

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

Newsletter No. 4

16th November 2018

Dear Parent,

Despite being back at school for a fortnight a lot has happened already. All the children have taken part in the DASP Multi Skills event. We were very proud of our 4 Y1 and Y2 children who were selected to take part in the St Mary's Pyramid interschool competition who secured first place. Clearly the Daily Mile is working. We also had our act of Remembrance on Monday. The children's thoughtful and respectful response was really moving to see.

Thank you to all who came to our spelling evening, if you missed it then all the presentations and accompanying materials will be on the website soon. If you have any feedback on the evening please do let me know.

Christmas

However busy school has been recently it will be nothing to what we experience as we move towards Christmas, I know of no school that 'does' Christmas with the fervour of Puddletown. To quote the great S Club 7 'There ain't no party like and Puddletown Party!' To remind you, each family will be able to apply for 2 tickets only for the Christmas Production to ensure that **every** child will have 2 family members coming to see them perform, when considering who in your family will be attending we ask that no child under school age attends an evening performance. The Pre School children will be invited to watch the dress rehearsal during the school day and there may be limited availability for other family members for this performance. As the day of the production approaches if some tickets are unallocated then these will be released on a basis of 1 per family.

Please do ensure that your child attends BOTH performances not just the one that you may be attending as much of the performance is group and partner based and if a child is missing their partner it reduces their time to shine!

Christmas Dates

You may find it useful to have all of the dates for our Christmas festivities.

30th Nov – Advent Reflection day for the whole school

4th Dec – Carols Round the Village – 4.45pm – 7.00pm

13th Dec – Carol Service at St Mary's Church – 2.00pm

14th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

17th and 18th Dec – Christmas Production

19th Dec – Foodlinks Christmas Dinner

20th December – Christmas Party Day

21st Dec – End of Term – Phew!

Details of all this will be shared in due course

Parking and School Car Park

As there are a number of events around Christmas can I urge you to ensure that you park safely and responsibly for our neighbours. Receiving complaints regarding inconsiderate parking can take the edge off the Christmas feeling!

FOPS

As ever FOPS are very busy, just a reminder that there is the **Table Top Nearly New Sale** starting at 10.00am at school on 24th November.

I believe that there are a few tables still available if you would like to clear some space before Santa comes.

If so please get in touch with the FOPS team

Open Day

Parents of pre-school children have until January to complete their school applications. Visits are always welcome for prospective parents but to help we will have an open day on 21st November 9.30am - 11.30am and 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

Sickness

If your child is unfortunate enough to pick up a sickness bug please ensure that they stay off school for 48hrs after their last 'event.' We are very keen to avoid the situation we found ourselves in last winter. Thank you.

Diary Dates

20 Nov – Class R Science trip to THS (am only)

21 Nov – Open day for new YR parents for Sept 19

21 Nov – Year 2 open afternoon 1.45pm

22 Nov – Year 1 trip to 'Pizza Express' (am only)

24 Nov – FoPS 'Nearly New Sale' 10am-1pm

28 Nov – Year 1 open afternoon 1.45pm

30 Nov – Advent Reflection Day

04 Dec – Carols around the Village 4.45-7.15pm

11 Dec – Whole school 'Nasal Flu' vaccinations

13 Dec – Carol Service @ Church 2pm

14 Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

17 & 18 Dec - Christmas production – details TBC

19 Dec – Food Links Christmas Dinner

20 Dec – Christmas Party Day

21 Dec – Break up

07 Jan – Return to school

09 Jan – School Nurse drop in session

16 Jan – FoPS – Winter Disco

14 Feb – Break up

15 Feb – Inset Day

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

