

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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What an amazing term we have had at Puddletown First School! I am not surprised to see the children looking like they need a break.

Well done to all the amazing decorated eggs we had this week, I can't resist saying they were *eggscellent!* It was good to see many of you at our Easter Service yesterday, despite their tiredness I thought the children's singing was amazing and all our readers were brilliant.

A really big well done goes to our Y4 children who had a hugely successful residential visit to Hooke Court this week. They were a pleasure to take away and an absolute credit to the school, their families and themselves. We will have lots of photos on the website very soon.

Use of ICT

If you haven't yet returned your child's acceptable use agreement for ICT please do it the first week back. Children who have not signed the agreement may have their access to ICT limited until we have received it.

Requests for absence and school attendance

This has been in the news again recently. We are very grateful to you for ensuring that your children are in school with good attendance and on time. Being in school by 8.45am really does make a big difference to the children, it ensures that they have time to settle to learning quickly. We do find that when children are late they are often unsettled as they have missed either the first learning input or activity and are consequently in a state of catch up. The recent court ruling seems to have confirmed that non-medical absence can only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances.

School Website

Please do make use of our website we have a lot of information particularly the **calendar** and new **clubs section** which will provide lots of information about forthcoming events.

Parking

Once again some concerns have been raised by neighbours and parents about the safety and consideration of parking outside the school. Please do ensure that you are parking safely outside of the school.

Medicine

We do seem to have had a number of poorly children this term. Where the children require medicine this must be taken to the office. However, it would be really helpful if you could time the dosage to be taken outside of school hours. Speaking to the school nurse with things like antibiotics this is often possible if one dose is at 8.30am and the next is at 3.30pm or there about.

Y2 SATs

A reminder that there will be a presentation for parents by the Y2 team on Wednesday 26th April at 2.30pm. We hope you will be able to attend, if you are unable to attend we will provide you with notes.

End of the school day arrangements

Where there are changes in the collection of your child please ensure that you have contacted the office in plenty of time, preferably by lunchtime so there is plenty of time to inform staff. An increasing number of children are being collected after 3.15pm, where children are being collected late we will be putting them into the afterschool club for which there will be a charge. We understand that there are sometimes unavoidable incidents and if this is the case please let us know as soon as you can.

As ever I am both incredibly proud of and thankful for all the work that the staff of Puddletown First School do for the children. There is never a question about going the extra mile to meet the children's needs. It is a privilege to be the Headteacher.

I wish the staff, the children and their families a very happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the summer term.

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

Diary Dates

24 Apr – Return to school
24 Apr – KS1 Golf Club starts x 5 weeks
26 Apr – KS2 Golf Club starts x 6 weeks
26 Apr – Y2 parents SATS meeting 2.30-3.15pm
26 Apr – 7pm FOPS Meeting
01 May – May Bank Holiday
9-10 May – Life Education Van
16 May – E Safety Parent Workshop
22 May – School nurse drop in session
23 May – New Year R parent meeting
24 May – FOPS Movie Night
26 May – Break Up
05 Jun – Return to School
07 Jun – Y1 trip to Bournemouth Oceanarium
09 Jun – Y4 trip to PGL – details tbc
12 Jun – KS1 Summer Sports Club starts x 6 weeks
14 Jun – Y2 trip to Corfe Castle
14 Jun – KS2 Frisbee Club starts x 6 weeks

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Stoker the very best of luck in the forthcoming London Marathon on 23rd April raising money for Calais Action supporting refugees across Europe. Many of these refugees are families fleeing the war in Syria. The children took part in a mini-London Marathon today. There will be photos posted on our website of this today. Mrs Stoker's fundraising page is: uk.virginmoneygiving.com/joannastoker All donations will be very much appreciated.