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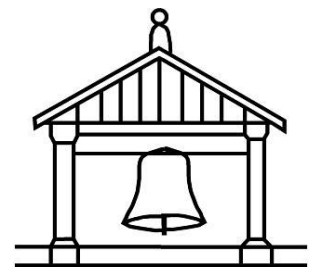
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Dear Parents,

Red Nose Day!!!! The PTA have been overwhelmed with your generosity once again. An enormous variety of different raffle prizes were brought in this morning, which have already been wrapped ready for the Fair on the 7th May. Thank you all so much. If anyone forgot, or has anything more they would like to donate, please drop it in at the office.

Don't forget the cake sale this afternoon. Amaya, Eva and Macey have been busy baking yummy things for you to buy.

Welly walking in the wet!



Less intrepid children might have been thwarted by the weather on Thursday but not ours! Led by the indomitable Mrs Santer, the children strode out bravely despite the thickening rain. It was all worthwhile - Mr Hosford was waiting to show the older children the new born calves at Shepherd's Corner. One very brave bull calf seemed quite keen to join us! Thank you to everyone who made sure their children had wellies and waterproofs, and to our cleaner, Mrs Smith, who hasn't mentioned the mud at all!

Please could any inhalers that mistakenly went home after the Welly Walk please be returned to school.

Organising all of these events and outings and Welly Walks is quite a headache for the office but we do like to try and make the most of opportunities that are offered to the children. Please be patient with us if mistakes are made (actually it was me who sent out the wrong letters last week☺).



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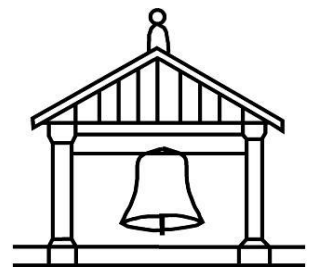
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Sporting Frenzy

There seems to be an enormous number of sporting events going on at the moment.

Commiserations to our football team who lost 2-0 to Spetisbury on Monday. They really didn't deserve to lose - we had lots of shots on goal; sadly none of them quite went in. A great match to watch though.

Thanks to the parents who came to play Tag Rugby on Tuesday. We had great fun and it clearly worked, as we won against Downlands on Wednesday! We're training again next Tuesday if you'd like to join in - 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Our year 3 and 4 netballers will be out at a festival on Monday - let's hope the weather is kinder to them than it was to the year 3 and 4 footballers whose festival last Monday was cancelled because of the rain ☹.

Open Morning

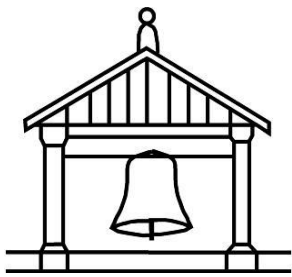
I'm really looking forward to seeing what everyone has been getting up to this term. Please make sure your child's home learning is in school on Thursday 30th March; the teachers need time to get things organised for the great display of work on Friday morning. We've been advertising around Blandford so are really hoping that some of our neighbours will come in too. School will be open from 9am. Please feel free to have a look at all the work on display in all of the classrooms; and please also take a trip down to Handy Paws to see what they are getting up to. Teas and coffees will be available in the hall. At 9.30, there is a **Parents Forum meeting** - please do stay and give your opinions, ideas and suggestions.

Film Night!

Our lovely PTA are putting on a film night on Wednesday 5th April straight after school at 3.30 pm. Tickets will be on sale before school in the library on Wed 29th to Fri 31st March next week. Tickets are a bargain price of £2.50 which includes a slice of pizza, a drink and popcorn. Pick up time 5.30 pm please. Apparently, owing to some weird bit of legislation, we are not allowed to tell you what the film is going to be.

Please note, there will be no after school club that day.





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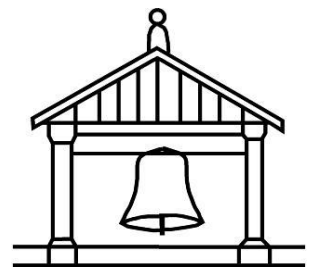
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Two weeks to go!

Hard to believe but Easter is nearly upon us.

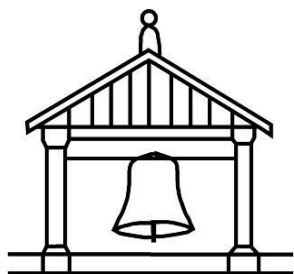
Time for an Easter Egg Eggshibition I think! These have been amazing over the years with some quite eggstraordinary eggssamples of creative thinking. All you need is to hard boil an egg and then decorate in any way you'd like. Children and adults may enter. Please bring your finished work of art into school anytime during the next two weeks and we'll make a display in the library. Eggscellent eggssamples may well receive a small prize.



Eggssamples!

Fundraising Fashion Show

Delia Nicholson (Austin, Winston and Cooper's Mum) is organising a fundraising Fashion Show in the Village Hall on Friday 19th May. Come and enjoy a catwalk show (featuring some models that some of you may recognise!), followed by the chance to try on, buy and take home clothes on the night. Apparently the clothes are by well-known labels but at bargain prices. Tickets cost £10 which includes 'bubbly and nibbles'. Best of all, all of the ticket money will be donated to the school plus 10% of whatever is sold on the day! So come along, have fun and make money for the school! Tickets on sale from the school office.



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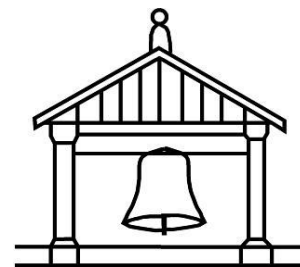
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Attendance for 20/3 to 24/3/2107

Catastrophic. We have talked in assembly about the importance of handwashing. Please reinforce at home and let's hope for a really, really healthy summer!

Attendance this week

Class	This Week	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	76.36% Aaggh!	87.4%	95.85% Requires improvement
Dolphins	85% Oooh!		
Seahorses	92.17% Uggh!		
Sharks ☺	94.64% Umm...		
Porpoises	88.97% Oh no!		

Think that's all for this week. I've been closely monitoring the tokens in Tescos - we seem to be doing well in Blandford but things aren't so great in Poole ☹. Would it be wrong to send my children to Fleetsbridge to encourage shoppers to put their token in the right slot? Or to mention that if you go through the self-service aisle, they often leave a pot of tokens that you can help yourself to.....

Have a lovely weekend everyone

Nicola Brooke

Acting Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Friday 31st March, 9am

Friday 31st March, 9.30- 10am

Friday 31st March, 3.30pm

Wednesday 5th April, 3.30pm

Thursday 6th April

Thursday 6th April, 11am

Open morning

Parent Forum meeting

Craft Sale to raise money for Syrian refugees

PTA Film night

PTA Bingo evening

Easter Communion service





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Thursday 6th April, 1pm

Friday 7th April

Monday 24th April

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th April

Monday 1st May

Sunday 7th May, 12pm - 4pm

Monday 8th - 11th May

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th May

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

Monday 5th June

Tuesday 6th June

Friday 21 July

END OF TERM

TRAINING DAY

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Leeson House residential (Year 4 only)

May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Durweston Country Fayre

KS2 SATs

PGL Barton Hall residential (Year 6 only)

HALF TERM

STAFF TRAINING DAY

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

END OF TERM

