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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



You came, you saw, you spent you! Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair in whatever way. It was a truly lovely afternoon with lots of things for the children to do and lots of nice things for parents too. I will let you know how much was raised as soon as the money has all been counted.



More fundraising – please?

easyfundraising is a website where you can help us raise funds simply by doing your online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you'. It's completely free.

All you have to do is to visit the website

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/durwestoncevprimaryschool/> before you go shopping, search for a retailer and click the Go Shopping button to shop as normal. You can also use the

easyfundraising App on your mobile phone, iPad or tablet or you can download the **Donation Reminder** on a laptop or PC so you will never forget to collect a **FREE** donation. Apparently The Swanage School raised over £2000!





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Starfish Assembly



Even though many of them are still only 4 years old, Starfish did a brilliant job last Thursday morning sharing all that they have learned so far this year. Lots of confident speaking and singing so a huge well done to them all.

Open Afternoon



Was also rather lovely! Thank you to all of you who take the time to speak to the children whose parents couldn't make it. It is lovely that no child is left out.





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The Pipers



Fabulous again! With enormous thanks to the Clayesmore Pipe Band for helping us to mark St Andrew's Day once again.

Water, water everywhere and something hot to drink





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We've made it back into the forest, and despite the weather, the children seem to have been having a great time! We really didn't expect Starfish to stay out long on Wednesday, but they loved the rain and stayed all afternoon. Clearly made of strong stuff! Dolphins and Porpoises have visits arranged for later in the term, and Sharks are off on Wednesday. The forecast at the moment says light cloud...

Sumdog

A note from Ms Johnstone

Seahorses, Sharks and Porpoises are entered in a regional contest on Sumdog (www.sumdog.com) this week. All the children have to do is log in between 8am on 7th December and 8pm on 13th December and answer questions as usual. Their first 1000 questions will count towards the contest - it is how many you get correct out of the 1000 and you have all week to do it. We will provide some time in school to participate but it would be great if they could have some time to play at home as well. Miss Johnstone will be in her classroom on Monday and Thursday lunchtimes for people to come in and use the school computers also. Good Luck everyone!

Attendance

I have to include last week's just to say well done to Sharks who had 100% attendance. Haven't seen that for a while!

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	97.63% 😊	97.12 % 😊	96.58% 😊
Dolphins	97.04 % 😊		
Seahorses	97.24 % 😊		
Sharks	100 % 😊 😊		
Porpoises	93.79 %		





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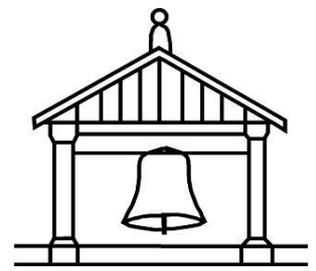
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And this week's....

Look, 100% again! A big well done to Dolphins this week!

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	91.76%	95.61 %	96.50% 😊
Dolphins	100% 😊 😊		
Seahorses	93.45%		
Sharks	95.33%		
Porpoises	96.21% 😊		

Durweston Carol Service on Sunday at 6pm in St Nicholas' Church – some of our children will be singing.

New governor

I am delighted to announce that we have a new parent governor. James Gatward, dad of Arthur in Starfish, has volunteered to come and be on the Governing Body. We are extremely grateful to him for giving up his time to fulfil this important role and very much look forward to working with him. When I manage to get all of the governors in the same room at the same time, I will take a photo of them so that you can find out who's who!

Next week...

Tis the Yuletide Festival on Wednesday. Be lovely if some of you could come and represent our school in the parade. I shall be there but don't leave me to be entirely responsible for keeping all of the children safe amongst the crowds and in the dark – they need to be under the care and supervision of a parent or other named adult please! And don't forget your lanterns!

Meeting point organisation

- Drop off point will be Co-op car park in Langton Road from 5.30pm for children
- Schools will gather in small car park by hairdressers as last year
- Parents will need to drop off in the large bit of the car park and walk across to the smaller bit.

Access to the mustering area will be blocked for cars from 5.00pm.

Oh, and I suppose you *can* wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday 14th if you *really* want to, but please don't feel you have to..... 😊

Full of Christmas cheer, as always! Enjoy the weekend.

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Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 9th December, 6pm

Wednesday 12th December, 5pm – 9pm

Tuesday 18th December

Tuesday 18th December, 2pm

Wednesday 19th December

Wednesday 19th December, 6pm

Friday 21st December, 1pm

Monday 7th January, 8.50am

Durweston Carol Service, St Nicholas Church

Blandford Yuletide festival

Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas activity morning

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Local Food Links Christmas lunch for all children

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

END OF TERM

Children return to school

