

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Perseverance . Our HeartSmart focus is: Too much selfie isn't healthy!

Tuesday 15th February 2022
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Things to remember:

- Books at Bedtime on Wednesday 2nd March from 5.30pm - come in pyjamas for a story and hot chocolate!
- Express Yourself - Thursday 3rd - come to school dressed as a word that means something to you!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a really informative and successful online workshop for parents and carers this week around E Safety - if you would like to watch the recording, it can be found here: [E Safety Workshop](#)

The workshop was created as part of our school's involvement in the Learning First Alliance - the LFA. This is an informal alliance of four local schools - The Prince of Wales School, Cerne Abbas First School, Cheselbourne First School, and Broadmayne. By joining together in this way, we are able to provide a higher level of training and support for our schools, and we are planning more of these workshops in the near future, which will be led by other senior leaders across the group - reading and phonics will be the next workshop offered.

Cool Kids/Breakfast Club Phone

In a recent parental questionnaire about our wrap around provision, one of the things parents asked about was a dedicated phone for Breakfast Club/Cool Kids. This has been an interesting issue which we have finally solved! When you ring the school you will be given the option to dial 3, which will take you straight through to the dedicated after school phone - please use this **only** during Breakfast Club and Cool Kids hours (7.45am - 8.45am/3.15pm - 5.30pm) to inform staff of any pick up changes or emergencies - please do not use this line to make bookings as these need to go through the main office.

AfterSchool Clubs

We are exploring the possibility of introducing two new after-school clubs. Both of these would be open to pupils from all year groups, and it is likely that in fact they will open for families to attend - parents/carers included! One of these will be a yoga class, on a Friday after school and covering music and movement, some yoga poses and relaxation, and the other will be offering lessons in British Sign Language. There will be a charge for these lessons, although we are unsure what this might be (and as always, we never want anyone to not attend if they cannot afford it!)

In order to explore this further we need to know that we have a certain level of interest from our families. Can you please use the following quick link to let us know that either, or both, of these would be something you are interested in: [Interest in after school clubs](#)

Phonics Workshop

Please don't forget the Phonics Workshop specific to our school's approach that Mrs Norman will be running on Tuesday 1st March - please see details below and a link to let us know you are attending (it's the day we return to school after half term).

Workshop	Audience	Time and date	Lead	Link to register
An introduction to our new phonics scheme, Super Sonic Phonic Friends	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers	Tuesday 1st March @ 9am	Alison Norman	Phonics workshop

World Book Week

You will have received a letter from Mrs Norman outlining all the exciting opportunities the school has planned for World Book Week this year- we are so excited to be able to invite our families back into school on Wednesday 2nd for Books at Bedtime!

Half Term Opportunities

There will be a tennis camp available to join at St Osmund's Middle School over half term - details as follows: I am delighted to let you know that we are going to be running our very popular **February Half-Term Holiday Tennis Camps** at St. Osmund's Sports Centre, Dorchester from Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th February. All the details are below and to book, please visit our website via the following link:-

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DorsetTennisAcademy/Coaching/Camps>

We do hope your child will join us for these fun and exciting days of tennis!!

It only remains for me to wish you all a safe and happy half term (can you believe we are halfway through the school year already!) I hope the weather is kind to us all, and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 1st March!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022

Date	Time	Event
FEBRUARY 2022		
Friday 18th		Last day before half term
Mon 21st - Fri 25th		HALF TERM BREAK
Mon 28th		INSET Day
MARCH 2022		
Tuesday 1st	9am	Children return to school - start of second half term Beginning of Book Week Phonics workshop
Wednesday 2nd	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Books at Bedtime
Thursday 3rd		Express Yourself - Dress as a Word! What does it tell us about you?