

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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I apologise for this being the first newsletter of the summer term when we are now nearly at the end of the first half of it, but it is a short ½ term!

Use of ICT and E Safety

If you haven't yet returned your child's acceptable use agreement for ICT please do so as soon as possible. Children who have not signed the agreement may have their access to ICT limited until we have received it.

All the children undertook a lesson with Dorset Police on keeping safe when on line and using ICT. Please do take some time talking to your child about this. The latest newsletters from the E Safety team are on our website.

Those who were able to attend the parent briefing afterschool said they found the session useful. One of the messages from the police team was to be aware of what the children are doing on line, including knowing what games they are playing. Check that the games are appropriate to the child's age as some children are accessing 18 certificate games. Also know who your child is communicating with while playing the games.

Parking

I am concerned that we are still receiving complaints from our neighbours regarding parking. Of greater worry is that I am told that when challenged by residents the response has been less than courteous. We work hard at school to ensure that children are taught to be respectful of others. Please do ensure that you are parking safely outside of the school and model the behaviours we all want for our children.

Fidget Spinners!

As a school we do try to engage in and support our children's interests. A number of children have come to school with the latest craze of fidget spinners. I am happy for the children to have them to play with but only at playtime and not in lessons as they can be distracting. If your child does decide to bring one into school they must remember that it is their own decision to do so and that they must take responsibility for looking after it.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Please ensure that a booking is secured and paid for BEFORE sending your child to either breakfast or afterschool club.

On a different note we are pleased to say that we are now able to offer afterschool provision on Friday up to 5.00pm. This will be from Friday 9th June, it will be for the whole ½ term on a trial basis whilst we assess the take up to this offer. We are also hopeful that we will be able to offer more places afterschool from Monday to Thursday, more information on this will follow shortly.

St Mary's Middle School

Please see the following from Mr Ayling regarding their recent OFSTED inspection.

I am sure that many of you will be aware that St. Mary's C.E. Middle School was inspected by Ofsted shortly before the Easter holidays. The school was given a judgement of requires improvement and I wanted to take the opportunity to assure you, particularly those parents of children transferring into St. Mary's at the end of the year, that you should not be concerned over the report. I would ask that you read the letter (available through our school website) that I sent to parents alongside the full report as this will clarify some the points raised. Should you still have any concerns, I would encourage you to ring the school and I can either phone you or invite you to come to meet with me at St. Mary's. I am very proud of the work the school is doing and speed at which I know we can demonstrate the improvements suggested in the report. I am very much looking forward to meeting some of you and the Year 4 pupils in the next few weeks as we start the highly effective transfer process and am confident that they will flourish at St. Mary's.

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

Diary Dates

22 May – School nurse drop in session
23 May – New Year R parent meeting
24 May – FOPS Movie Night
26 May – Break Up
05 Jun – Return to School
06 Jun – Puddleducks
07 Jun – Y1 trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium
09 Jun – Y4 trip to PGL
12 Jun – KS1 Summer Sports Club starts x 6 weeks
13 Jun – Puddleducks
14 Jun – Y2 trip to Corfe Castle
14 Jun – KS2 Frisbee Club starts x 6 weeks
19 Jun – Class R trip to Leeson House
20 Jun – Puddleducks
26 Jun – School Nurse drop in session
27 Jun – Puddleducks
28 Jun – FOPS Summer Disco
05 Jul – After School Club - water fight party!
06 Jul – Transfer day
07 Jul – Reports to parents
10 Jul – Celebration Day and Meet the Teacher
12 Jul – Sports Day

Not home learning...

Next week is science week at school so.....

What is the scientific breakthrough that you would most like to make?

What do you think is the most important scientific discovery ever made?

Or what makes a good scientist?