



School Newsletter

Monday 13th January 2020

Welcome back to all our students. We hope everyone including parents have enjoyed their holidays and are well rested ready to embark on a new term. The topic throughout the school this half term is linked to homes.

Walking home permission forms: We will be sending out permission forms for children in KS2 whose parents are happy for their children to walk themselves home or meet in an arranged location at the end of the school day. Where applicable please sign and return to the office as soon as possible. Only children with signed parental permission will be allowed to leave the school premises at the end of each day.

Daily timetable: Your child may have mentioned that we have started a new morning timetable within school. With our focus on maths, all early morning tasks (8:45-9:00) have a maths focus and our maths lessons start promptly at 9:00. After an input and an age related task, we have a short assembly. During the assembly, teachers are able to go through these tasks and regroup children according to how they have demonstrated their understanding of the concept. Children then are able to return to their maths lesson where they are able to move onto a challenge task, consolidate their understanding or work with an adult for some same day intervention enabling them to work towards meeting the age related level. The initial impact has been extremely positive, with teachers reporting greater focus from the children and children saying that they feel like they have more time to think about the maths and can concentrate better – although both have also said that we are getting used to the new routine and feel like it should be lunch at 10:15!

Carol Service: We were delighted so many were able to join us for our Carol Service at the end of last term. We had lots of very positive feedback about the wonderful singing. Over £220 was raised in the collection which is being donated to AMMF in memory of Alexa.

Star Celebrations

The following children were recognised in our celebration assembly on Monday for their learning, attitudes and demonstration of our values and ethos. Well done!

Skye, Thea, Fox, Jowan, Lucy, Daisy, May, George, Molly, Harry W, Ruby, Nathan and Mr Jacobs

Class Attendance

Well done **Starfish** class for the highest attendance last week with **99.9%**



After School Clubs

Please look out for further information.

Dodge ball run by Lee Cuff started last Friday. There are still some spaces left. If your child would like to play please come to the school office for a sign up sheet.

French club starts today (Tuesday 14th Jan). **All other clubs will start next week.**

94.8%

Whole school attendance last week:

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

Catherston Leweston Artwork

(picture on the right)

This year we were asked once again to create a piece of artwork to display at the church in Catherston Leweston. The nativity themed artwork was created in a Roman mosaic style by Turtles class and Mrs Cole and has been highly praised. The artwork will be on display until Easter and the church is open most days from 10am if you would like to visit.



Safeguarding: Mrs Cornish and Mrs Dare are our safeguarding leaders. If you have any concerns about the safety of any child, please speak them.



Madam Sturtridge runs a French Club on Tuesdays after school until 4pm. She still has a few places left. If you would like your child to attend please let us know in the school office. She asks for £3.50 per session.



Our drum teacher Jack Revy has some spaces available on a Monday afternoon. If your child considers themselves the next Jay Weinberg and would like to learn the art of percussion then please let us know in the office.

May Bank holiday: A further reminder that the May bank holiday was changed (not all calendars reflect this) and is on Friday 8th May. If you have already made plans for the original date, please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Cornish as soon as possible.

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium is extra funding given to the school to support pupils of all abilities. Our school can receive valuable funding which can be used to support all the children in their education

Pupil premium is paid for pupils that are eligible for free school meals, or have been eligible for free school meals in the last 6 years

The funding is currently:

- £935 for a secondary age pupil
- £1,320 for a primary age pupil

We would like to encourage all families who fit the criteria to apply for Pupil Premium Funding

Please follow the link on the website below to see if your child will qualify

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium.aspx>

Key Dates

Tuesday 7th January - Start of spring term

Monday 13th January - Turtles swimming (10 wks)

Monday 17th February - Half term week

Friday 3rd March - End of term

Friday 8th May - May Bank holiday

Monday 20th April - First day summer term

Choose to be positive



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