

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

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I hope that you had a good ½ term break with your children. It is good to see the beginnings of spring with some slightly lighter evenings.

The children are really enjoying the new playtrail, which is good to see. There have been one or two additional bumps as the children are exploring the trail and their abilities but it is good to see the children active and learning.

Next week will see the construction of a traverse wall on the Y4 exterior wall in the amphitheatre. This will enhance further the opportunity for active play. I am also pleased to say that FOPS will be funding the construction of an Iron Age hut in the Autumn term. The Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre will be working with the children in the building of this. We are very grateful to FOPS.

It is so exciting to see all this development in our outdoor learning environment. Please do ensure that your children respect our grounds by staying on the paths and playgrounds at pick up time and that they are well supervised at all times.

World Book Day

I know that World Book Day can fill some parents with dread at the thought of the pressure of dressing up! However, we really want to use it as an opportunity to celebrate books and a love of reading and not make it a difficulty for families. We therefore have a number of events planned. Firstly, on 2nd March we are having an off timetable day where we will mix the age groups up into house teams and undertake a range of activities that explore different genres of books and writing.

This will be followed by our 'Books at Bedtime' which is one of my favourite evenings at school. Books at Bedtime will be from 5.15pm to 6.15pm this year. The children should meet in the hall in their pyjamas ready for a good evening of stories with the school staff.

On Friday 3rd March the children are invited to celebrate their favourite books or literary characters with us. They may choose to dress as their favourite character, bring in their favourite book or a prop from a well loved story. Please do note that there is no compulsion to dress up and all children will have the chance to celebrate and share their favourite literature with their class.

School carpark

I have become aware recently of several parents either parking in the school carpark at drop off or collection time or walking with their children through it. The carpark is not a safe environment to walk with children due to the number of buses that use it. Neither does it have sufficient space for parent cars. Please do use the main path into school only.

Healthy Eating

This ½ term in our Personal, Social and Health Education lessons the theme is 'Healthy Me.' This will involve looking at the reasons for and benefits of an active lifestyle and a balanced diet.

Within lessons, classes will be looking at diet and food groups etc. A way in which school and home can work together would be for you to involve your child in planning their fruit snacks and packed lunches, if they aren't having a hot meal. Getting the children to focus evaluating how their lunch fits with a balanced diet and what they need to include will have more impact than the lessons on their own and will help to establish habits that last into adult hood. Your child will have brought home a pack from 'Change 4 Life' to share with you.

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

27 Feb – Book Fair Week – Details to follow
1 Mar – Year 2 open afternoon
2 Mar – World Book Day
2 Mar – FOPS – Books at bedtime 5.15-6.15pm
3 Mar – World Book dress up day
3 Mar – Y4 Hooke Court meeting for parents
13 Mar – School nurse drop in session
14 Mar – Class R open afternoon
15 Mar – Year 4 Concert @ St Osmunds
16 Mar – Year 3 open afternoon
17 Mar – Reports to parents
17 Mar – FOPS Dinner & Race Night
20 Mar – First Aid training Y3 & Y4
21 & 23 Mar – Parent/Teacher meetings
23 Mar – Y1 open afternoon
24 Mar – Comic Relief
3-5 Apr – Y4 at Hooke Court
6 Apr – Whole school visit the Church TBC
7 Apr – Y4 Hooke Court open afternoon
7 Apr – Break up
24 Apr – Return to school
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

Not home learning...

No Not Home Learning this week, but if you have any old comics, children's magazines (football, horses, dancing etc) we would love to have them. Also we are always on the look out for wellies that your children may have outgrown. Thank you!