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14th October 2016

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

It's been very quiet in school today. Dolphins are out on their second trip of the week; Seahorses have been up to Knighton House and Sharks and Porpoises are at Old Sarum. Let's hope they're all having fun and learning lots of interesting things. More permissions slips have been issued for events next week and after half term - apologies for the paper work but we do hope that you agree that all the events are worthwhile.

Everyone seems to have been making weapons this week! Wherever you look, children have been turning cardboard into shields and swords. It's all to do with the 950th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings. That is why Porpoises and Sharks are out today, and Starfish and Dolphins are joining in on Monday, with a day of activities culminating in a re-enactment of the Battle in the afternoon. Do you think there's a chance that the English might win this time?

Tag Rugby Triumph

Congratulations to our Tag Rugby team who won the Blandford School's Network Rugby tournament last Friday. They beat 5 other schools and impressed everybody by the quality of their sportsmanship as well as the quality of their play. Thanks to them all for being such terrific ambassadors for our school. The team are in action again next week. We wish them the very best of luck.

STOP PRESS we've just discovered we've made it into the Blackmore Vale! Hurrah!

Poetry Competition

The annual Durweston poetry competition is going to take place on Friday 11th November. To take part, children need to learn a poem to perform off by heart. Heats will be held in classes; finalists will perform to the whole school. Each class also learns a poem and this year, some of the teachers will be reading some of their favourite poems. Let's get practising over half term!

Operation Christmas Child

Another half term task? Leaflets will soon be coming home about our annual Christmas Shoebox appeal. This year we have plenty of shoe boxes you can use! If you need a reminder of why we think this is such a worthwhile cause for our children to support, have a look at the videos here:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/occ-videos/>



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Open afternoon

We're holding an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 18th October. (It was moved from Friday 20th so as not to clash with the PTA disco). Everyone is very welcome to come in and have a look at the work that goes on in school. Please come in and pick up your child from their classroom at 3.30pm. They can show you their work and then take you to the other classes too. PLEASE BRING IN ANY COMPLETED HOMEWORK PROJECTS. Some amazing things have been going on at home - do bring them into share!

What do you think of our website?

Please do take a minute to complete the survey on our website. We're keen to make it useful to you and so would value our feedback.

Cleaning Windows?

Can anyone help? The velux windows in the new part of the school building really need cleaning. We have had one quote but it's for over £700. Is it just me or is that ludicrously expensive? Does anyone know of any window cleaners or window cleaning company who might be able to do the job? If so, please let the office know. (If we can't get a cheaper quote, I'm changing career....)

Music lessons

Lots of children have started music lessons this year. We really hope they are enjoying getting to grips with their new instruments. However, if you don't want to continue lessons next term, we must know by 21st October. If we don't hear by then, Dorset Music Service will charge us for another term.

We are sending out another letter today for anyone who would still like to sign up for lessons

KS1 Ball skills club

Sadly only four children expressed an interest in this club which isn't enough to make it happen. If anyone changes their mind, let us know and we can reconsider.

Just one more week to go before half term. It looks like it's going to be a busy one with Open Afternoon, Tag Rugby, Welly Walk, football and netball matches and the PTA discos (tickets on sale from Monday in the library). As ever, please do come and let us know if there's anything we've done well or if there's something that's causing you concern. If we don't know, we can't change.

Have a lovely weekend

Nicola Brooke



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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 18th October, 3.30pm

Thursday 20th October

Friday 21st October

Mon 24th - Fri 28th October

Monday 31st October

Tuesday 1st November, 2.45pm

Tuesday 8th November

Thursday 10th November

Thursday 10th November

Friday 11th November

Tuesday 15th November

Thursday 17th November

Friday 18th November

Tuesday 22nd November

Monday 28th November

Tuesday 29th November, 11am

Wednesday 30th November

Friday 2nd December

Saturday 10th December

Sunday 11th December, 6pm

Tuesday 13th December, 2pm

Wednesday 14th December, 10am

Wednesday 14th December, 6pm

Friday 16th December

Open afternoon

Welly Walk

PTA Disco - 5.30 pm Years R -2

6.45 pm Years 3 - 6

HALF TERM

Children return to school

Parent Forum meeting

Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 6pm

Dolphins class assembly

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Durweston Poetry Competition

Seahorses class assembly

Individual photos

Children in Need

Porpoises class assembly

LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS

Starfish Coffee morning

Sharks class assembly

Fun run (more details to follow)

PTA Christmas Fayre

Durweston Carol Service

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Handy Paws and Starfish Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol Service

END OF TERM



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Dear Parent

Parent Governor Election

The Instrument of Government for the school provides for parents and carers of registered pupils to be members of the governing body. One vacancy currently exists and you are very welcome to put your name forward should you wish to stand for election.

All parents and carers are eligible to stand for election, except

- Persons liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1983
- Undischarged bankrupts
- Persons recently convicted of a serious offence
- Persons disqualified under the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986
- Persons subject to disqualification as a Charity Trustee
- Persons whose employment is prohibited or restricted
- Persons disqualified from being proprietors of independent schools
- Persons on the DfES List 99 (this is a list of people banned from working with children)

If you would like to put your name forward, please complete the tear-off slip at the foot of the letter and return it to the school by Friday 14th October 2016.

You may like to write a brief factual statement about yourself (not an 'election address', please, and not exceeding 200 words) and return it with this form. Should an election be necessary I will circulate to voters your statement and those of other candidates.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Governors

Parent Governor Election: Durweston CE VA Primary School

I wish to serve as a parent governor and to be a candidate if an election is necessary. I confirm that I am eligible to serve as a school governor.

Full name (Forename/s) _____ (Surname) _____

Name of child/ren _____

Their date/s of birth _____

Signed _____ date _____

*I enclose a brief statement about myself for circulation to voters. (*Delete if not prepared)

This form

should be returned to the school by 14th October



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