

# Puddletown CEVC First School

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

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9<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parent,

After all the excitement of the snow it has been good to have had a normal week in school. Closing the school due to poor weather is always a difficult decision. It is our intention to remain open if at all possible which is why the notification of closure of the school for Thursday was in the morning and not Wednesday afternoon. I apologise if this caused any additional difficulties for you. If you have any comments about our procedures regarding emergency closure please do get in touch. It was amazing snow though and it has been lovely to hear all about it from the children, it sounds as if everyone made the most of it. I certainly enjoyed using my snow scooter again!

## **Parking outside of school**

As many of you will know Alison our Police Community Support Officer has carried out a morning drop in this week to look at the congestion and parking around the school. One area of concern has been the number of cars parked on the yellow lines that restrict both the traffic access for cars and buses and the line of sight for pedestrians. Alison received a lot of positive comments from those of you walking as their journey was much safer as a result of moving the cars off of these yellow lines. Alison noted that as is often the case the Rec car park was unused. Please do use this car park to ensure that the roads around the school are clear, it makes the area around our school so much safer for our children. Alison will be carrying out more drop ins and will involve colleagues from Parking Enforcement if people continue to park illegally.

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings and Reports**

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the parent/teacher meetings, these are really important occasions so if you haven't yet made an appointment please do so as soon as possible. As in previous years these meetings follow the sending out of your child's midyear report which forms the substance of the discussion. By producing a detailed report of your child's progress in the year it means that we are able to work with you in the Summer term to really address the targets to ensure your child's academic outcomes are as secure as possible. The teachers have spent hours writing these reports so please do take time to complete the feedback form that comes out with the report.

## **Congratulations**

Well done to Y4 on a fantastic effort at the DASP Singing Concert. Their singing was absolutely brilliant, thank you to Miss England and Mrs Downes for all their work in preparing them. Well done also to our Y4 Cross Country Team who won the DASP Pyramid competition.

## **Book Fair, World Book Day, Books at Bedtime and Home Reading**

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair this year, I hope that your child enjoys their new book. We are sorry that we missed World Book Day and Books at Bedtime due to the snow.

**Books at Bedtime** will now be Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March but at the slightly different time of 5pm – 6.00pm to help parents with older children at the Middle School who may be attending the disco there.

**World Book Day.** We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. For this day the children are welcome to come dressed as a book character, bring an artefact from a favourite book or bring in their favourite book. Please do keep encouraging your child to read at home, it makes so much difference. Thank you.

## **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)

## **FOPS**

A huge congratulations to FOPS, the children and you. The recent sponsored event raised an amazing **£1781.45!**

Thank you so much for all your support for FOPS

## **Diary Dates**

13 Mar – Class R hearing test  
15 Mar – KS2 trip to Dorchester Museum 'Dippy Tour'  
15 Mar – Year 1 open afternoon – 1.45pm  
15 Mar – FoPS 'Books at Bedtime' 5-6pm  
16 Mar – World Book Day 'dress up as a book character'  
16 Mar – Reports to parents  
20 Mar – Parent/teacher meetings  
21 Mar – Class photos  
21 Mar – Parent/teacher meetings  
22 Mar – Full Governor Meeting  
27 Mar – Easter Service at Church – all welcome  
28 Mar – Year 3 open afternoon 1.45pm  
28 Mar – FoPS Meeting 7pm  
29 Mar – Guitar Concert 9.15am  
29 Mar – Break up for Easter  
16 Apr – Return to School  
19 Apr – School nurse drop in session - 9am  
20 Apr – Y4 parent 'Hooke Court' meeting – 3.15pm  
2-4 May – Year 4 at Hooke Court  
8-9 May – Life Education Van  
9 May – Y4 Hooke Court open afternoon TBC

## **Not home learning.....**

Something to discuss over the dinner table. If you could invent a new kind of weather what would it be?

I would love to hear your answers.