

# PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## REMINDERS

### We did it !!!!

What an amazing achievement. When Mrs Newton first suggested the Weldmar elephant project we were excited to support it but we were anxious whether we would achieve the huge commitment of having to raise the £900 required. Through the persistent effort of Mrs Newton and the huge support of our school community we have achieved our goal. We raised the last £90 today with our safari themed non-uniform day. What a sight to see! The school had tigers, flamingos, birds of paradise, elephants, sloths and many other animals dancing in our playground at our animal themed disco this playtime. Coming together to support a local charity dear to our hearts and having a lot of fun doing so helps develop our children's sense of citizenship and care for others. Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed.

We have also been supporting our children to learn about keeping safe and healthy with a visit from the RNLI lifeguards to teach us about water safety at the beach and our Life education van visit to teach us how to keep mentally and physically well. As a school we really value the role that the natural world has in helping us to feel good. The school has facilitated all pupils to have some forest school sessions and we have had a new vegetable garden constructed that pupils are working on to fill and grow plants. This term has also had visits to our local farm by year 2 to see the cycle of growth and how we produce our food. All these real life experiences help bring our science curriculum alive for the children.

### FOPS NEEDS YOU!

FOPS are still looking for parents to come forward to fill committee positions. Please do consider putting yourself forward. Let the office or FOPS know if you are interested.

### Attendance Term time holidays

We have had an increase in term time holiday requests which we cannot authorise. We encourage you to use the school holidays for your family holidays.

### Punctuality

Year 3 started their History topic on the Romans through a visit to Dorchester museum and Roman town house which we are so lucky to have on our doorstep and the whole school came together to celebrate and commemorate VE day. Our red, white and blue school picnic lunch with music from the day was then followed by historic playground games which the children really enjoyed.

We have already begun some of our transition work for next year with visits from St Mary's middle school team and pre school visits for our new reception children. All children will have a chance to formally spend time in their new classrooms with next year's teacher on Transition day on the 1st of July although in our small school all children already know and often work with all the staff which makes the year change transition a generally smooth and positive experience. Parents are also invited to a meeting with the teacher so we can share what your children will be learning and how best you can support them. Details to follow.

It is, as always, a busy half term and we are looking forward to enjoying it.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

The school day starts at **8.45am**. Please ensure your children are here ready to start on time.

**Parking**

The school carpark is for staff/ disability only. Please do not use it. The rec opposite has plenty of space. If you do park in the village please park with consideration for others and statutory clear zones such as the bus stop.

Thank you