

# Puddletown CEVC First School

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

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Dear Parent,

Thank you for your support for Children in Need today, when we have our total will let you know. The children have really responded well not just to the event but to the reasons behind Children in Need.

## Information evenings

It was good to see many of you at our maths meeting on Wednesday. We hope that you found it useful. We have worked hard to develop our maths teaching over the past few years which we believe has really engaged our children. If you have any feedback I would love to hear from you.

If there are any areas that you think an information afternoon or evening in the future would be useful on please do let me know and we will see what we can do.

## School Grounds

Thank you once again to everyone who turned up on Saturday. To move two planters in a morning was a phenomenal effort. It will now allow us to develop an outdoor role play area for KS1 to use.

## IRON AGE ROUND HOUSE!!!

A **HUGE** thanks to FOPS for the Iron Age roundhouse that is very nearly reaching completion, and of course to the staff of the Ancient Technology Centre who have built it. Without the hard work, fundraising by past and current FOPS committees and your generosity we would not have been able to have such a fantastic resource. In the summer term we shall be daubing the wattle, which could be quite messy but great fun!

If you would like to visit the roundhouse next week you are welcome to do so with your child. To avoid too much of a crowd we would suggest that Y4 visit on Monday, Y3 on Tuesday, Y2 on Wednesday, Y1 on Thursday and YR on Friday. We have put lots of photos on the website.

## Parking in the school carpark

Please can I ask you not to use the school carpark at the beginning and end of the school day unless you have made a prior arrangement with the school. There are a number of buses using the carpark at these times of the day. We do not have the space to cater for any cars other than for staff and the school buses. There are usually lots of spaces in the rec carpark for you to use at these times of the day.

## Christmas

Christmas is on its way and as in previous years Puddletown First will be pulling out all the stops. However, our term finishes much earlier than usual so it will be a bit of an effort to cram it in. Please do make a note of the dates in your diaries. This year we will be using our Schoolcomms system to manage tickets for our Christmas production.

## Supervision at the start and end of the day

Please ensure that all of your children are supervised before they come into the playground and do not leave them until a member of staff is on duty. Also I have been concerned to see a number of children on the banks etc at the end of the day.

## Schoolcomms

I'm sure you will have noticed all of our trips, clubs, open afternoons etc are now appearing on your schoolcomms account. If consent only is required for an event then this will appear under the 'clubs' tab. We will notify you by text when a new event/club/trip is added. If you have any problems with using the system, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

## 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)

## Christmas and Puddletown First School

22 Nov - 6.30pm FOPs Xmas Craft fayre  
31 Nov – Non Uniform – bring in jingle jars  
4 Dec – Christmas costumes in school - DetailsTBC  
5 Dec – Carols around the village  
6 Dec – Chartwells children's Christmas lunch  
6 Dec – Carol Service at the church – all welcome  
8 Dec – After School Club party 3.15-5.00pm  
11 & 12 Dec – Christmas Production 6pm  
14 Dec – Party afternoon  
15 Dec – Christmas jumper day and break up

## Other Diary Dates

21 Nov – Class R open afternoon 1.45pm  
22 Nov – Year 2 open afternoon 1.45pm  
22 Nov – FOPS Christmas Craft Fayre  
23 Nov – Year 3 open afternoon 1.45pm  
30 Nov – Year 1 open afternoon 1.45pm  
01 Dec – Advent Reflection Day  
01 Dec - Year 4 trip to Nothe Fort  
05 Dec – FOPS Carols around the village  
07 Dec – Y3 trip to Cranborne  
11&12 Dec – Christmas Production 6pm  
14 Dec – Party afternoon  
15 Dec – Break up for Christmas  
22 Feb – KS1 visit to Dorchester Museum 'Dippy on tour'  
15 Mar – KS2 visit to Dorchester Museum 'Dippy on tour'

## Not home learning.....

I heard a really great saying adopted by a school  
- ***Make sure you greet your child with a smile not a mobile!***

It certainly gave me food for thought about my own behaviour.