

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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REMINDERS

PHEW! What a scorcher of a week we have just had. Unprecedented Red met office warning and outside temperatures hitting 34 degrees. Despite our best efforts temperatures in the classrooms reached 31 degrees and we had to take the difficult decision to close the school early, on Wednesday and Thursday. The staff and children were amazing at continuing to work and finding ingenious ways to regulate their temperature. In some classes children worked at tables with their feet in their own trays of water, others had water spray bars and foot spa stations. The children managed their tiredness and hotness remarkably well and staff pushed through the heat to continue to teach. Thank you for your understanding and supportive comments over what was a challenging week.



Reception collage

Our consultation period for RSE/PSHE updates has been completed. Thank you to all of you that took the time to respond to the survey, read the draft policy document and attend our RSE/PSHE parents meeting. Overwhelmingly parents shared that they were happy with the DfE updated RSHE guidance which has a stronger focus on online safety, wellbeing and safeguarding in today's digital world. It was also apparent that many were unsure of what our RSE/PSHE provision was. All classes teach a 'growing and changing' unit at an age appropriate level and you should have received a letter to share the teaching content of this so that you are informed of what your children will be learning. More information is available on our website under curriculum/ subject overviews/PSHE.

Please ensure your child has a hat to protect them from the midday sun.

Please return any school books that may be at home so that we have full sets of our guided reading series for next year and our library is replenished.



Year 1 collage

In our school we have only 2 sessions deemed to be RSE which explore in an age-appropriate way, some of the external changes that will happen as we go through puberty in year 3 and a session learning about menstruation in year 4 so that all our children are prepared for the changes whenever they may happen. Any queries do speak to your class teacher.

The other survey that many of you shared your views on was relating to the school's position on photography/ filming of events. It was clear that the challenges and potential dangers that can come from distributing digital images of children are an area of concern to our community but that we all also love some record of important school events. On the whole, it seemed you were happy with the balance the school was trying to strike. Non identifiable photos on shared media, closed parent groups for very special events such as the residential trip in year 4 and photographs of your children taken by staff for school plays. We are happy to have productions filmed and made available to watch through a protected site but unfortunately have had no parents volunteering with the expertise and equipment so far..... If that changes or you would like to volunteer do get in touch. For sports day we will have an area for you to take a photo of your child if you would like to. We politely request that no other filming or photos are taken to safeguard all our children.



New reception children feeling at home already

Staffing next year

The majority of our staffing structures will remain the same next year and as usual, teaching assistants will be assigned a class base but will of course, move around the school supporting all pupils as needed during the day. One change is in Reception class. Miss Wilde will be leaving us and we thank her for all her care and diligence with our youngest children and wish her all the best in her next endeavours. We have just appointed Miss Prosser to be full time reception class teacher. Miss Prosser joins us with a wealth of experience in reception and early years and will make a welcome addition to our staff team.

Class	Teacher	Teaching assistant
Reception	Miss Prosser	Mrs Newton
Year 1	Mrs Flux/Mrs Ward	Mrs Ward
Year 2	Mrs Murphy/Miss Cutler	Mrs Barkle
Year 3	Miss Bridge	Mr Humphrys
Year 4	Miss Crankshaw	Mrs McCarthy
Additional teaching assistants	Mrs Bevis, Mrs Cameron	
SENDCO	Miss Cutler	

We have our FOPS colour run and fete on Saturday. Please do come and support us. All the money raised helps provide enrichment opportunities for your children. Without their

hard work and your support, we would not be able to fund transport for our school trips. We have multiple classes out visiting local farms, Dorchester Museum, water sports park and Fops have supported all the coach costs for these.

Sports day is on Friday and we are keeping a careful eye on the weather hoping for a warm, cloudy day rather than the very hot, sunny one that is currently forecast. We will of course, make a decision nearer the time to keep everyone protected from the heat and sun.

Next Tuesday is transfer day where all classes move up to spend the morning with their next year's teacher while the year 4s spend their first session at their Middle schools. We will also meet our new reception parents as they start/ or continue their journey with Puddletown first school. Before we know it, the leaver's service will be upon us and the end of another school year.

We look forward to experiencing 'life in all its fullness' at this busy time of year.



Pirates have been sighted.....Peter Pan is on his way

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school

