

# Puddletown CEVC First School

*'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'*

## Newsletter No.2

23 September 2016

It has been a fantastic September at Puddletown First School! The children have been brilliant and there is a really positive buzz around the school. I do hope that parents in YR have felt that the induction process for their children has been supportive and that the meetings held by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Newton have been useful. I would be very happy to hear your views and any possible areas we could have improved on.

### Harvest

We will be holding our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The service will start at 9.15am and you are all very warmly invited to attend and join with us giving thanks. We ask if the Harvest gifts are brought to school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September so we can take them to the church for St Mary's service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. I know that Sarah would love you to join with the St Mary's congregation at this service too.

### Parent/teacher meetings

As you will have seen in the yearly planner sent out earlier this month our parent/teacher meetings for this term will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> October. These are really important meetings and I hope that you will make every effort to attend. Last summer we trialled an online booking system through SchoolComms. This went really well and saved a lot of staff admin time. You will receive a letter next week advising you how to make a booking. Please note that presently it is not possible to make a booking as we are setting up the system. If you are unable to get online please contact the office directly to make an appointment.

### Hot school meals

I hope that the children eating hot meals at school are enjoying them. Please do remember that all YR, Y1 and Y2 children are entitled to a free hot meal. If you would like to know more about the meals provided we will be holding a taster session on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2.45 -3.45pm. More details will be provided nearer the date.

### Wake and Shake

A number of you have asked where 'Wake and Shake' has gone too this year. We have taken the decision not to run it in the morning this year as we have found that the children are coming into their classes very calmly with the new routine ensuring that learning starts promptly. Wake and Shake has not finished though as we plan to use it as one of the lunchtime activities for the children.

### Middle School Applications

A reminder to all Y4 parents to ensure that the application process needs to be considered this term. When completing the application make sure that you express both a first and second preference.

### Parking

If you use a car to travel to school please do take care when parking both at drop off and collection times.

We need to be mindful of and respectful of our neighbours and the community. Please avoid parking across resident's driveways and in the bus stop.

May I also remind parents to avoid using the school carpark at these times. We have a number of buses using the carpark and it can become busy. On that note please do not walk through the carpark with your child.

### 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](mailto:head@puddletownfirst.dorset.sch.uk)

### Parent Governor Elections

We are seeking nominations for 2 parent governors shortly. A letter explaining the process was sent out recently. If you are interested in finding out more about this important role please do speak to our current parent governors or myself.

### Diary Dates

**3 Oct** – Harvest Festival  
**10 Oct** – School Nurse drop in session  
**11 Oct** – Parent/Teacher Meetings 2-5pm  
**13 Oct** – Parent/Teacher Meetings 5-7.30pm  
**18 Oct** – School Photographer  
**19 Oct** – FOPS Movie Night  
**21 Oct** – Break up  
**31 Oct** – Inset Day  
**8 Nov** – Class R open Afternoon  
**11 Nov** – M&M Production  
**17 Nov** – Year 3 Open Afternoon  
**18 Nov** – FOPS Quiz Night  
**21 Nov** – School Nurse drop in session  
**24 Nov** – Year 1 Open Afternoon  
**1 Dec** – Advent Reflection Day  
**5 Dec** – Year 4 Nothe Fort trip  
**6 Dec** – FOPS Carols around the village  
**12&14 Dec** – Christmas Production  
**15 Dec** – Party 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.

**Would having a different name make you a different person?**