



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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30th September 2016

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

So this is what I wrote last Tuesday...

It seems to have been a quieter week in school this week. The Blandford Food Trust came to pick up all of the tins and packets that were so generously donated last week and Mrs Walls McDonald has taken away the last of the soup. The weather has turned grey and it really feels as if summer is over. Christmas will be here before we know it!

...and then on Wednesday, we were told OFSTED were coming! It's been a mad two days and we can't tell you the outcome until it is published by OFSTED but...

...the children were marvellously frank, honest and hardworking; the staff taught in their usual brilliant manner; and, you, the parents were fantastically supportive. Thank you so much to everyone.

### Feeding the mind, nurturing the spirit, freeing the imagination

At our INSET day last Friday, the staff looked again at our vision for Durweston. Together we have come up with a new vision statement which we believe encapsulates our aims for the children and describes what we believe makes us special. It's up now on the website. What we would like now is for children, parents, grandparents and anyone else with an artistic or creative bent to try and come up with an image that conveys our message. Why not give it a go? We'd be really interested to see what you come up with.

### Website News

We're hoping that you have noticed that our website is changing! Judith Jakes, one of our new governors, has taken over the job of updating and maintaining it for us. If you haven't visited the site recently, do go and have a look. Judith is fizzing with ideas for how to make it better but would welcome your opinion. Please take a minute to complete the survey that is on the front page - adults and children please - so that we know what you want.

### School Council

School councillors have now been elected for every class. The purpose of the school council is to give the children a say in how the school is run. It provides a place for the children to tell us what they think about the school and for us to ask their opinions on how we are doing. Class council meetings are held every other week to gather ideas from all the children and then the councillors bring these ideas to the fortnightly School Council meeting. So if your child has an idea about something that could improve our school, get them to tell their class councillor. We can't promise we will always deliver but we will consider all serious suggestions carefully.



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## Traffic Survey

There will be a road traffic survey taking place on Church Road on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October between 7am and 7pm. The cars will be clearly marked and the people will be wearing High Vis jackets.

## Parent Governor

I mentioned last week that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you think you would be interested, please see the attached letter. Being a governor can be quite demanding but also very rewarding. If you would like to speak to any of our existing governors who is also a parent, (Faye Gostick, Paul Kirby or Phil Legg) please let us know.

## And finally...

Well done to Dallan, Tommy, Freddie and Dillon, whose cake sale on Friday raised nearly **£90** for the school! Thank you to the boys for organising and to everyone who very kindly donated and generously bought their cakes. The PTA will be holding a cake sale on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 3.30pm. All proceeds will go to the school so please buy lots more!

Have a good week!

Nicola Brooke  
Acting Head teacher



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## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 3.30pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2.45pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 11am

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 10am

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Open afternoon

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

Parent's Evening 3.40pm - 6pm

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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**

