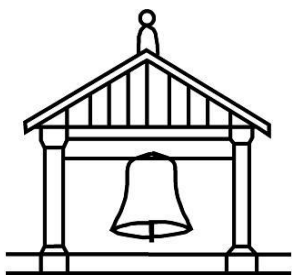
What an amazing walk we had last Friday! Squeezed in between days of rain, we enjoyed a glorious afternoon of wind and sun and a brief rain shower that resulted in an amazing rainbow. It really did blow the cobwebs away. Moving the walk to the afternoon seemed to please everybody and it made a great end to the week. Thanks as ever to all the parents who accompanied us.



### Football crazy!

Many thanks to Rosie Plomer who stepped up to the mark on Wednesday when Sam didn't realise he was supposed to be doing football club. Having sat on the side lines for years watching all her boys, Rosie had no problems in coming up with some activities to keep the children engaged, for which we are truly grateful. Thanks too to Mrs Hopcroft for being her able assistant.





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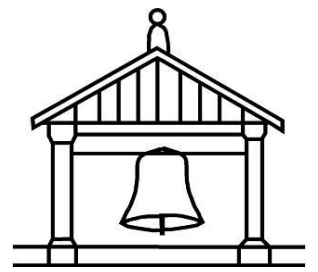
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## Ms Stirk

Many of you might have noticed Ms Stirk's absence from school this week. Sadly she has managed to break her ankle rather nastily which means she won't be back in school for the next few weeks. Mrs Kirwin and I are going to cover until we hear some more news.

## Poetry Week

An enormous well done to all the children who have learnt poems this week. We are proud of them, even if they didn't make it through to today's final. We had a great afternoon listening to the individual and class contributions and it was a hard job for the judges to decide but in the end the winners were:



Dolphins – Eliza Hinks



Porpoises – Winston Nicholson



Seahorses – Luc Didier



Sharks – Dillon Nolan







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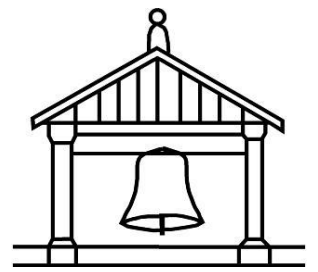
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Class winner – Porpoise class

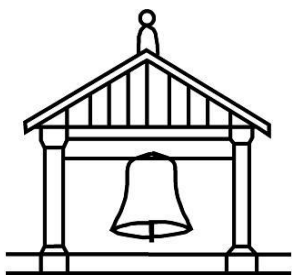


The Rowan Award – Starfish class



Well done to all the finalists and to Tommy Smyth for receiving a Special Commendation.





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## Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	95.88%	96.69%	97.45% 😊
Dolphins	97.50% 😊		
Seahorses	91.43%		
Sharks	98.33% 😊		
Porpoises	99.67% 😊 😊		

## Not going to London

Many primary and secondary head teachers will be in London today, protesting at the lack of funding for education. On the radio this morning, it was suggested that the government are spending more money on education than ever. All I know is that our budget has remained the same for 9 years. In that time, aside from covering normal inflation and wage rises, we have also had to fund increased national insurance contributions and many services, such as the Educational Psychologist and Behaviour Services, that the authority used to provide schools for free are now 'traded' services that we have to buy into. Mrs Saint is going on a Safeguarding course today that used to be 2 days but is being squeezed into 1 day as it is no longer funded. I have never known there to be so little money to spend and without the efforts of the PTA and the generous contributions that so many of you make to their events and the money that teachers spend on resources for their classes, we would be in an even worse state than we are. Things just aren't adding up.

And finally...

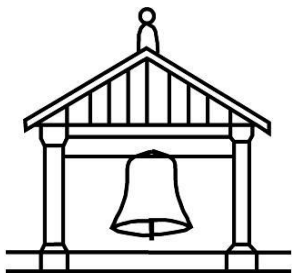
Is this my shortest ever newsletter? I think so! We're preparing for Harvest for the next two weeks, with only a small tag-rugby festival for some of year 5 and 6 on Friday. Look out for Austin and Millie's smoothie sale with something for adults and children on Friday morning AND after school - these look delicious!



Orienteering on Sunday at Studland if you're free – details [here](#). If not, I'll see you all on Monday. Have a lovely weekend

Nicola Brooke





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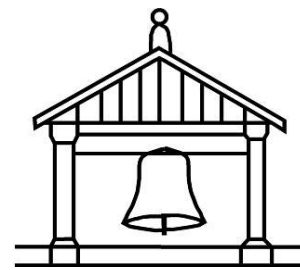
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## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm – 5pm

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30pm – 6pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 8am

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30pm

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Harvest Festival at the St Nicholas Church

PTA Race Night, Durweston Village Hall

PTA Disco – times to be confirmed

### **HALF TERM**

Children return to school

Deadline for Middle and Secondary school places  
(September 2019 – Year 6 parents)

Parent's Evening

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Individual school photos

Children in Need

PTA Christmas Shopping evening at the Village Hall

Mufti Day for the Christmas Fair

Open Afternoon

PTA Christmas Fayre

Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas Activity morning

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

### **END OF TERM**

Proudly Sponsored By 

 **Durweston PTA**  
**RACE NIGHT**  
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**FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2018**

**AT DURWESTON VILLAGE HALL**  
DOORS 7PM – FIRST RACE 7:30PM

 **TICKETS £5**  
including a light support

-  CASH BAR
-  CASH PRIZES
-  ALL PROFITS TO DURWESTON CE VE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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