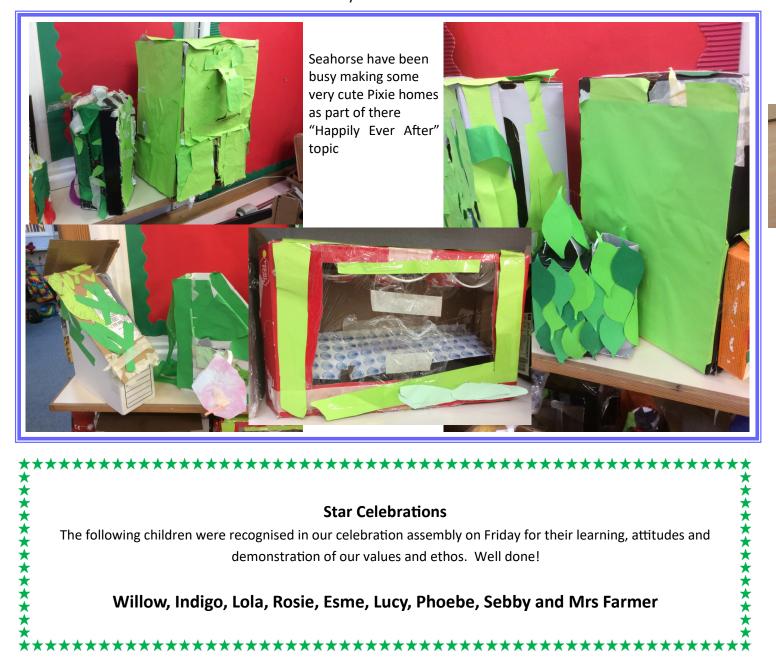


School Newsletter

Monday 16th March 2020



Choose to be positive



Not applicable due to current situation

Whole school attendance last week:

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

Coronavirus/Covid-19 Update

As I am sure you recognise, advice and guidance is changing rapidly in relation to action and protection of the community during this pandemic. Since my letter on Friday, there have been further updates;

Any person with a new and consistent cough or a temperature of 37.8 should self isolate with their entire household for 14 days.

We recognise that schools are remaining open at the moment largely to support the continuation of other services and businesses. Today, 25% of our children were at home for self isolation and we believe that this is likely to increase. Staff are also impacted, with two members of the support staff currently in self isolation; again, this is likely to increase. Our focus now is therefore on ensuring that we are able to remain open for as long as possible or until directed to close; this means that our priority is shifting and learning activities are likely to change. Due to the latest advice, Miss Morrison, who is expecting her first child, is now working from home so Mrs MacDonald, Mrs King and Miss George will continue to supervise our early years children.

As a result of the constantly changing situation, we are cancelling events planned this term. Unfortunately, this includes **parent consultations**. We will be sending out a report card summary for children in years 1-6 and there will be an update via Tapestry for children in the early years. We hope to reschedule these.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school. We are no longer using the water fountains or cups in school.

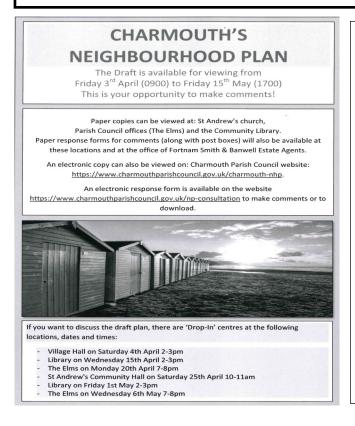
We continue to wash hands throughout the day. We have adapted our daily timetable to allow more time for **hand washing** with soap and water. Today we set up the mobile screen so that the handwashing song was played as children washed their hands. In addition to this, we are using hand sanitiser as children arrive in school and in classrooms.

I recognise the great concern of many families facing the unknown, including the loss of a hot meal during the day and potential loss of earnings or jobs. We are all in this together and the whole Charmouth community is showing its supportive, proactive nature. If you are facing difficulties of any kind now, or over the coming weeks, please do get in touch with us. Emails will continue to be checked and we are arranging for telephones to be diverted. We may be able to put you in touch with support and can pass on concerns, anonymously if preferred, to the local authority.

kind regards

Laura Cornish

Headteacher





A big thank you to the PTA who have purchased a new interactive white board for Sharks class.