

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Friendship Our HeartSmart focus is: Fake is a Mistake!

Thursday 18th April 2023
Summer 1 Newsletter 1

Things to remember:

- The clubs letter for summer term has gone out - there is still time to sign up:

[Lunchtime Football Skills Club](#)
[Kwik Cricket after school club](#)

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the summer term, where we are looking forward to supporting our Year 4 children in their move to middle school in September, and working closely to support our new September Reception children as they join our Broadmayne family. Please keep a careful eye out for emails and letters connected to planned activities - there will be quite a lot going on! There are several wider community celebrations planned for the upcoming coronation which we will share with you as we receive them.


We know this term can be challenging at times for our children, as transition to new schools or classes becomes more of a reality. Please rest assured we completely understand and have lots of ways to support everyone as we move through the term, and please don't hesitate to let us know if you are concerned about your child - we are here to help every step of the way.

Full written reports for Year 1-3 have now been sent home - apologies for the delay caused by our unexpected visitors at the end of last term. Year 4 and Year R parents meetings are taking place - the reports for these classes will come out at the end of this term.

5 ways to wellbeing - Get Connected

Our whole school focus for the next two weeks will be **Get Connected** which fits perfectly with our assembly theme of Friendship for the half term, and our PSHE focus in HeartSmart which is Fake is a Mistake, which looks at how we can be our true, authentic selves when interacting with others.

Our children will be exploring ways they can connect meaningfully with other people, and we are encouraging our whole school community to take part too! You might find the following Youtube video useful:

 [01 Connect - The Five Ways to Wellbeing](#) , which talks about the importance of social connection for us all as human beings - it can be something small such as asking someone how their day has been!

Ticks

Yes, it's summer again, and we have our annual tick update!

With the warm weather approaching, the likelihood of children coming into contact with ticks becomes more likely. Ticks are small, and can vary in size from being as small as a tiny freckle, to the size of a baked bean. Ticks can be found across the UK, and survive in many different habitats, and we do occasionally find them in

the school grounds. Ticks cannot fly, swim or jump. Current medical advice is that it is best practice for the school to remove a tick if we find one on your child - we will try and contact you to let you know if we are going to do this, and to discuss with you any further details, **but if we cannot contact you we will remove the tick.** To avoid ticks, the recommendations are that children wear long sleeves/trousers, which is not always practical in the summer, but we always ask children to wear these for if they will be visiting the woods. There are also insect repellents that can deter ticks. If you require any further information you can access the Public Health England leaflets in the school foyer. Information from the NHS about Lyme Disease can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/lyme-disease/>

Sing for The King

This half term the children will be learning some songs in preparation for our Coronation picnic on the 5th May. They are also invited to take part in a performance of these songs in celebration of King Charles' coronation on Saturday 6th May. The event has been organised by the Dorchester Town Council and will be held at Salisbury Fields in Dorchester. There will be various activities and performances taking place from 5-8pm, with Beacon Lighting occurring at 8pm. Children from across various DASP schools have been invited to sing at the event at 7:30pm. Our children will be singing the songs they have learned at school and are invited to perform at the event as part of a combined DASP schools' choir. Staff from school will not necessarily be at the event, and so any children taking part will **need to be under parental supervision** the entire time that they are at the event. If your child would like to take part, please complete the google form below to show your expression of interest (the Town Council would like to gauge an idea of numbers taking part in advance). If you later change your mind and decide not to take part, that is not a problem. Children taking part will need to be at Salisbury Fields by 7:15pm. They may wear home clothes. <https://forms.gle/JtZrUgJmEx9oeqEw9>

Can you help Owermoigne Park?

One of our parents has asked if our school can help a valuable community resource! She writes as follows:

I'm on a committee in our village to improve our play park - Helping Owermoigne Park (HOP) 🌱
We have made the shortlist for this years Helping your community grow project with Dobbies Garden Centres 🌸

If we win, Dobbies will donate gardening equipment, products and help and support HOP 🗑️

We need yours and your friends and family to help us get as many votes as possible please 🙏

Entries close on 25th April!!!

Click the link

Select the store Galton

Select HOP Helping Owermoigne Park

Thank you 😊

<https://www.dobbies.com/helping-your-community-grow>

Crossways Parish Council Coronation Weekend

Crossways Parish Council has organised a programme of events covering the Coronation weekend. There is a colouring competition and best decorated crown competition as well as potted sports and games at the Crossways Coronation Family Picnic event on Monday 8th. All the details and the colouring pictures are on the village website.



The Council is also presenting all the children of the parish with an enamel pin badge and certificate and application forms have been sent to every house in the parish - please look out for these if you live in the parish area as it needs to be applied for - it will be delivered before Coronation Day as a keepsake of this historic occasion and is for children from birth to school year 8.

Applications can be handed in at various points or completed online. Our website is www.crosswaysdorset.info and we have appended a flyer to this email.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Collings



Calendar Dates Summer Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
APRIL		
Thursday 20th April	1.30pm	Meet the lifeguards assembly
Friday 21st April	AM	Kickboxing taster sessions - Years 3 and 4
Tues 25th/Weds 26th April	9am - 12 noon	Bikeability for Year 4
MAY		
Friday 5th May		Coronation picnic - come dressed as kings and queens for the day!
Thursday 11th May	AM	Year 4 at THS to meet Cressida Cowell, author of How to Train your Dragon - more details to follow
Mon 22nd - Fri 26th		Take One Picture arts week
Weds 24th	9.10am	Year 1 class assembly
Friday 26th May		Last day of half term
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June		HALF TERM
JUNE		
Monday 5th June		Return to school - Summer 2 begins
Tuesday 6th June		Class photographs
Thursday 8th June	9.10pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd		Great British Bark Off week
Mon 19th June		Dog's Trust visiting all classes
Weds 28th June	All day	Year 3 visiting Tincton Farm
Friday 30th June	1.15pm	Sports Day
JULY		
Tuesday 4th		Race 4 Life
Thursday 6th July		Transfer Day
Wednesday 12th	2pm 6pm	Year 4 play (venue tbc)
Thursday 13th		In-School Football festival
Friday 14th	6pm	Year 4 play

Thursday 20th July	2pm	Dance Day
Friday 21st July	9.15am	Year 4 Leaver's Assembly Last day of summer term - school finishes at 2pm