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20th October 2019

NEWSLETTER

PL7 19/20

Dear Parents,

FGB on Thursday evening has made this a little late, I'm afraid. Good news though is that Beth Whitworth, Mabel in Starfish's mummy, came as a potential new parent governor. Fingers crossed that the number of policies we had to look at this month didn't put her off!

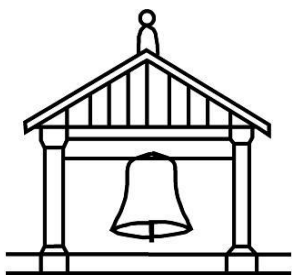
Mad4Animals



I hope your child/children came home last Friday and told you great things about the animal man. AJ from Mad4Animals entertained us all hugely, though I really could have done without having to step up and hold the tarantula ☹ Yet another amazing experience funded by the PTA....

...swiftly followed by Race Night in the village hall. Tickets for this had sold out super-fast, many being snapped up by people from the village. I am slightly embarrassed to admit that, due to a 9-1 winner in the 4th race, my husband and I left with slightly more money than we arrived with.... Another enormous thank you to Heather Evans and Heidi Dawson, who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success and to all the other members of the PTA (and their husbands) who also contributed.





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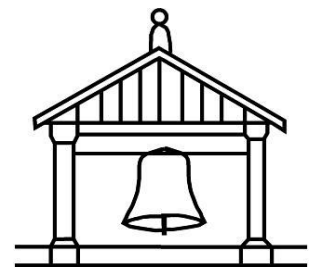
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Soup, glorious soup!

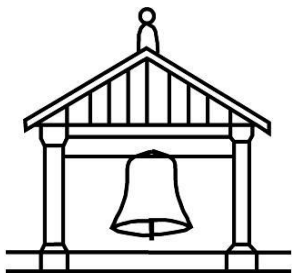


Two lots of soup this week – tomato, carrot and lentil on Monday made by Starfish and roasted tomato and red pepper on Thursday made by Dolphins. Starfish also made some bread sticks and Dolphins made hedgehog rolls to eat with their soup. All were delicious. I've really enjoyed tasting the soups that all the classes have made. Hopefully we've taught the children some skills, encouraged a few to eat something new and given everyone at least one meal they can cook when they are older. Definitely something we plan to repeat next year.



Seahorses have been out twice this week. On Thursday they went to New Barn Farm to learn about life in Roman Britain. On Friday they were in the forest with lots of excitement provided first by the weather (thunder and then standing in sunshine watching the rain come across the valley) and then by the cows, who wanted to shelter under the tree that the children needed to walk past. Fortunately, we are used to the cattle and the cattle are used to us so children made it home unscathed. I think the cattle were OK too.





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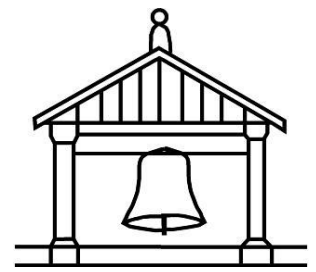
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Unwelcome visitors

We have had a case of head lice reported in Starfish class. Please could we ask everyone to check carefully this week and over half term.

Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	97.85%	97.20% 😊	96.69% 😊
Dolphins	92.08%		
Seahorses	99.63% 😊		
Sharks	99.26% 😊		
Porpoises	96.80%		

Next week

Last week before half term (phew). Photos today, Science Dome on Tuesday, the tree in the playground being felled and a cake sale on Friday. Please bring your pennies

Enjoy the week

Nicola Brooke

We want everyone to have fun and enjoy the festivities over Halloween and Bonfire Night. The Safe Schools and Communities Team have produced a 3 minute video that offers safety tips to stay safe and asks everyone to be respectful to those who don't want to participate. Recommended for Key Stage 2 (7-11 years), to access the video please click on the following link: https://youtu.be/x1SUDfp_bXc





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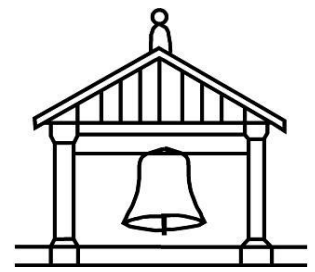
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Dates for Your Diary

Monday 21st October

Individual portrait photos

Mon 28th October – Fri 1st November

HALF TERM

Monday 4th November

Children return to school

Tuesday 5th November, 2.30pm – 5pm

Parent's Evening

Wednesday 6th November, 3.30pm – 6pm

Parent's Evening

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Thursday 21st November, 9.15am

Starfish class assembly

Thursday 21st November, 9.45am

Parent Forum

Friday 29th November

Mufti Day for the Christmas Fair

Friday 6th December, 2.30pm

Open Afternoon

Saturday 7th December

PTA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December

Starfish and Handy Paws Christmas activity morning

Tuesday 17th December, 2pm

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Wednesday 18th December

LFL Christmas lunch

Wednesday 18th December, 6pm

Sharks and Porpoises Carol service

Friday 20th December, 1pm

END OF TERM

RYA Courses ★ Discover Sailing ★ Kids Camps ★ Instructor Training ★ Windsurfing

Let your adventure begin!

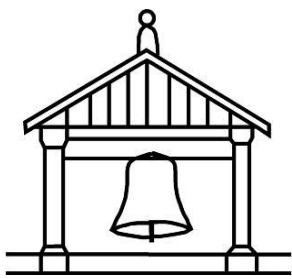
Get the whole family involved with our courses and activities over half term from just £12.50!

- RYA Youth Sailing Week for Beginners, Improvers and Intermediates
- Kids Multi-Activity days or weeks
- Regular participation clubs
- Adult Sailing Courses
- Kit hire
- And so much more...



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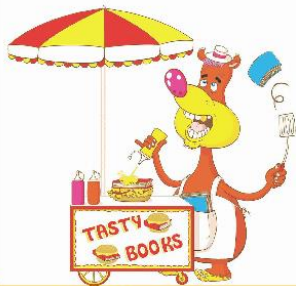
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Chatterbooks



Share your favourite books and discover exciting new ones, at our fun, free book club! Ideal for ages 6 - 12 years.



Blandford Library

Third Saturday of the month
11.30am - 12.30pm (booking essential)

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer

For more information ☎ 01258 452075



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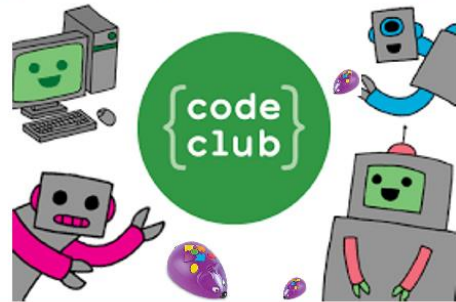
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Code Club

Free, fun and creative computer programming for children.
No previous experience necessary.



Blandford Library

First Monday of the month.
4.30pm - 5.30pm (term time only)

Suitable for ages 7 - 11 years. Booking essential

For more information ☎ 01258 452075



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We are delighted to announce that October sees the start of two new children's clubs at Blandford Library:

Chatterbooks: starting 19th October

Code Club: starting 7th October





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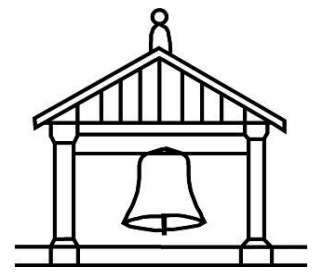
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The Parenting Project

A Survival Guide for Parents



FREE 3 Part Course aimed at Parents & Carers

Taking place at the Skills & Learning Adult Education Centre,

Black Lane, Blandford Forum DT11, UK

Open to anyone 18 or over who lives in Dorset, (including 16-18 year old parents)

To book a place **01202743279** or email Jane.keyworth@edasuk.org

All sessions run 9:30-12:30

Day 1 30/01/2020	How to communicate more effectively with children, especially teenagers. How to speak so that they listen and listen so that they speak.
Day 2 06/02/2020	Understanding self-esteem and how it underpins motivation. How to support your child's self-esteem.
Day 3 13/02/2020	An introduction to understanding Anxiety and Anger. How to support children with calming techniques.

