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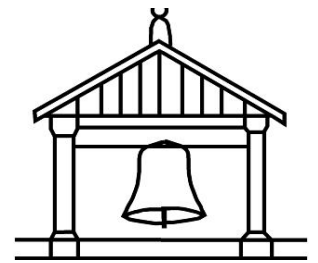
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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Super Sports Day

No-one can say we haven't been blessed by the weather this week. On the two days it mattered, the sun has shone on Durweston. Rain in the morning of sports day of course (grr) but then an absolutely perfect afternoon. Thank you to the parents who have come and told us how much they enjoyed it. It certainly looked great from where I was standing. Admittedly our timing did go a little awry; and I am sorry if this caused issues – next year we'll be clearer that the timetable is aspirational rather than set in stone. Certificates for all the winners will be awarded in our Sports Assembly (date to be confirmed!)

If you were unable to purchase a photo of your child on the day, photos are still available from www.dephoto.biz (or they promise they will be – still processing the event as I write).

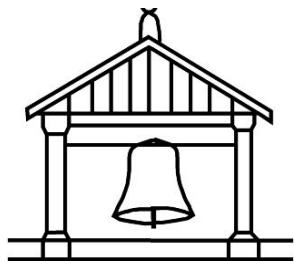
And then the sun came out again on Thursday for our..

Midsummer Welly Walk



We had the most glorious morning. KS2 walked to Hod Hill whilst KS1 stayed closer to home and went over the hill behind school. Thanks to all the parents who came along and walked with us.





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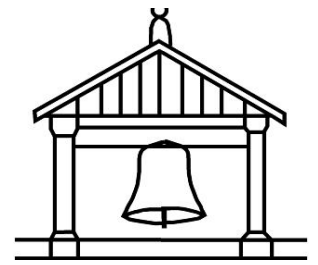
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Stick dancing!



The sun eventually came out last Saturday too, just in time for our stick dancing at the Durweston Church Fete. Sadly we suffered our first ever injury, but Keira-Niamh bravely danced through the pain to the end. Thank you to the parents who lent us their children and to those who came along. The fete raised an amazing £4700.

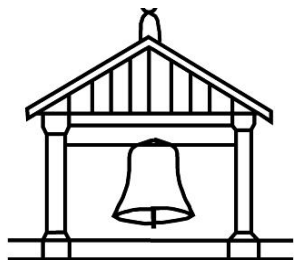
Maths Masters

Sharks and Porpoises have been battling it out against other Dorset schools in the latest Sumdog Contest. Sumdog is an online maths resource that we subscribe to. Each child in Seahorses, Sharks and Porpoises has their own log in and can practise their maths skills by playing a variety of games. In this contest, the good news is that Porpoises came 2nd overall and Sharks came 3rd (we only missed out to Sherborne Preparatory School grr). Both classes have won a 3 month subscription! Huge congratulations to Jayke, who came 1st out of all the pupils who took part across the region (565) with a score of 985/1000 questions correct; also to Oscar, Jacob and Pippa, who came in the top 10 children overall, and Callie, Kailen, Phoebe, Jamie L, Lacey-Mya, Boyd, William, Winston and Ciara who were all in the top 50. Sharks were the class daily winner on Thursday and Porpoises on Tuesday. Well done to everyone who took part.

A national contest started this morning at 8am and ends on Thursday 28th June at 8pm. The first 1000 questions the children answer are counted and it is based on how many they get correct. It is set at their ability level. So...how will we do in this one? I'll let you know next week!

The site is accessed at <https://www.sumdog.com>





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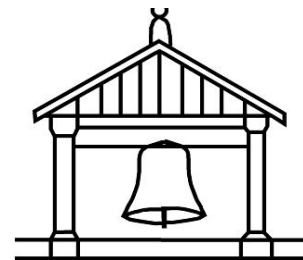
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Lights, Camera, Action!

I'm sure some details of our summer performance are beginning to seep out to you all. Porpoises and Sharks are busy rehearsing and I'm starting to hear the songs being practised in Seahorses and Dolphins too. In a change from tradition (and having learned from experience), we have decided this year not to include Starfish class in the performance. There are two main reasons for this. The first is that we feel it is a lot for the youngest children; they do get really, really tired and find the evening performance particularly difficult. The second is that without Starfish, there should be more space in the village hall and so more tickets available for children in the older classes, especially the year 6s, who have major parts and who would like more of their family to be able to come and watch. Starfish will, instead, have their own assembly before the end of term, so that they still get their chance to shine in front of the whole school on Thursday 12th July, 9.15am.

Home to school transport consultation

Dorset will be consulting on the Home to School Transport Policy and the Post 16 Transport Policy for 2019/2020 with effect from Tuesday 19th June to Monday 16 July 2018. Details of the consultation are available to view at [https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/schools-and-learning.aspx#/. All comments \(both negative and positive\) should be sent to schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk.](https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/schools-and-learning.aspx#/)

Next week?

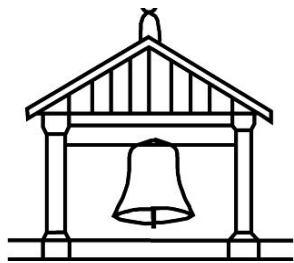
We're looking forward to some girls from Knighton House coming in to do an assembly on Monday. They are going to talk about raising money for a defibrillator at the Village Hall. They are also going to run a cake sale here on Friday. Class photos are happening Tuesday morning. Please could your child have a clean school jumper or cardigan with them! The Eco-schools lady is then coming to speak to Seahorses about the work they have been doing on plastic and recycling (she's coming on her electric bike; I'm looking forward to comparing notes!) and Mr Didier is coming on Thursday to run a French café for Seahorses. And after that it's July....

Attendance

After a brilliant week last week, we've been hit by a few family holidays this week. Sadly in a small school, each child makes a big difference. Well done to Seahorses, who continue to fly the flag!

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96%+)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (needs to be more than 96%)
Starfish	93%	93.22% ☹	95.75%
Dolphins	88.97%		
Seahorses	98.67% 😊😊		
Sharks	88.52%		
Porpoises	96.94% 😊		





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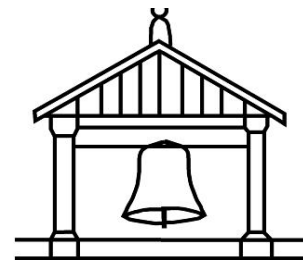
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Have your say

We're sending out a survey form in book bags this afternoon. Please do complete it for us – I really would like to know what you are thinking and feeling, especially if you are unhappy with any aspect of school life. If we don't know, we can't improve. (But if you have anything nice to say, I'd love to hear that too!)

Oooh I am looking forward to the weekend (nothing special, just need a rest!) Enjoy yours and see you back here again on Monday.

Nicola Brooke

Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Tuesday 26th June

Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th June

Monday 2nd July

Monday 2nd July, 6pm

Wednesday 4th July

Monday 9th July

Monday 9th July, 6pm

Thursday 12th July, 9.15am

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Tuesday 17th July, 2pm

Wednesday 18th July, 6pm

Tuesday 24th July, 1pm

Wednesday 25th July

Monday 3rd September

Tuesday 4th September

Wednesday 5th September

Class photos

Year 4 Leeson House residential

Last week for clubs

Dolphins new parent information evening

Starfish last swimming lesson

Transfer Day

Parent information evening for September 2018 new
Starfish class

Starfish class assembly

Celebration of Music evening

School production, matinee performance

School production, evening performance

END OF TERM

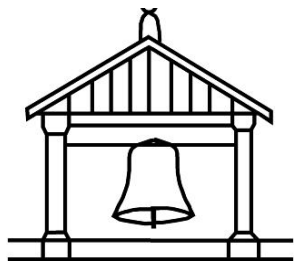
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CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL





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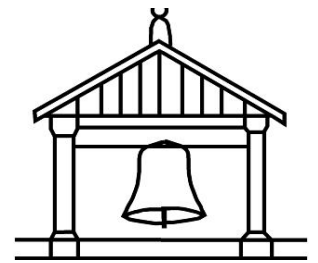
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Saturday 30 June 2018



Blandford Forum Royal British Legion Club

Legion House
Church Lane, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7AD
(Behind Iceland)

The Royal British Legion Club, Blandford have joined together with representatives from three charities SSAFA, The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and The Nepalese Co-Operative Society Dorset to invite the local community to join them in celebrating our Armed Forces while raising money - all monies raised to be divided equally between the three charities. The object of the event is to raise the profile of the Armed Forces personnel and the good work they have done in the past and continue to carry out now. The Club will be holding an open day and Church Road will be closed to traffic until 4pm. We have children's entertainer Krazy Kev at 11.30am, FREE facepainting from Head Turners Professional Facepainters, refreshments, local organisation and craft stalls which will be situated outside the Club and in the car park opposite. Please come and join us in supporting this wonderful cause!

The Club will be open from 11am until midnight and there is live entertainment from Frank E Finn from approx. 8.30pm (contains adult humour).

