

Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Respectful

The value we are looking at this half term is Compassion. Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't Forget to Let Love In

Monday 21st November 2022
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Things to remember:

- Read with a Friend or Relative - this Wednesday, the 23rd at 2.30pm - bring a book to share!
- Don't forget Christmas Fair this Friday at 5pm
- FABS Christmas Fair donations - Cakes and filled jars please
- Tickets to see Father Christmas at the Christmas fair can be purchased from the school office for £2.50 with card or cash

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels as if the winter is determined to have a damp start this year, every time the sun comes out the clouds seem close behind! Please remember we do get our children outside for some fresh air whenever we can, so warm waterproof coats are essential and need to be in school every day - please ensure they are named!

We have quite a lot of illness circulating at the moment, with several cases of chickenpox. This is on the rise in the South West area, mainly due to children not mixing over the two lockdowns, so please do keep an eye on your child, particularly if they have not had it before. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Staffing Update

This week we are sadly saying goodbye to Laurie Burnie as she leaves us to move to Bristol. Laura has been a fantastic member of staff since joining us two years ago, and she will be greatly missed, particularly in our Reception class.

Kerry Watts, who works both in the office and the wider school, will also be leaving us at the end of this term to move onto a different role. Quite what we will do without her we're not sure, but we will be making the most of her dressing up skills this term!

Information for the rest of this term

On **Friday 9th December** we will have Dress for Christmas Day. We call it this as we don't want families to feel they need to buy a Christmas jumper specially for this day - we would much rather children wore a preloved jumper, or something Christmassy (but suitable for school!). In the past we have had children wear some tinsel or a sparkly top - it doesn't have to be anything complicated!

On **Thursday 15th December** we are inviting everyone back into school at 4.30pm for Carols by Lanternlight. This is an informal event, where we can get together to sing some traditional, and not so traditional, Christmas songs together. If you would like to take part can children please **make lanterns at home** and bring them along - no naked flames please!

On **Friday 16th December**, which is the last day of term, each class will be organising their own Christmas party. Last year each class brought in food for a buffet lunch and we will be doing the same again this year - more information will follow from class teachers regarding this.

Monday 8th May bank holiday

Please add the above date to your diaries, which is an extra bank holiday for the coronation of King Charles.

FABS News

Two new dates for your diaries for next term from the FABS:

There will be a FABS bingo on Friday 20th January and a Valentines school disco on Thursday 9th February - more details to follow.

The Christmas Cracker - 11.12.22

The annual Dorchester Christmas Cracker event will take place on Saturday 11th December.

A new event as part of this is a Santa Hat Parade, with hats for any children who would like to take part! The parade will assemble at the top of high West Street Dorchester at 11.45am for a 12 noon parade down the Street - just turn up to get involved!

Christmas Workshop - Methodist church

The Christmas activity workshop had to be cancelled last year due to Covid, but is back on this year, details as follows:

A day of Fun for Years 2, 3, and 4 with music /craft /stories/activities.

Tuesday 20th December at Broadmayne Methodist Church

Time : 10.30-3pm

No charge but children will need to bring a packed Lunch.

Places are limited to the first 15 that hand their application forms in - forms are available from the school office.

The forms can be returned to the School Office or can be returned to Margaret Eaglestone (address is on the form) or scanned or photographed copy by email to Margaret.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates Autumn Term 2 2022

Date	Time	Event
NOVEMBER		
Wednesday 23rd	2.30pm	Read with a friend or relative
Friday 25th	5-7pm	Christmas Fair
DECEMBER		
Monday 5th		Flu immunisations
Friday 9th		Dress for Christmas Day Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Monday 12th	2pm 5.30pm	Nativity
Tuesday 13th	5.30pm	Nativity
Wednesday 14th		LFL Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15th	4.30pm	Carols by candlelight
Friday 16th		Christmas Party Day School finishes at 2.30pm LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM