

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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REMINDERS

We ended our spring term on an absolute high when the whole school went down to the church for our Easter service. It was so lovely to hear the children sing so beautifully and confidently and to see all the contributions from each class that combined to make such an uplifting service. Our church service followed a morning of Easter reflection activities organised by Mrs flux, where the whole school worked in their mixed age house groups to engage in craft activities while learning more about the Easter story.

This year's Hooke court residential trip was blessed with wonderful weather. We all really enjoyed getting stuck into all the activities that they offered from shelter building to crossing a moat and preparing food from the Bronze Age, along with campfire songs and night walks through the woods. The children took it all in their stride and it was wonderful to see them try new things, support each other and have such good fun. Huge thanks goes to Miss Crankshaw, Miss Cutler And Mrs McCarthy for working round the clock to make this happen for the children.

Our Weldmar elephant has now been placed along the trail and is in a barbers shop in Bridport for all to see. She looks absolutely stunning and has joined a large and impressive herd that can be seen all around Bridport and West Bay. It is definitely worth a trip to see all the elephants as they really do look great and you never know who you will bump into while looking at them - as I have met various members of our school community on the trail! Huge thanks goes to Mrs Newton and the staff who have worked incredibly hard to keep this charity fundraiser going. We have already raised the amazing amount of £608 which means only £292 to go to reach our target. If you wish to contribute our go fund page details are below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/puddletown-first-school-1736089717541?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=815d505e-027f-49d1-a37b-fdb8f8904802&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=173609012398

Hats And sunscreen
Please ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen and a cap to protect them from the sun.



Parking
A polite reminder that the school car park is for staff and those with accessibility needs only. It can get very crowded when we have the buses in and is not safe.

We are also excited that James from seedlings has started working with the school to help us build a new productive garden that the children can work in to help grow fruit, veg and flowers. As well as it being a very practical way to understand elements of our science and cooking curriculum it helps promote a love of the outdoors and the benefits that working outside with nature can have on our physical and mental well being. We are also able to again offer each class a few afternoons of Forest School on a Tuesday during the school day as it proved so popular with the children last year and again enables them to get them outside and engage with the environment. A timetable will be drawn up shortly and your class teacher will let you know when your child's sessions are.

We have an exciting summer term ahead of us with sports day, trips out and transition work as we prepare for the year ahead and reflect on the learning and knowledge we have gained this year.

On a personal note I have unfortunately fallen off my bike over the holidays and managed to fracture my right hand so please bear with as things may take a little longer than usual for a few weeks!

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

