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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents



I hope your children came home buzzing on Thursday night. I think we were all stunned by our opera day. The children were enchanted and several members of staff discovered that they actually liked opera. It was a truly amazing day, not least because our children showed once again what accomplished singers they are.







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The day was so successful, that the director of Dorset Opera made our families a very special offer. If you would like to go to the gala performance is on the 26th July at 7pm, tickets for Durweston families will be £10 per adult and children will be free! This is a limited offer and it might sell out. Please email Cdc@dorsetopera.com or phone 07887538468. We were also offered the chance to go and see the dress rehearsals - details will follow

Enormous thanks to the performers from Dorset Opera for opening our eyes and our ears and to Heather Henshaw for making it all happen.



We celebrated our own home grown musical talent on Wednesday evening. It was a lovely evening with lots of children playing and/or singing. Enormous congratulations to all who took part, thanks to Faye Gostick for singing once again, and to Mrs Saint for organising.







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Arts Week

The children seem to have really engaged with the story behind the 'Men of the Docks' painting and, with the help of Anna Bogue, are creating some lovely pieces of work. Hopefully we'll get them on show before the end of term.

Durweston Church Fete

Many, many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to come and stick dance at the Fete on Saturday afternoon. You need to gather in the garden of the Old Rectory at 2.30pm ready to dance at 3pm. Mrs Saint (she's having a busy week) will be there to meet you. Once you've danced and had your ice cream, you're free to enjoy the fete and/or go home.

DT week next week

Heidi Dawson and Nicki Gatward are coming in to run sessions on Bridges with all the classes and the PTA have funded kits for every class, so all the children should come home with something they have made. We're hoping to visit the bridge to see what's going on and everyone should be doing some cooking. If you can help, please let the office know. Please also keep sending in smallish cardboard boxes and tubes for junk modelling.

Sports Day is on Wednesday – we brought it forward to beat the bridge closure. Please all keep your fingers crossed for the weather..... If all goes well, prizes will be given out at the Celebration of Sports Assembly on Friday 28th June at 9.15am.

News about the bridge

The day draws ever closer and at last we have some news! Bryanston are not planning to close their gates, but reserve the right to do so. I think this means they are going to see what happens.... We also have a timetable for the school bus which is going to come through Child Okeford. A letter will be going out to all those concerned.

Walking bus

It seems there will be quite a few people walking over from Stourpaine everyday so please do join them. They are planning to leave at 8.30am everyday. They will also be walking back in the afternoon. Perhaps we can leave the Bryanston walking bus until further notice?

Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	91.43%		
Dolphins	97.93% ☺		
Seahorses	95.36%	96.9%	95.96%
Sharks	98.28% ☺		
Porpoises	98.62% ☺		





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Sports Day is next week – the weather forecast is not looking great but things may change for the better. I will send a text if we decide we need to cancel. Sports Assembly is now on the 28th June at 9.15am, just to give us a bit more time to collect all information together.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 15th June, 3pm Wednesday 19th June, 1pm

Thursday 20th June Saturday 22nd June

Monday 24th June, 8.30am

Tuesday 25th June Friday 28th June, 9.15am

Wednesday 3rd July Thursday 4th July Monday 8th July Monday 8th July Wednesday 10th July Wednesday 10th July

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July Thursday 18th July Friday 19th July Monday 22nd July Tuesday 23rd July **Durweston Church Fete**

Sports Day

Porpoises Language Day at Clayesmore School

DURWESTON BRIDGE CLOSES Nurse drop in for parents

Class photos
Sports Assembly

School production – matinee performance School production – evening performance

New parents evening for Septemebr Starfish parents

Last week for clubs
Last Starfish swimming

Transfer evening at The Blandford School

Life Education Van

Parents evening for September Dolphins parents

END OF TERM

STAFF TRAINING DAY STAFF TRAINING DAY STAFF TRAINING DAY

