

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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Welcome back to our final ½ term, I do hope that your child spent time discussing our Science Week from last ½ term, it really was a fantastic week. I am so proud that at a time of significant pressure in education on outcomes in maths and English our school is able to provide experiences and opportunities that engage and enthuse our children's natural curiosity and passion to learn such as this. Talking of which a huge well done to our Y1 children who went on a great trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium and beach this week, their behaviour was impeccable and their ability to dig holes, build sandcastles and bury their friends was second to none!

Special Educational Needs (SEN)

The school policy for SEN is on our website in the *Information and Policies* section. This policy is due for consultation with you as parents. If you have any comments, observations or concerns about the policy as it stands please do let me know by Friday 30th June. Thank you.

Headlice

Always a cheerful subject! There has been an outbreak in school please do check your child's hair and treat when necessary. To reduce the chances of spreading them please ensure that all long hair is tied up. You may all now vigorously scratch your heads!

Uniform

From April our uniform supplier has increased their prices for all uniform items. Therefore a new price list will be in operation with effect from September 2017 - this is available to view on the school website. Please contact the school office for any uniform purchases.

DASP Music

This is a message from DASP music;
If you would like your child to learn an instrument in September, please could you apply online.
at www.daspmusic.co.uk by June 16th 2017

There is a link to DASP music on our website to see the full details. DASP is the Dorchester Area School Partnership and is made up of all the schools in the Thomas Hardy School pyramid. It is a very strong partnership that enables all the schools to work together to support pupil outcomes across the area. The music element of DASP is very strong and if your child is interested in music I would urge you to have a look at the website.

Home Reading/Learning

I know that there can be a tendency at the end of an academic year to begin to focus on holidays, please do keep up with regular reading at home, learning of spellings, exception words, number bonds etc. They are all so important to maximising your child's

academic outcomes. As I tell the children a marathon isn't finished until the final 385 yards are run.

FOPS

As ever FOPS have been providing tremendous support for the school, they have recently provided close to £3000 to develop our pond by funding the decked area and the plants to go into it. We are extremely grateful not only for all their fund raising but also for the other opportunities they provide for our children, such as the recent Movie Night which was such a fun evening for the children. Next term FOPS are funding the construction of an Iron Age roundhouse that the children will be building with staff from the Ancient Technology Centre. This will be in November as it needs to tie in with the best time to harvest the materials.

If you are able to support FOPS in any way, small or large the committee would love to hear from you.

Sex and Relationships Education

In PSHE the children will be completing the Sex and Relationships module this ½ term. If you would like to know anything at all about the Programme of Study the children will be following there will be a short meeting at 3.20 in Y4 classroom on June 15th.

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

Diary Dates

12 Jun – KS1 Summer Sports Club starts x 6 weeks
13 Jun - Puddleducks
14 Jun – Y2 trip to Corfe Castle
14 Jun – KS2 Frisbee Club starts x 6 weeks
19 Jun – Class R trip to Leeson House
20 Jun – Puddleducks
26 Jun – School Nurse drop in session
27 Jun – Puddleducks
28 Jun – FOPS Summer Disco
05 Jul – After School Club - water fight party!
06 Jul – Transfer day
07 Jul – Reports to parents
07 Jul – Year 1 trip to Cox's Farm
10 Jul – Celebration Day and Meet the Teacher
11 Jul – Year 3 trip to Maiden Castle
12 Jul – Sports Day
13 Jul – Year 4 trip to Bournemouth University
14 Jul – Reserve Sports Day

Not home learning...

Please make sure that you have taken time to explain the recent general election and the process of electing a new government. An early understanding of the democratic process helps prepare young people for the responsibilities as a citizen.