

# Puddletown CEVC First School

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

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I hope that you have found both your child's report and the parent/teacher meetings useful. We have certainly found it valuable to spend time meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and targets for the summer term. I think that the detailed Spring Term report is far more useful than a Summer Term report as it really gives us time to act on the development points covered in it. However, I am always interested to hear your views on this. You will receive a Summer Report but it will be a short summative one that confirms your child's attainment at the end of the academic year.

Thank you also to everyone who has attended one of our class open afternoons, these have been fantastic events. The children get really excited about having the opportunity to show you around, plus it is always good to see grown-ups from YR walking around with alien hats on!

## **First Aid**

You may have seen the ambulance at school this week. This was part of Y3&4's First Aid training, not only did the children get to look around an ambulance but they also received a full day of training on CPR, dealing with choking, learning the recovery position, bandaging and personal safety. It was a fantastic day and probably one of the few lessons they will have that could literally save a life. A huge thank you to Whitehorse Training that led the training and to the Adam's family for raising the funds for it and helping to arrange the day.

I have put some photos of the day on the website.

## **Use of ICT**

We have recently reviewed our policies around ICT and E Safety. As part of this review we have produced a new acceptable use agreement for our children. I would be grateful if you could complete the agreement with your child and return it to school. Where agreements are not signed we may have to limit a child's access to ICT in school. Can I also draw your attention to our E Safety parent session after school on 16<sup>th</sup> May. In the meantime the E Safety Newsletters are on the website in the *Safeguarding* section which provide a lot of useful information.

## **School Website**

We work hard to keep our website up to date and ensure that you are kept informed of events at school. To help you we do put everything on our school calendar on our website. Currently this is accessed through the **Calendar** tab. Please do look at this regularly as it will ensure that you don't miss things. We also update the diary dates each time we send out a newsletter. This will limit the number of texts we send out, for which we obviously incur a cost.

Following our parent/teacher meetings one area that a few people spoke about was understanding the methods we are using in maths. We have held information evenings on this but I did think that it would be useful to remind people that we have got the calculation methods that we are currently using in school on the website. These have been broken down into addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and fractions for each year group. They can be found in the *Information* section under *Our Approach to English and Maths*. Do take a look at them, your child's class teacher is happy to explain them to you if that would help.

## **Y2 SATs**

If your child is in Y2 they will be undertaking a range of assessments called SATs next term. This is to assess whether they have reached the expected standard at the end of KS1 (Years 1 and 2). As a school we do all we can to ensure that the children are not put under pressure to achieve and that they are not stressed by the tests. There will be a presentation for parents by the Y2 team on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to attend but if you are unable to attend then we will provide you with notes.

## **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)

## **Diary Dates**

3-5 Apr – Y4 at Hooke Court  
6 Apr – Guitar Concert  
6 Apr - Church visit  
7 Apr – Y4 Open Afternoon  
7 Apr – Break up  
24 Apr – Return to school  
26 Apr – Y2 SATS Parents meeting 2.30-3.15pm  
9-10 May – Life Education Van  
10 May – FOPS movie night  
16 May – E Safety Parent Workshop  
22 May – School nurse drop in session  
23 May – New Year R parent meeting  
26 May – Break Up  
5 Jun – Return to School

## **Not home learning...**

Those of you with a child in YR will know that they have been visited by Blip the Alien this week. One of the questions they wanted to ask him was what pet has he got. Which made me wonder....**if you could invent your own pet what would it look like and what would it be called?**