

Puddletown CEVC First School

'Inspiring learners to be the best they can be'

Newsletter No. 14

5 July 2019

Dear Parent,

Thank you to all of you who supported our Sports Day. What a great event, even if it ended on a rather damp note for some of us! The children were fabulous. A special congratulations to Honor Davis Pye who broke the Y4 hurdles record and William Arscott who broke the Y3 boys throwing record.

I hope that your child had a good transfer day and is feeling positive about their new classes for September. To confirm the staffing arrangements for next year;

YR – Mrs Roberts and Mrs Newton

Y1 – Mrs Roff and Mrs Barkle

Y2 – Miss Reeve/Mrs Murphy and Mrs McCarthy

Y3 – Miss Gomms and Mrs Wootton

Y4 – Miss England and Mrs Downes

Mrs White will be supporting children across the school

Celebration Day 15th July

We have begun our mission to the moon which is all very exciting. As I said in the last newsletter we are making a reconstruction of mission control, the command module, the lunar lander and the moon (we like a challenge at the end of the year!).

However, as the space ships will only hold a crew of 3 we will need to timetable the day!

YR – 9.00am - 10.00 and 3.30 – 4.00pm

Y1 – 10.00 - 11.00am and 4.00 - 4.30pm

Y2 – 11.00 – 12.00pm and 4.30- 5.00pm

Y3 – 1.00 – 2.00pm and 5.00 – 5.30pm

Y4 – 2.00pm – 3.00pm and 5.30 – 6.00pm

There will also be an open slot between 6.00 – 7.00pm.

As in previous years you are also invited into school in the afternoon and after school to look at your child's books. The classteachers will not be available for a parent teacher consultation at this time. If you wish to discuss your child's progress you should arrange an appointment to do so.

Y4 Leavers arrangements

Tuesday 9th July; Y4s will be attending a church school leaver's service at Wimborne Minster.

Monday 22nd July; Leaver's Service at school we will begin at 9.30am. At the end of the service you are invited to stay for tea and cake with your child.

Monday 22nd July; the leaver's party, this is at school 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Parking – please park safely and considerately if you are visiting the school for any of our school events.

Lost property

We will be displaying our collection of lost property at the end of the term. Any unclaimed items will be donated or recycled. Please do have a look through it.

The Local Governing Body Report

I cannot believe it is already July and time to write our final update of this academic year.

One of the most important roles of the Local Governing Body is to set the strategic direction of the school and this term we have been looking at our vision and values and consulting pupils, staff and parents about what is important to them. Thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire, the results are being used to help us write our vision for the next few years.

Many of the governors have been visiting school to carry out monitoring visits in SEN, Collective Worship, Science, Health and Wellbeing, Early Years and Breadth of Curriculum.

The budget for 2019/20 has been planned and recommended to the GTAT Board. Our thanks to Mrs Andrews for her hard work on this.

The children have all completed their assessments for this year and the results will be monitored and discussed in September. We are so fortunate at Puddletown First that as well as having high quality teaching and learning, the pupils also have a lot of fun and access to some wonderful facilities in our grounds. There are exciting plans over the summer to continue to develop our grounds, the LGB is very grateful to Rachel Partridge (governor) for helping us win a bid to fund the majority of the work and to FOPS who are also supporting us with this.

This term has been incredibly busy for the staff in planning and delivering many extra activities for the children. On behalf of the whole LGB I would like to extend my thanks to them for all their hard work, enthusiasm and care.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and fun summer holiday!

Karen Weir (Chair of LGB)

FOPS

As ever we are grateful to FOPS for all the work they do to support the school. The disco was a great success. Thank you also for the support of the FOPS sponsored event.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Hoe Down on Friday 12th July

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons

With the departure of our Y4 children there are spaces available for guitar and ukulele lessons with Mr Bush. Please contact the DASP music office if your child is interested.

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

09 Jul – Year 4 visit to Wimborne Minster – Leavers Celebrations
11 Jul – Year 2 visit to Holland Barn
12 Jul – FoPS Hoedown
15 Jul – Celebration Afternoon 1.30pm
17 Jul – Year 3 trip to Lyme Regis
17 Jul – Year 4 Science morning @ THS
17 Jul – Year 1 trip to Cox's Farm
17 Jul – Meet the teacher meetings 6pm & 6.30pm
18 Jul – Thank-you Tea for helpers
19 Jul – Year 4 trip to PGL
22 Jul – Leavers Assembly 9.30am
22 Jul - Leavers Party 6-7.30pm
23 Jul – Break up

Autumn Term 2019

02 Sept – Inset Day
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04 Sept – Pupils return to school
01 Oct - School Photos
08 Oct – Book People 'Book Fair Bus' in all day
21 Oct – Whole School Nasal Flu vaccination
25 Oct – Break up
04 Nov – Inset Day
05 Nov – Pupils return to school
13 Nov – Whole School Panto – Dick Whittington
20 Dec – Break up for Christmas