

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

Newsletter No. 8

20th April 2018

Dear Parent,

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope that you all had a good Easter and enjoyed the time with your family. The Summer Term is always a great term in a school and I am really looking forward to it. We have had a number of children join us this term and we warmly welcome Isabel, Poppy, Honor and Charlotte to Puddletown First School. Miss Waller has also joined our staff this term, she will be working with a number of our children and we wish her every success.

Outdoor Play

The great weather this week is hopefully a foretaste of what summer will be like this year, we can dream! So just a few reminders;

1. All children MUST have a hat to wear when outside in the sun
2. Sun cream should be applied before coming to school. The children can reapply sun cream before going out to play at lunchtime. This should be supplied by parents and put in book bags. Please take some time to show your child how to apply it.
3. If your child needs sunglasses please try to name them and emphasise to them that they are their responsibility.

Before going out to play at lunch the children will be encouraged to drink plenty and will be given time for a drink when we come back in after lunch.

It is our intention this term at playtimes to make full use of our field and banks.

Having said all that we can now stand by for the wettest summer on record!

Headwear

Whilst we are as keen on Unicorns as anyone can I please ask that hair bands are kept simple in school and request that cat's ears, unicorn horns and any other combinations are kept for evenings, weekends and holidays.

Supervision at the end of the day

Please do ensure that all of your children are well supervised when collecting from the school. As you will know a big focus this year is on developing our outdoor learning. This means that a variety of resources are outside the classrooms and I know it is tempting for younger siblings to play with it but it has led to damage and for staff to have to take additional time to rearrange things. I have also been concerned to see young children running up and down the banks etc and am anxious to avoid injury.

Pentecost

Our Pentecost service is Thursday 17th May in the afternoon, as ever you are all welcome to join us for that at St Mary's Church.

Ofsted

We are still waiting for the final report to be sent to us. When we receive it we will provide each family with a paper copy as well as put it on our website. I will then host 2 drop in sessions for anyone wishing to discuss any element of the report or seek clarification on the points raised. The first will be at 3.30pm and the second at 6.00pm. The dates for this will be in the letter that will accompany the report. I am confident that you will be pleased with the outcomes of the inspection.

Communication

If you need to contact me at all please do catch me on the gate in the morning, contact the school office or email me head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk

School Car park

Please do not use the school car park when dropping off or collecting your child. We do not have the space for parent cars. Some parents have been using the car park and have caused obstruction for the buses. There is a risk of damage to cars and injury to the children.

The best place to park is in the Rec car park which is usually empty and means that the Dorchester Road is kept clear ensuring that pedestrians are able to walk safely and have a clear view when crossing the road. Please do ensure that you park with consideration to everyone; pedestrians, other road users and local residents. Thank you.

Diary Dates

25 Apr – FOPS Meeting 7pm
2-4 May – Year 4 at Hooke Court
8-9 May – Life Education Van
9 May – FOPS Movie Night
11 May – Y4 'Hooke Court' Open Afternoon 1.45pm
14 & 21 May – Year 2 SATS week
17 May – Pentecost Church Service – all welcome 2pm
22 May – Class R 'new parents' meeting 7pm
25 May – Break up
04 Jun – Return to school
5 Jun – Puddleducks 1.15pm
6 Jun – Year 2 trip to Corfe Castle
7 Jun – School Nurse drop in session
12/19 & 26 Jun – Puddleducks 1.15pm
4 Jul – Reflection Day
5 Jul – Transfer Day
6 Jul – Reports to parents
9 Jul – Sports Day

Not home learning.....

Something to discuss over the dinner table. If you could have a pet dinosaur which one would you choose?

I would love to hear your answers.

