

# Puddletown CEVC First School

*'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'*

Newsletter No. 5

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Dear Parent,

Welcome back and a very happy new year, thank you for all the cards and gifts you sent over Christmas we hope that you and your families had a good break.

Thank you also for all your reverse advent gifts which have supported our local foodbank, these gifts have been used to help support 764 adults and children.

## **Christmas Production DVD**

Mr Cray has kindly edited the DVD of 'Census Sums' and this is now available to order. The cost of the DVD is £7.50 and all orders must be completed by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January. We will not be able to take any orders after this date as Mr Cray will have started the production run. You can order your copy via your schoolcomms account.

A trailer of the DVD is now on the Website for you to view.

## **Christmas Production Tickets**

Our Christmas production was a great success and I'm sure it was enjoyed by all who came to see it.

There were concerns raised over ticket allocation which caused disappointment for some of you.

Clearly this is something we would wish to avoid next year. As a consequence we have once again reviewed our ticketing arrangements. Next year one ticket will be allocated per family per night. This would enable each parent to attend a performance on a separate night. As parents you would be free to make arrangements with other parents to exchange a ticket if you both wanted to attend the same evening. Any unwanted tickets would be returned to the office to enable parents to apply for additional tickets on a waiting list. This will ensure that each parent will have a guaranteed ticket for each performance.

## **Wellies Wanted!**

Part of our 2017/18 School Development Plan is to develop our outdoor curriculum provision. For this to be effective we need to ensure that we aren't weather dependent. As the saying goes *'there's no such thing as the wrong weather, just the wrong clothes!'* Therefore, we are on the hunt for wellies, we are looking to be able to provide wellies for the whole of our age range YR to Y4. If you have any spare wellies please send them into school where we will make good use of them!

A summary of our School Development Plan is available on our website under the Information tab.

## **Hot School Meals**

Just a quick reminder of the recent letter regarding hot school meal ordering, the letter can be found on the website.

## **Sickness**

The end of last term was exceptional and not something we have seen very often in our school thankfully. Following the advice from Public Health England the school has been thoroughly deep cleaned. However, the key to avoiding this again is prevention. If your child has been ill through sickness or diarrhoea then they must not be in school for 48 hours after their last episode. In the past we may have made some allowance for travel sickness. In the interests of clarity this will not be the case in the future. The simple message is if your child is sick they must be off for the 48 hour period

## **Party Day**

As so many of our children missed their Christmas party at the end of last term as promised we will be having a New Year Party for the children on January 11<sup>th</sup>. If the children could come to school in their party clothes and bring any food items originally requested for the Christmas party with them that would be helpful. Thank you.

We have a number of plates and tins from last term, if possible can you please collect them asap?

## **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](mailto:head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk)

## **Diary Dates**

08 Jan – KS1 Dodgeball starts 3.15-4.15pm  
10 Jan – KS2 Handball starts 3.15-4.15pm  
11 Jan – Recorder Club starts Y's 1-4 3.15-3.50pm  
17 Jan – Fops Disco  
18 Jan – Football club starts Y's 3&4 3.15-4.15pm  
18 Jan – FGM  
18 Jan – Pre-School Committee meeting  
31 Jan – Reflection day  
31 Jan – Class R Dance Festival -  
06 Feb – Class R Open Afternoon – 1.45pm  
07 Feb – Year 2 Open Afternoon - 1.45pm  
08 Feb – Break up  
09 Feb – Inset day  
19 Feb – Return to school  
22 Feb – School Nurse drop in session  
22 Feb – KS1 trip to Dorchester Museum  
26 Feb – 1 Mar – Book Fair week  
01 Mar – World Book day & FOPs Books at Bedtime  
06 Mar – Year 4 Open Afternoon – 1.45pm  
07 Mar – SATs meeting for Year 2 parents  
15 Mar – KS2 trip to Dorchester Museum  
15 Mar – Year 1 open afternoon – 1.45pm  
16 Mar – Reports to parents  
20 Mar – Parent/teacher meetings 2-5pm  
21 Mar – Class photos  
22 Mar – Parent/teacher meetings 4-7.30pm  
29 Mar – Break up for Easter