

# Puddletown CEVC First School

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

## Newsletter No. 6

21<sup>st</sup> December 2018

Dear Parent,

You may have noticed with your children that this has been a long term! It has however been a very productive one, with lots going on and we have posted lots of pictures on the website of some of them.

We have all really enjoyed celebrating Christmas with you, your children and your family. I'm sure that you enjoyed the wonderful Nativity production, thank you for ensuring that your child attended both performances.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to 'Save the Children' through the various different events held. We have raised a generous £389.83.

As always I am incredibly grateful to all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children, they make our school a special place that allows the children to thrive.

Thank you also for your kind messages, cards and gifts.

I hope that you and all your family have a wonderful Christmas and a very good holiday that allows you all to spend time with your loved ones. The children have certainly earned a break.

We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019!

### Diary Dates

07 Jan – Return to school  
10 Jan – School Nurse drop in session  
10 Jan – Class R – NHS Heights & Weights  
18 Jan – DASP free trial piano sessions 1.15pm  
08 Feb – Year 3 trip to Cranborne  
14 Feb – Break up  
15 Feb – Inset Day  
25 Feb – Return to School  
27 Feb – School Nurse drop in session  
07 Mar – World Book Day  
07 Mar – FoPS Books at Bedtime  
13 Mar – Year 2 open afternoon 1.45pm  
13 Mar – FoPS Disco  
15 Mar – Red Nose Day  
15 Mar – Year 4 parent meeting re: 'Hooke Court'  
20 Mar – Class photos  
20 Mar – Year 4 concert at St Osmunds  
20 Mar – Year 1 open afternoon  
22 Mar – Reports to parents  
26 & 28 Mar – Parents Evening times tbc  
1-3 Apr – Year 4 at Hooke Court  
5 Apr – Year 4 'Hooke' open afternoon  
5 Apr – Break up

### School Governing Body

Welcome to the first of what we hope will be a termly update for parents from the Local Governing Body (LGB).

The autumn term is always a busy one and this year has been no exception. In October Mary Miles stepped down as Chair of our LGB in order to serve as Chair of the GTAT Trust Board. Mary has been the Chair of Governors at Puddletown First for the last 5 years and has led us through the move to the new school, the formation of the Multi Academy Trust and of course our Ofsted Inspection last academic year. We are very grateful to her and pleased that she will be remaining on our LGB and very much still a part of the school community. It was a great privilege for me to take over from her as Chair this term and I am very much looking forward to working with the wonderful team of governors, staff and children during my term of office.

This term the priorities of the LGB have been;

- Reviewing the data from the pupils' summer tests
- Agreeing the priorities for the School Development Plan
- Ensuring there is a link governor for every curriculum area
- Receiving school visit reports from the English and SEND Governors
- Ensuring staff performance management is undertaken

Until next term, all that remains is for me to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Christmas on behalf of all the Governors.  
Karen Weir (Chair of LGB)

### School Placements

Please remember that the closing date for school applications for a YR place here or a Y5 place at the Middle School is January 15th. It is easy to miss this in the Christmas busyness so if you haven't yet done this put it on to your urgent 'To Do' list.

### 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)  
As ever I always welcome any feedback on our provision but would be particularly interested in any views that you have about the written reports we provide for you in the Spring and Summer term. I would also be keen to know how you are finding the class blogs that some year groups have set up.  
Thank you.

