



# School Newsletter

Thursday 30th April 2020

I hope you are all staying safe and well. All of the staff are missing the children—the school is very empty at the moment. Many of the staff are currently working from home with a few in school on the days where there is a child-care requirement. We all appreciate the support and encouragement sent via your messages, thank you.

## Learning at Home

Thank you to all those who completed the survey about learning at home. We have adjusted planning as a result. Please continue to do your best to support learning, but also ensure that you are doing what is best for you and your children. If you need any support with learning, please let us know. We are happy to provide resources if they are needed and arrange either for a collection from school or to drop them off. Please email via the class or office email address. Links to learning can be found under 'Learning at Home' on the school website.

## Contacting the School

If you need to contact the school, please do so in the usual ways. There is a message facility on the phones and messages can be picked up even when no one is in school. Emails are also checked regularly; please use your class email address or the office email address and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## Facebook

A new facebook page has been set up (Charmouth Primary School—Closed Group). It has been set up to support each other, share ideas and ensure communication. It is a closed group, so only staff and parents will be able to join. Anyone will be able to post, although posts will need to be approved before they are published. If you use Facebook, please look up the group.

## Class Zoom Sessions

We are missing the children and are sure that the children are missing each other. We are setting up zoom sessions for each class, an email will be following with an invite to your child's class session. Sharks on Wednesday, Turtles on Monday, Dolphins on Wednesday, Seahorses on Tuesday and Starfish on Monday. We are doing these as a social interaction. Parents will need to be present throughout.

## Changing Circumstances

The current lockdown has impacted on many sectors and we recognise that there may have been financial impact on many of our families. Please do check the gov.uk website for information about financial support, including universal credits. You may also be eligible for free school meals, which at the moment are being supported through a voucher scheme. You can check if you are eligible here: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium.aspx>

There are local organisations also able to help families, such as with meals, so please get in touch if you need some support at the moment.

## Choose to be positive

