

News Second Half Autumn Term 2020

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Week Beginning Monday 14th December

PTFA Drive Thru Santa's Grotto - Friday 11th December

Thank you to the PTFA with their hugely successful Drive-thru Santa's Grotto.



Everyone had a lovely time. It was evident how much work went into this and we are all very grateful.

This week the staff and children are also enjoying their special delivery boxes which arrived in their class rooms on Friday. They are full of activities and treats for the children.



Thank you PTFA !!

Covid Reminder and INSET day

Please do remember to continue to adhere to the Tier 2 restrictions which remain in place locally as we approach the Christmas period. If your child tests positive before the end of term or in the first few days of the holidays, please ensure that the school is informed via email to

office@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk so that we

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KS2 Lunch Updates

Thank you to all those who completed the hot lunches survey for KS2. We will be offering hot lunches for all children again from January through Local Food Links - please check your emails for the updated menu. We will review the arrangement as it does rely on being close to the number of responses.

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PTFA Drive Thru Santa's Grotto - Friday 11th December

In order for the drive thru Santa's Grotto to run smoothly, it is very important that you please arrive at the entrance of school **at the time stated on your ticket**. Please do not arrive early or late as we want to be mindful of local residents and avoid too many cars waiting.

Parents and children must remain inside their cars at all times. When it is your turn to chat with Santa please turn off your car engine and wind down your windows.

Santa and his helpers are very much looking forward to meeting all the children! Thank you for your support with this event.

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Celebration Assembly (updated Thursday afternoon)

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

Jasmine McD, Elodie, Molly K, Matilda B, Esme T, Ivan, Ettienne, Marlow, George D, Zac, Teagan, Noah, Mr Sparks

Times Tables Rockstars: Willow, Iona, Leia, Ivan, Billy, Isla, Lucy, Maya, Jessica, Matilda, Teagan

Reading Eggs Awards: Lulu, Lucy, Charlie

Doodle Champions: Lulu, Fox, Charlie, Dolly, Oscar, Jasmine I, Maya, Harry, Max

Well done, **Lucy R** for completing the Year 3/4 spelling lists!

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Virtual Author Visit



On Wednesday we were visited virtually by local children's author Natalie Newman, who spoke about her book as well as the processes of writing and having a book published.

Virtual Nativity/Carol Service

This year, we are not able to hold our usual Carol Service in the church. We are working on a virtual Carol Service to share on the last day of term. Parents are invited to collect their children at 1:30 on Friday 18th December in order to join the Carol Service as a family at 2pm. Any children not collected will join the Carol Service from school and can be collected as usual at 3:05pm.

Report Cards

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be coming home with a report card summary next week. These include a summary of progress, attainment and attitude to learning as well as a short comment from the class teacher.

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like...

A **big thank you to our PTFA** who arranged the Christmas Tree at the front of the school and the Santa's Drive Thru Grotto. They have also liaised with Father Christmas himself to organise special deliveries to each class to help keep magical Christmas experiences alive despite the current restrictions.



Learning Continues

As we near Christmas, each class has started to focus on this festival as part of some of their learning, with some wonderful artwork and music around the school as well as continuing to ensure teaching and learning across the curriculum.





Week Beginning Monday 30th November

Calling All Reading Heroes - Winter Mini Challenge Starts 1st December!

This winter we are very excited to team up with The Reading Agency award-winning publisher Knights Of to run an Everyone Is A Hero Challenge to celebrate heroes in all their forms!

- Start your Challenge by visiting www.wintermini.org.uk If you took part in the Summer Reading Challenge you can use your existing account. If you need to create an account there's a new streamlined sign-up where parents can add multiple children easily! We hope it will make a real difference to new users.
- Take part by reading any books (including eBooks, audiobooks and e-comics) of your choice (we're suggesting 3 or more), then rate and review them.
- Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking special

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rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge.

- The website will also feature activities, recommendations for great winter reads, and competitions.
- If you're stuck for ideas for reading check out the Book Sorter, which has over 1.3 million peer-to-peer recommendations. Or why not try something from this [fabulous reading list](#) - from friendship, to inventing to fun, this selection is full of heroes that inspire, challenge and push the definition of what it means to be a hero.
- Keep track of your reading with this downloadable [reading record](#)
- Download your certificate when you've completed your [Challenge](#)

As part of the Winter Mini Challenge, The Reading Agency are inviting people across the country to nominate their Reading Heroes on social media. You can post a picture, share a story about them, or even record a video about them! Just make sure to get their permission first!

When you post, please remember to tag @readingagency in the post and use the hashtags #WMC2020 and #ReadingHero so they can find the posts. At the end of the Challenge, they will compile a list of all the entries and enter them into a prize draw – and the winning hero will receive the Winter Mini Challenge booklist bundle!

Your reading hero can be an individual or a group – whether that's a teacher, a library, a reading group, a friend, a carer or a family member. It's up to you! The Reading Agency just want to hear about how people have supported each other with reading this year – whether that's by helping you to improve your literacy, encouraging you to enjoy

reading or recommending you some great books!
Best wishes
Nicola
<https://readingagency.org.uk/children/news/winter-mini-challenge-2020-official-booklist.html>



Celebration Assembly (updated Thursday afternoon)

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

Charlie R, George, Charlie H, Alfred, Molly K, Daisy, Tom, Arran, Charlie B, Lucy R, Charlotte A, Sla

Times Tables Rockstars: Monty, Leia, George, Lucy R, Isla, Bailey, Ivan, Brandon

Reading Eggs Awards: Teagan, Charlie, Fox

Doodle Champions: Lulu, Iona, Charlie B, Charlie H, Remi, Rosie, Simon, Skye, Oscar, Jasmine

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Online Safety

At this time of year, many children are asking for new devices or games for their electronic devices and parents are looking into the best options. Under our Safeguarding tab, we have an Online Safety page ([quick access here](#)) with links to organisations which specialize in online safety for children and families. If you are not sure, these are great places to start for more information.

Panto Fun!

A huge thank you to our PTFA who ensured that we still had a Christmas Pantomime. M&M Theatrical Productions arrived having modified their show to a one person show with other characters on screen - our mad professor was even jumping in and out of the screen! Three performances took place to ensure that we didn't mix bubbles, meaning that there was a performance taking place almost all day and the school was filled with laughter.



Keep children cosy this Christmas



An appeal for children's new or nearly new winter coats and warm pyjamas has launched to keep children cosy this Christmas. Outdoor play is incredibly beneficial for children, and with winter drawing in we are asking families to donate new or nearly new items to help Dorset's children stay warm and dry. This has been a tough year for many and these items can be a significant cost for many families. We are asking for those who can, to donate new, or nearly new, winter coats and warm pyjamas that are suitable for ages 3-12. We will accept coats and jackets in all shapes and sizes – although heavy-duty styles are the most needed, particularly if they're weather-resistant.

How it works - and how to pick up a coat or warm pyjamas: There will be one week where people can drop off items, an isolation period for the clothing to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and then a week where families can drop-in and pick-up coats and pyjamas. No checks, forms or pre-booking – simply help where it's needed.

- **Drop-off: Friday 4 – Thursday 10 December (subject to individual opening times)**
- **Pick-up: Monday 14 – Sunday 20 December (subject to individual opening times)**

Drop-off and pick-up venues are located all over Dorset. The full list can be [found here](#) and new venues will continue to be added.



Our Assemblies

We continue to have assemblies each day in school exploring a range of topics, including our school vision (Growing together to be the very best versions of ourselves), current affairs, artist of the week and celebration. Some assemblies are class based, while others are whole school assemblies via Teams. This week we have worked together on a short recording of a Christmas song for the Golden Cap Churches to include in their Crib Service as well as to include in our virtual Christmas Nativity and Carol Service. We will be working on some more over the next couple of weeks and do hope as many of you as possible are able to join us for our Christmas Nativity and Carol Service.

Christmas Preparation

Christmas Cards - Children may bring Christmas cards into school on Mondays and Tuesdays only. They will then be distributed on Fridays.

Christmas Parties - We will be having our Christmas parties on Wednesday 16th December in the afternoon. All children are invited to wear Christmas non-uniform for the day in return for a suggested donation of £1 or donation to the food bank. Parents will not be required to provide anything for the parties; the PTFA is helping us to make sure the parties are special.

Drive Through Santa's Grotto - Families can buy tickets for the drive through Santa's Grotto which will take place on Friday 11th December.

Gifts - There is no expectation for gifts, but if you would like to send in a small gift for a member of staff, please do so by Tuesday 15th December.



Food Bank

Thank you to all those who have continued to send in generous donations for the local food bank. Our donation box was overflowing! If you would like more information on the food bank, either to donate for for help, please visit their website here

Week Beginning Monday 23rd November



Mary Anning Rocks!

Along with other upper key stage 2 classes in the Lyme area, Navigators classes (Year 5 and 6) were invited to take part in an art completion organised by Mary Anning Rocks and Darrell Wakelam to collect ideas for the Mary Anning statue. The children were provided with information about the project, ideas about Mary Anning and examples of sketches by Darrell. We are delighted to say that Elisabeth in Coleman class was the overall winner! The trustees of Mary Anning Rocks said, **“We particularly loved the use of Mary's most famous finds as part of her dress, something we hadn't thought of and something we would really like to use, well done, we love it!”** Elisabeth will be invited to help with the unveiling, which it is hoped will be in Autumn 2021 - we can't wait to see it! Well done, Elisabeth!

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School Pantomime

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Celebration Assembly (updated Thursday afternoon)

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Luca, Charlie Ha, Indigo, Iona, Charlie He, Max, Jasmine I, Phoebe, Alexis, Esme T, Mr Mitchell

Times Tables Rockstars: Isla, Charlotte, Maya, Eowen, Rosie, Molly K, Evie, Eddie
Reading Eggs Awards: Lucy R, Elisabeth, Charlie R
Doodle Champions: Charlie Ha, Maya, Darcey, Matilda W, Lulu, Iona, Charlie He, Rosie, Skye, Remy, Bella, Bobby, Esme T, Charlie R

Virtual Nativity/Carol Service
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Navigators Drop off and Collection
 We have, again, been contacted about the safety of some of our Navigators children at the start and end of the school day. This includes children running in the road and over private gardens. Please speak to your child about staying safe as they walk to and from school. Should concerns continue, all children will have to be collected by an adult.

Parent Governor
 Congratulations to Miranda Feasey, who has been elected unopposed to the role of Parent Governor. We are delighted that she is able to bring a range of useful skills to the governing board.

Orange Spelling Cards
 We are one week into our new whole school approach to high frequency and common exception cards, please help us by ensuring that your child brings their card to school everyday. We know that a real focus on these words will really support their spelling and writing confidence!

Home Learning
 Weekly home learning is being set via TEAMS. If you are having any difficulty logging on with your child, please email the school office for support. Should your child need to isolate, work will also be set via Teams to support them in continuing with the learning that is happening in class.



Staying Active
 We aim be to active everyday in different ways as you can see from our Explorers on the balance bikes, to Adventurers and Pathfinders playing games at lunchtime and Navigators playing a game during their morning active time.

Week Beginning Monday 16th November

In their current theme, **Pathfinders** have been finding out about the Great Fire of London. They have been busy making their own cardboard houses and streets to mimic the events of the



Great Fire of 1666 starting on Pudding Lane. Lots of fun has been had by all!



Meanwhile, **Explorers** have been learning about Diwali this week and have made their very own Rangoli pattern using beautifully coloured rice. Well done Explorers, it looks amazing!



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Celebration Assembly (updated Thursday afternoon)

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

Marlow, Charlie B, Lola, Megan, Milo, Hugo, Kitty T, Ethan, Leah,

Seth, Evie, Mrs Still

Times Tables Rockstars: Amelie, Luca, Teagan, Molly K, Lucy, Jess, Evie

Reading Eggs Awards: Willow, Elisabeth, Charlie R

Doodle Champions: Elin, George, Hendrix, Iona, Bailey, Charlotte, Esme T, Charlie R

Water bottles in school: Please can parents remember to send their children to school with a full water bottle. We do have some spare single use bottles of water. For children who frequently need a single use water bottle we will charge £1 per bottle.

Class Attributes

We are encouraging different learning attributes across each phase of the school. As we continue to explore what each one means and can look like, why not ask your child about the attributes for their phase?

Explorers: experimental, curious, confident, co-operative

Pathfinders: innovative, decisive, creative, independent

Adventurers: brave, risk-taker, resilient, prepared

Navigators: leaders, able to apply skills, overcomers, focused

Parent Survey

The "inclusive and friendly environment allows my child to build his confidence and express himself."

As a result of the parent survey, we are making sure that an email is sent on a Friday to remind families to check here for weekly updates and we are working on a document to support communication routes.

If there is anything you would like to draw to our attention or celebrate with us, please do email the school office.

Orange Spelling Cards

Every child in years 1 to 6 has been given a spelling card with high frequency and common exception words to learn to spell. A letter has been sent today.

Ollee - a virtual friend



Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: **school**, **family**, **friends**, their **body**, the **internet** and the **world**.

Click the image to visit the website.

Week Beginning Monday 9th November

Remembrance

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, we stood as a whole school on the playground to remember, respect and hope for the future. By standing in our fire drill places, we were able to be together but distanced to pay our respects.



Explorers (EYFS) class created the poppies at the entrance to the school, exploring different materials, cutting and sticking while they talked about remembering and how animals helped. During this term, Navigators (Year 5 & 6) explored war around the world, helping them to think about and show their respect for those affected by conflict now and in the past.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 12th November: Children in Need 24 hour PE lesson with Joe

Week beginning 14th December: Report cards to parents

Wednesday 16th December: Class/bubble Christmas Parties

Friday 18th December: Virtual Christmas Assembly

18th December: Last day of term



Celebration Assembly (updated Thursday afternoon)

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

George D, Lucy R, Molly W, Alex M, Charlie R, Alexis, Friston, Lola, Jowan, Bella and Felix

Timestable Rock Hero: Ivan T. **Timestable Rock Legends:** Alexis, Charlie R, Lucy R, Bella, Molly K, and George.

Timestable Rockstar: Kitty T, Bobby, Oscar, George, Billy, Charlotte, Ethan, Esme, Archie and Dolly.

Children in Need

To mark Children in Need this year, we will be taking part in Joe Wicks' 24 hour PE lesson - although not all of it! Each class will dip into the session during the day. As children are already wearing trainers to school for our daily active time, they do not need to do anything differently. If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, please send in a donation on Friday or donate via the [Children in Need website](#). We continue to have a collection box for the Local Food Bank and can accept donations at any time if you would prefer to donate in a practical and local way.

Have your say on Dorset Council's Climate Emergency Plan (and please share with children and young people)



We are asking children, young people and partners to have a say on our Climate Emergency Plan. Dorset Council has drawn-up the plan, which sets out how we can deliver services and work with our partners and communities to achieve net-zero carbon emissions in Dorset over the next 20-30 years.

We want children and young people to tell us how important tackling climate change is and so we have created a survey especially for them here: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/climate-questions We'd also like young people and partners to tell us what you think of our climate emergency plans in more detail at: www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/climate-survey This work is incredibly important. Just sitting by and letting others address this crisis is not an option. We need to work together to overcome this monumental challenge. What we all do – or don't do – to address this Climate and Ecological Emergency will impact our children, grandchildren and every other generation for centuries to come. More information is [available here](#).

Week Beginning Monday 2nd November

A message from Mrs Cornish

It has been lovely seeing the children back in school this week. I have been impressed again at how quickly they have got back into their new routines and settled into learning. We are aiming to share more photos of learning this half term to help you see more of what we are doing in school. Over the next couple of weeks all classes will be finishing their Conflict curriculum theme and moving onto a short single subject unit before moving onto a Christmas theme. Along

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

18th December: Last day of term

<p>with the PTFA, we are exploring ways to recreate some of our Christmas traditions - watch this space!</p>	
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<p>Parent Survey</p> <p>Thank you to all those who completed the parent survey. We are now looking through the responses and will feedback more in the coming weeks.</p>	<p>PE on Fridays</p> <p>We welcomed Lee from Footie 4 Dorset for PE today. He will be continuing to lead sessions this term on the field as much as possible. Please, therefore, bring a spare pair of socks and shoes as quite a few had wet feet today!</p>
<p>School Applications for Reception September 2021</p> <p>Although we are unable to carry out tours of the school, we are arranging virtual tours for perspective parents. If you have a child starting Reception in September 2021 or interested in starting the nursery, please contact the school office. Children in our nursery will need to apply for school places.</p>	<p>Lockdown 2</p> <p>As we start a second National lockdown, we are continuing to follow Government guidelines to keep the school community as safe as possible. We recommend that parents wear a face covering at drop off and collection as this is a time when households come into close contact.</p>
<p>Learning at Home</p> <p>Weekly home learning tasks are being set via Teams for years 1 - 6. If you are having any difficulties logging on, please contact the school. If your child is required to isolate, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure you are able to access learning.</p>	<p>Parent Governor Vacancy</p> <p>We are looking for a new parent governor to join our Governing Board. Please check your emails or contact the office for more information including the contact details for an informal conversation about the role. If one person is nominated, they are automatically elected, if more than one is nominated, there will be a vote.</p>