

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

Newsletter No 9

25th May 2018

Dear Parent,

What beautiful weather we have enjoyed this ½ term. It has been great to be out on the field at breacktimes and lunchtimes. Hopefully the weather will stay fine so please do ensure that your child has a hat and sunscreen.

We have had a fantastic end to our ½ term with our Science Week, many thanks to the Mansel-Pleydell Trust for funding our visit from Horace the travelling Pliosaur today. Horace was developed in partnership with the Jurassic Coast Trust and was hugely entertaining and had great scientific value in terms of its messages about local fossils in Dorset. For further information please visit www.mansel-pleydell.org

Hooke Court for Y4 and advanced notice for Y3

Well done to our Y4 children on a very successful visit to Hooke Court this term. They were a pleasure to be with and fantastic ambassadors for our school.

We have a date for next year's visit for our current Y3 children. It will be 1st April 2019 – 3rd April 2019 which is a bit earlier than this year, the cost is likely to be around £145 - £150 but this will be confirmed next year.

Home/School Communication

We have been working with E Schools and are now ready to launch the E School App. E Schools are the provider of our website platform. The letter you have received will tell you how to set up the App which will make it easier to receive and access letters and messages from the school. It is reliant on an up to date email address so please do let us know if yours has been changed at all.

We will also be setting up a class page that is a secure page that can only be accessed by parents using a personal login through the main website. Detail on this will follow shortly.

Sex and Relationships Education

At Puddletown First we use the Jig Saw scheme of work to deliver our Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE). Next ½ term is the module on Sex and Relationships. If you would like further information on the content of this module there will be a short meeting in the Y4 classroom at 3.15pm on 6th June. There will be creche provision for your children. There is also information on the provision on our website.

School Uniform

After half term our school uniform ordering service will be going on-line. This can be accessed via a link on the website. Further details can be found on the website under letters to parents and a flyer will be coming out in book bags today.

Forthcoming events

Transfer Day – 5th July

All parents of Y4 children must make their own arrangements for arrival and collection at their Middle School. Those travelling by bus will travel to the Middle School and be collected from the Middle School.

Sports Day – 9th July (reserve day 13th July)

This year we are slightly changing the order of events with the KS2 events now beginning at 9.30am not in the afternoon as in previous years. These are the more formal athletic events that include both track and field events.

The whole school events for YR, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 which contribute to the House Trophy will begin at 1.15pm. This is a circuit of events in which the children earn their house points. We will finish with the famous Y4 water race. Parents are warmly encouraged to support both parts of the day.

Celebration and meet the teacher – 16th July

All parents are invited to join with their child in the afternoon to undertake activities across the school and look at their work over the year. In the evening parents are invited to a presentation by their child's future teacher to think about the year ahead.

Leaver's Service – 23rd July 9.30am

Our Y4 leaver's service is on the last Monday of term. Hankies at the ready!

More details on all these events will follow but I thought it would be useful to highlight them for you.

Book and Pay Service for Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Please make sure that all bookings are completed through the online booking system. Due to its popularity bookings will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment.

Diary Dates

04 Jun – Return to school
5 Jun – Puddleducks 1.15pm
6 Jun – Year 2 trip to Corfe Castle
7 Jun – School Nurse drop in session
12/19 & 26 Jun – Puddleducks 1.15pm
12 Jun – Year 1 trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium
13 Jun – Class R trip to Leeson House
15 Jun – Year 4 trip to PGL
27 Jun – FoPS Disco
02 Jul – Year 1 Farm Trip TBC
04 Jul – Reflection Day
05 Jul – Transfer Day
06 Jul – Reports to parents
09 Jul – Sports Day
13 Jul – Reserve Sports Day
16 Jul – Celebration afternoon & Meet the teacher
19 Jul – Helper's 'Thank you' tea
23 Jul – Leavers Assembly
24 Jul – Break Up

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

