

## News Second Half Autumn Term 2020

(most recent at start)

### Week Beginning Monday 19th October

#### A Message from Mrs Cornish

Happy half term everyone! We hope that you all enjoy the half term break. The children have been absolutely amazing this term; adapting quickly to new routines and procedures and getting back into their learning with determination to improve and develop their knowledge, skills and understanding. We are all so proud of how they are doing and I am sure the parent consultations this week have given you lots to be proud of too. We will be continuing our current learning themes after half term and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 2nd November.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**26th-30th October:** Half Term

**Wednesday 4th November:** PTA Meeting (via zoom) 8:30pm

**18th December:** Last day of term



#### Celebration Assembly (updated Friday afternoon)

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

**Mabel, Elodie, Rosie S, Grace, Esme B, Amelie, Seth, Keavy, Ivan, Skye, Billy, Emily, Iona, Baily, Lucy R, Mrs Dare**

#### PE After Half Term

After half term, PE will be on Fridays so children should wear their PE kit to school on a Friday only. We will still be going outside when we can, so children may bring their school uniform to school in a small bag (such as draw string PE bags) each Friday.

#### School Bags

Children may bring in a book bag after half term with their reading book and reading record. Due to the limited space in classrooms, we ask that these are book bags only and not back packs.



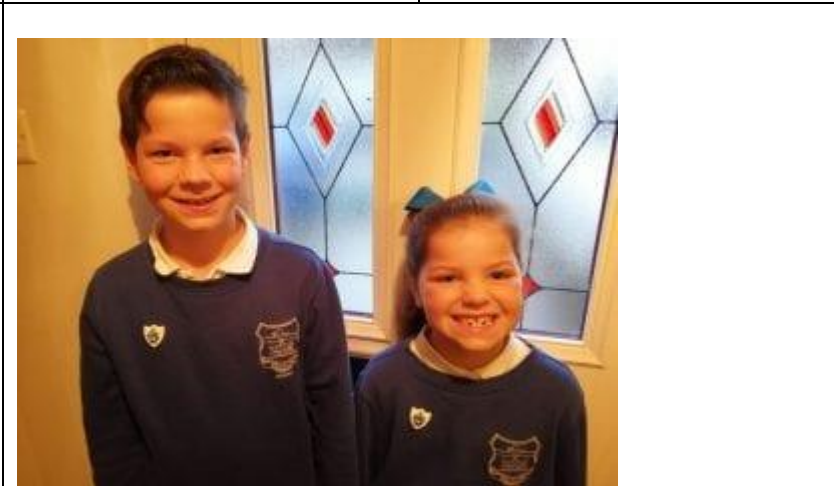
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#### Poppy Appeal

We will be collecting donations for the Poppy Appeal after half

		<p>term. We have a selection of items the children can purchase. In order to adhere to Covid regulations we will bring the items to the children with in their bubbles, children may bring donations into school for these items and should inform their class teacher.</p>
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<p><b>Blue Peter Badge Success!</b></p>		
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'I applied for this music blue Peter badge in lockdown for doing online zoom drumming lessons. I sent a picture of me doing the lessons off and my badge arrived last week! The music badge was designed by Ed sheran!' Bobby


Archie and Rosie with their Blue Peter badges which they earned by sending in Aboriginal style pictures they made using paint pens on black card.

**Staff Safe on the Roads in the Dark**  
 The days are certainly getting shorter at the moment and with the clocks changing this weekend, we would like to remind families of the importance of road safety, particularly the importance of being seen when out and about. In the fortnight after the time change, road traffic collisions increase by 20%. This link gives a guide for parents about road safety  
<https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

**Week Beginning Monday 12th October**

**Black History Month**  
 During our assemblies this month, we have been focusing on Black History Month. So far this has included finding out about Black History in Britain dating right back to AD43, hearing a lot more about Bess Coleman and her impact on people today, thinking about how Black History Month

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<p>links to our school Vision and finding out about Blues music.</p> <p><b>Something to Celebrate?</b></p> <p>We are delighted to have heard that three children have been awarded Blue Peter badges, they are planning to send in some information for us to share. Have you had any achievements at home that you would like to share with the school community? We would love to hear about them.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday 4th November:</b> PTA Meeting (via zoom) 8:30pm</p> <p><b>18th December:</b> Last day of term</p>
<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>Celebration Assembly</b> (updated Friday afternoon)</p> <p>In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:</p> <p><b>Dolly, Jasper, Thea W, Jude, Lulu, Elin, Leah, Brandon, Hendrix, Jasmine, Iona, George H, Adventurers Class, Mrs Snellgrove</b></p> </div>	
<p><b>Hot Meals</b></p> <p>After half term, parents of children in EYFS and KS1 will be able to have a hot lunch - please ensure you order via Local Food Links at least a week in advance. Due to the separation of the bubbles, we are not yet able to offer this for KS2, but we are regularly reviewing this situation. Pupil premium children in KS2 will still be able to order packed lunches.</p>	<p><b>Lunchtimes</b></p> <p>We have been made aware that parents are concerned that their children are being stopped from eating all of their lunch and are going hungry; this is not the case! This week, we have been able to eat outside so children have had 40 minutes to eat - the majority have finished within 15 minutes. When we eat indoors, children have 20 minutes, which is more than enough time for the majority of children to finish their food. Occasionally, a few have not finished and these children are supported and encouraged on an individual basis. Sometimes children choose not to finish their food or say they don't like it; if they say they are still hungry, we provide fruit.</p>
<p><b>Parent Consultations</b></p> <p>Booking for parent consultations has now closed online; if you have not yet booked an appointment but would like one, please contact the office who will be able to make an appointment. Appointments are focused on how children have settled back into school and are therefore very short. Information to log into the zoom appointments will be sent early next week.</p>	
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upsetting. If you have concerns or complaints, please contact the school directly.

## Week Beginning Monday 5th October

### Rain has NOT stopped play!

Despite the downpours over the last few days, cricket went ahead on the playground as usual on Monday. Lovely to see the children from years 1 to 6 developing skills and confidence as well as encouraging and supporting each other. There is some real talent so we will let you know when we hear of local junior cricket restarting! Please remember that school jumpers are part of PE kit with a white t-shirt and plain, dark bottoms.



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### Celebration Assembly (updated Friday afternoon)

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Charlie R, Esme T, Matilda, Molly W, Monty, Oliver, Teagan, Billy M, Molly K, Felix, Jowan, Lucy M, Charlotte, Issy, Thea, Tabby, Xanthe, Ety, Lilly, Miss George



**World Teachers Day**

Thank you very much to the PTFA members who kindly sent in some treats for the staff room to celebrate World Teachers Day and thank all our staff. They didn't last long!

**Drop off and Collection**

Staff have raised some concerns about drop off and collection including a lack of social distancing and the following;

**Bubble 1 (Explorers):** Please ensure that your child is waiting with an adult at the start of the day rather than running around the area.

**Bubble 2 (Pathfinders and Adventurers):** When collecting children, please move away from the gate area once you have collected your child so that other parents can move to the gate to collect their children.

**Bubble 3 (Navigators):** We have had several reports that children are stepping into the road before the school gate is open. Parents have been informed when we are aware of the names of children involved.

**Contacting Staff**

Please ensure that staff are contacted only through official school channels. As part of our safeguarding and online safety policies, staff are not able to respond to school related queries via social media.

**Uniform, Jumpers and Coats**

The weather has been rather inconsistent this week and certainly colder. Please ensure that your child is wearing their school uniform, including a jumper or cardigan and brings in a coat so they can enjoy playing outside.

**Parent Consultations**

Brief parent consultations (5 minutes) will take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October via zoom. The focus of these consultations is to discuss how children have settled back into school. Parents have been sent a link to make an appointment (if you have not received this, please contact the school office) and a link to the zoom call will be sent out by email before the sessions.

**Week Beginning Monday 28th September**

**Introducing Microsoft Teams**

All children will have log on information for their Microsoft Teams account. We will be using this platform to set homework and reminders to links to learning at home. Class learning will also be accessible through the platform for any children isolating at home to be able to continue with their learning. We will be sending out some links to guides to help you navigate the platform.

**PTA Updates** - coming soon!

**Attendance**

September attendance: 91.1%

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**Monday 28th September & Tuesday 29th September:** PTA Bag 2 School drop offs to 21 Wesley Close, Charmouth

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**Esme, Ella, Daisy, Bobby, Navigators Thompson Class, Zac, Isla, Pathfinders Class, Remi and Reg**

#### End of Day

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation with the drop off and collection arrangements. After collecting your child, please move safely away from collection areas to help maintain social distancing as other parents collect and be mindful of the roads, including the car parks. Please also ensure that children do not re-enter the school site.

#### Online Safety

With increasing use of online learning as well as other online activities, it is always useful to know where to go for advice and support. We are proud to be a partner with [internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org) website (click the



**Please see the below information from Library Service Teams. They are providing free events for families through Zoom but you do have to book (free) tickets!!**

- On Saturday 10th October 10.00am – 11.00am Treehouse Theatre will be performing the *Magic Paintbrush*. When Liang, a Chinese peasant boy is given a paintbrush by a mysterious stranger – he discovers that whatever he paints magically come to life. Join in at home and share your speedy sketches. This is an online event using Zoom. Ideal for families with children aged 2 – 7 years. Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) now!
- On Friday 29th October 11.00 – 11.45 ZooLab will be taking us on a wicked adventure! Families can follow our friendly witch, Zog, on a rhyming broomstick ride! She offers a ride to a selection of amazing animal hitchhikers, who the children will get to meet! However, it's not all plain sailing. Will Zog's journey end with a bump? Ideal for families with children aged 5+ Book a FREE ticket for the whole family on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) now!

## Week Beginning Monday 21st September

#### Cooler Weather

As part of our risk assessment, classroom windows are being kept open. As the weather is starting to get a little cooler, please ensure that your child has a school jumper or cardigan to wear. Children also need to be bringing coats with them to wear when outside.

#### Pupil Premium

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday 25th September:** Individual School Photos  
**Monday 28th September & Tuesday 29th September:** PTA Bag 2 School drop offs to 21 Wesley Close, Charmouth

A letter was sent out on Friday with information about the pupil premium grant. We encourage all families who believe that they may be eligible to check on the website.

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**Celebration Assembly** (updated Friday afternoon)

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:

Max, Charlie H, Matilda, Lulu, Adventurers Class, Charlotte A, Kitty A, Riley, George and Mrs Whatmore

**Covid Updates**

We have forwarded the letter from the Department of Education with information and guidance for parents. It seems we have a cold going round at the moment, which in some cases is leading to possible coronavirus symptoms.

**If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell  
But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

**These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP**



**If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of  
coronavirus**

**Book a test**



**Special Visitor!** This beautiful buzzard (I am informed by our knowledgeable Year 6 children), visited our school field this week. Children, staff and parents were all in awe of the beauty and concerned about its welfare as it did not seem to want to leave. Thank you to Ferne Animal Sanctuary who put us in touch with Sharandys Bird of Prey who came to the rescue.



## Week Beginning Monday 14th September

### **Climbing Success!**

Billy and Sam both qualified for the UK Grand Final of the BMC Youth Climbing Series (4 regional qualifying competitions, top 3 go onto the final) Billy was second in his category (Dorset, Devon and Cornwall) and Sam was third. They both climbed superbly and were kind and considerate. The final was cancelled but they have given all the qualifiers a special sweatshirt instead.



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### **Celebration Assembly** (updated Friday afternoon)



In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following children:  
**Evie, Flynn, Phoebe, Alex, Molly, Matthew, Raffi, Anna, Rosie, Simon, Minty, Mr Cracknell, Mr Glover,**

### **PTA Updates**

**Bag 2 School!** Keep hold of your good quality items for re-use: clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories. Bags should be dropped off at 21 Wesley Close, Charmouth after school on Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th September. More information will be coming soon ready for

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that water bottles are in school every day. These should contain water only. If children would like a squash or juice for lunchtime, this should be a separate bottle kept in their lunchbox.

<p>drop off on Wednesday 30th September.</p> <p>Our <b>PTA AGM</b> will be on Wednesday 30th September at 8:30pm. This will be done via zoom with the details for the meeting to be sent out via email. All are welcome - whether or not you have attended a PTA meeting before. We are all there to help get the best for the children at Charmouth Primary School.</p>		
<p><b>Lunch Time Eating</b></p> <p>Bubbles 2 (Pathfinders and Adventurers) and 3 (Navigators) are now eating their packed lunches outside. This does make it harder for us to keep an eye on how much the children have eaten; if you have any concerns about how much your child is eating, please email the school office so we can keep a particular eye out.</p> 	<p><b>Allergies - NO NUTS PLEASE!</b></p> <p>We do have children in school with serious allergies. Please help us to keep those children with nut allergies safe by ensuring that no food on the school site contains nuts - please particularly check the contents of cereal bars and spreads such as Nutella.</p>	
	<p><b>Covid</b></p> <p>As guidance is updated and clarified, we are updating our 'Covid' page, which can be accessed from the menu on the website or from <a href="#">here</a>. The latest information from Public Health Dorset has been added to the page with clear information about what to do if your child is unwell.</p>	
<p><b>End of Day Collection - Bubble 2</b></p> <p>You may have noticed that we have put additional measures in place to help ensure safety around any vehicles. Please help to</p>	<p><b>Before School/Breakfast Club</b></p> <p>Please look out for an email with a questionnaire about</p>	

ensure this safety by moving away from the gate area on Hammonds Mead after dropping off or collecting.

before school childcare. Our current low numbers are not sustainable. We need your feedback so we can plan next steps.

## Week Beginning Monday 7th September

### A message from Mrs Cornish

A big welcome back to everyone! It has been a real delight to have the heart of the school back - the children! I have been really impressed with how well everyone has adapted to being back at school and to the new routines. Their smiles and laughter have really brought life back into the building.

We have made the decision to trial stopping the newsletter and instead updating the school website news feed, allowing us to add information throughout the week. We will send out a reminder on a Friday that the website has been updated so you don't miss any key information.

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### Celebration Assembly (updated Friday afternoon)

In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following children:

**Emily, Logan, Elin, Hendrix, Charlie R, Oliver N, Harry T, Maya, Hector, Jasmine I, Explorers Class, all staff.**

#### **Shoe Laces**

If your child is wearing shoes with laces, please support them to be able to do them up independently as staff need to be maintaining a social distance as much as possible. This is a useful skill for all children to learn.

#### **PE Kit**

Children in years 1 to 6 will need their PE kit on Monday. They should wear black or navy sports shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and their normal school jumper. The children will all be learning cricket skills this half term.

#### **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is always a high priority within the school. The safeguarding tab has information about the school contacts, our policies and some useful website links. If you have a concern, please contact Mrs Cornish or Mrs Dare.

#### **Personal Belongings**

A reminder that children do not need any personal belongings

**FREE visits to Magdalen Farm** are available for families living in Dorset. Come for a day trip as a parent and then sleepover as a family. Thanks to the kind support of Dorset Skills and Learning BCP, we are pleased to offer a Healthy Minds at Magdalen Farm

into school as everything they need is provided.

programme, providing a safe, supportive environment for you and your family. Please contact Rose at [rose@magdalenfarm.org.uk](mailto:rose@magdalenfarm.org.uk) for more information or visit <https://event.bookitbee.com/magdalen-farm> to book online.



**Congratulations Miss Morrison!**

Miss Morrison had a baby boy during the holidays - Noah, weighing a whopping 9lbs12! Mother and baby are doing well.



**EYFS Outdoor Area**

Over the summer our EYFS area was extended and our Explorers are really enjoying the extra space!