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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Busy, busy, busy. And still a week to go! Where shall I start?

### Christmas Fair

Wasn't it lovely? I really cannot say a big enough thank you to anyone who was part of our Christmas Fair last Saturday. The school looked fantastic, there was lots of fun things to do, the food and drink were delicious and the singing was amazing. Thank you to all of you who made it such an enjoyable event. I haven't yet been given a total as the PTA are *still* selling Christmas trees, but will let you know as soon as I hear.

### Open Morning



Thanks also to everyone who came along to our Open Morning on Friday. One of the older children shut his eyes before he came into Seahorses on Thursday, as he 'didn't want to spoil the surprise.' The children really enjoy looking at each other's work and are very generous in their praise. We hope you enjoyed it too.



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## War memorial

Porpoises were very pleased to welcome Elliotts's grandad into school last week, who brought in his amazing collection of WWII memorabilia. It was like a mini museum! The children were able to handle all the different weapons and have all of their questions answered. A real treat.



## Tis the season

More thanks to the hardy souls who responded to my pleas for carol singers last night. We made a very joyful sound as we went round the village with some of the staff and girls from Knighton House. We didn't ask for money: we just hope we brought some pleasure to the people who heard us sing. More of our children are singing at St Nicholas's church, Durweston on Sunday at 6pm. You know where to come if you fancy a bit more carolling.

## Little Rascals Christmas party

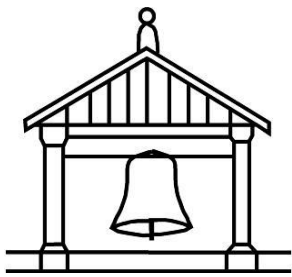
Little Rascals are having their Christmas party on Wednesday morning from 9.30am. Children are welcome to dress up in their favourite outfit. Cost is £1.50 and please could you bring some party food.

## No triumph, no tragedy

Football and netball matches against Blandford St Mary this week; I'd been lying if I said we won either of them but we scored goals in both and I was truly impressed by our footballers' team spirit, commitment and attitude. I know Mrs Kirwin was proud of the netballers too. Well done to you all and thank you to Mr Warren for his work with the football squad.

## A plea from the office and the kitchen staff

We have submitted a bulk order for lunches for all of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for children who are entitled to a free school meal for next term. When we submit a bulk order, we make all the meals 'regular', so if your child does not want this option please make sure you change the order with a minimum of 7 days' notice. If your child does not want a free school meal at all, please could you let the office know. In the past, we have wasted a huge amount of food due to parents not informing us that their children no longer require a meal.



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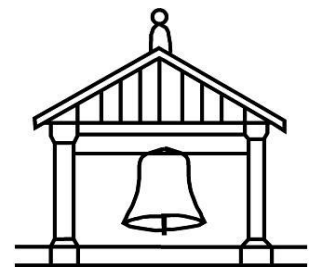
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## Attendance

	This week	Whole school this week	Whole school this year
Starfish	98.89% 😊	<b>97.01% 😊</b>	<b>96.36% 😊</b>
Dolphins	95.71% 😊		
Seahorses	98.67% 😊		
Sharks	93% 😊		
Porpoises	99.35% 😊		

## Next week

Porpoises are off to the Tank Museum at Bovington on Monday; Handy Paws and Starfish have their Christmas activity morning on Tuesday and its Dolphins and Seahorses' nativity at 2pm in the afternoon; Little Rascals' have their Christmas party on Wednesday, it's Christmas Lunch and then at 6pm, it's Sharks and Porpoises' Carol Service. Letters should have gone out – if there's anything you think you need to know, please ask your child's class teacher.

And don't forget we break up at 1pm on Friday!

And finally....

A photo of the guinea pigs that Starfish made as part of their topic on pets just because someone told me it was the nicest display they'd ever seen in a school.



Just got to go and sort out a toga costume for my son to wear tomorrow and ingredients for the soup he is cooking. Honestly, schools nowadays..... 😊

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## Dates for Your Diary

### ***New dates added in bold***

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 12pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, **1pm**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Porpoises class trip to The Tank Museum

Dolphins and Seahorse Nativity

Christmas activity morning for Handy Paws and Starfish

PTA Christmas lunch for the whole school

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

### **END OF TERM**

Carol Concert at St Peters, Pimperne

Carol Concert at Holy Trinity, Stourpaine

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

Staff Training day

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**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 8.50am**

**Clubs start this week**

**Dolphins swimming lessons start at Blandford Leisure Centre**

