

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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The dark evenings are definitely upon us now! Please do ensure that you carefully supervise your child and teach them the importance of being visible when walking.

Maths Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you next week for our maths presentations. They have been carefully planned to provide you with key information to help you support your child's learning in maths. Each presentation will be repeated to enable you to listen to more than one.

On line payments

We hope that you are finding the online payments an easy and convenient way of paying. A lot of the feedback has been very positive. Where there are problems please do contact the office who will be happy to help. From the school's point of view the online payment system frees up a lot of admin time that is better spent on areas that can support teaching and learning. It also is far more secure from both yours and the school's point of view than money in book bags.

Please be assured that no child would EVER be excluded on the grounds of payment but I would like you to be aware that there is often a permission slip with payment requests. These must be completed before a child is able to take part.

FOPS Facebook

I have become aware by following the FOPS thread that this account can sometimes be used to raise concerns or grumbles about things that are happening in school – online payment being one of them. Can I please urge you not to use the FOPS page for this? FOPS do an amazing job raising funds for the school, the FOPS page is for keeping the community aware of events and activities that are forthcoming. If you do have any concerns please contact me directly, either when I am on the gate, via the office, through a phone call or by email. Any concerns will be dealt with far more effectively this way.

Open day for prospective parents

On 22nd November we will be holding an open day for parents looking for a reception place for the 2017/18 academic year. The school will be open from 1.30-3.00pm and 6.00-7.30pm for parents to see what we are able to offer. If you know of any parents looking for a school place, please do let them know. Adverts will be placed across the community.

St Mary's Middle School

St Mary's will be holding an Open Evening for current Year 4 students on Tuesday 15th November. The Event will start at 5.30pm and last for approximately an hour and a half.

After School Club Christmas Party!

The afterschool club will be having their Christmas party on 7th December, to ensure that most children can attend we will increase the maximum number to 21 children this day, with regular users being given priority.

We will also be looking to increase numbers on some Thursdays in December if there is increased demand for those looking to do some late night Christmas shopping.

Children in Need

Finally, I do hope that lots of you are able to join us for our Children in Need ramble. It should be a really memorable event and one that I am really looking forward to. Thank you to Mrs Stoker and her School Council for organising this for us all. Fingers crossed for some good weather as we shall be rambling come rain or shine!

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

15 Nov – St Mary's Open Evening for Year 4's

16 Nov – 'Maths' Parents Evening 5-6pm

17 Nov – Flu jabs for Years 1, 2 & 3

17 Nov – Year 3 Open Afternoon

18 Nov - Children in Need – Whole School trip to Thornecombe Wood

18 Nov – FOPS Quiz Night

21 Nov – School Nurse drop in session

22 Nov – Open Day for prospective parents

23 Nov – Year 2 open Afternoon

24 Nov – Year 1 Open Afternoon

25 Nov – Home clothes day for Calais Action

30 Nov – Year 4 Open Afternoon

1 Dec – Advent Reflection Day

2 Dec – Year 3 trip to Cranborne

2 Dec – Year 2 Famous People Day

5 Dec – Year 4 Nothe Fort trip

6 Dec – FOPS Carols around the village

6 Dec – 'Chartwells' Childrens Christmas Lunch

7 Dec – Carol Service at St Marys Church

12&14 Dec – Christmas Production

15 Dec – Party day

16 Dec – Christmas jumper 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.

If a caterpillar knew it was going to be a butterfly would it be sad?