

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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Thank you for all you kind gifts for our Harvest Festival, these have been passed on to support local projects in Dorchester. It was good to see many of you at the church on Monday, I have put some photos on the website.

The weather has definitely become more autumnal recently, please make sure that the children come to school with a coat for playtimes etc.

Schoolcomms

I am really sorry that Schoolcomms has not been running properly this term so far. The office staff have been working tremendously hard with the company to fix the problems that were outside of our control.

I am pleased to say that it should now be working and you will have received information on how to register.

Now that it is running **all** payments need to be made through Schoolcomms. Payments for the M&M Panto can now be made and provide parental consent.

Please do speak with the office if this causes you any difficulties.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

This is a fantastic provision that we are able to offer and I am grateful for all the work the staff do to run this. All bookings need to be made through the online system, we will not accept any bookings through the office. If you haven't made an online booking please do not expect to be able to put your child into the provision.

Parent/teacher meetings

We are looking forward to the parent/teacher meetings next week. These are crucial meetings to ensure that we work in partnership with you to secure the best outcomes for your child. Please do make sure that you have made an appointment with your child's teacher.

Maths targets, reading and home learning

We have reviewed the way in which we are setting maths targets this year. These will be shared with you after ½ term at the maths parents evening on 16th November.

Please do make sure that you are reading regularly with your child and recording it into the reading diary. The importance of this cannot be overstated. When the children are set spellings or tables etc do take time to support and encourage your child in learning them.

Middle School Applications

A reminder to all Y4 parents to ensure that the application process needs to be considered this term. When completing the application make sure that you express both a first and second preference.

Parking – Sorry to repeat myself!

If you use a car to travel to school please do take care when parking both at drop off and collection times.

We need to be mindful of and respectful of our neighbours and the community. Please avoid parking across resident's driveways and in the bus stop.

May I also remind parents to avoid using the school carpark at these times. We have a number of buses using the carpark and it can become busy. On that note please do not walk through the carpark with your child.

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

Hot school meals taster sessions

On Friday 4th November there will be a taster session for you to try the meals that we currently provide for the children.

All children in YR, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free school meal

Diary Dates

10 Oct – School Nurse drop in session

11 Oct – Parent/Teacher Meetings 2-5pm

13 Oct – Parent/Teacher Meetings 5-7.30pm

18 Oct – School Photographer

19 Oct – FOPS Movie Night

21 Oct – Break up

31 Oct – Inset Day

4 Nov – Chartwells Taster Session for parents

8 Nov – Class R open Afternoon

11 Nov – M&M Production

17 Nov – Year 3 Open Afternoon

18 Nov – FOPS Quiz Night

21 Nov – School Nurse drop in session

23 Nov – Year 2 open Afternoon

24 Nov – Year 1 Open Afternoon

1 Dec – Advent Reflection Day

5 Dec – Year 4 Nothe Fort trip

6 Dec – FOPS Carols around the village

12&14 Dec – Christmas Production

15 Dec – Party day

16 Dec – Break Up

The return of not home learning...

For our new families, this is something you may wish to talk with your children about. I am always happy to hear your ideas though.

Is there a difference between being clever and being wise?