



Primary News

Monday 26th September 2016

Dates for your diary

Weds 28 th Sept	Reception /Year 1&2 Phonics Meeting (details to follow)
Thurs 29 th Sept	School Nurse drop-in (From 8.30am)
Friday 30 th Sept	Wear Gold or Yellow – donations for Childhood Cancer Awareness
Weds 5 th Oct	Reception /Year 1&2 Phonics Meeting (details to follow)
Fri 7 th Oct	INSET day (No children in school)
Fri 14 th Oct	Crazy Socks Day Donations for Mosaic – Supporting Bereaved Children
Weds 19 th Oct	Parents' Evening (details to follow)
Thurs 20 th Oct	Dragonfly (yr5/6) Class Assembly 9am
Fri 21 st Oct	Harvest Festival St Edwards Church 1.30pm
Fri 21 st Oct	Break up for half-term
Mon 31 st Oct	Children return to school
Mon 14 th Nov	Pantomime in school (M&M Productions)
Thurs 17 th Nov	Life Education Van
Thurs 8 th Dec	Bumblebee (yr3/4) Class Assembly 9am
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term (2pm finish)

Our Christian Value this half term is:



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Phonics Information Meeting

Please join us from 3.15 on Wednesday 28th September in the hall for a Phonics Information Meeting. This meeting will cover phases 1, 2 and 3 of the phonics programme, which is normally aimed at reception and Year 1 children.

The following Wednesday, 5th October, the meeting will be focussing on phases 4 and 5 (usually Year 1 and 2).

Nut Allergy

With this newsletter is a letter to inform you that a child in our school has a severe allergy to nuts. Please be advised that products containing any kind of nuts should not be brought into school. This includes any body lotions or soaps that may contain nut oil as this could also cause a severe allergic reaction if skin to skin contact is made.

Please complete the attached slip to confirm receipt of the letter.



Volunteering in School

We are always delighted to welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help out in our school, whether it is a one-off or a regular commitment.

There are a number of ways in which you can volunteer: helping in a class, attending school trips, running or helping to run an extra-curricular club, joining the PTFA or becoming a school governor.

If you would like to help out, please do pop in for a chat.

Additionally, parents are warmly invited into Ladybird and Butterfly classes on Friday afternoons from 2.30 to share books.

Class Assemblies

You may have noticed the addition of Class Assemblies in the Dates section of the newsletter. This is something new we are doing this year. Each class will produce and perform their own assembly during the course of the year, as a way of sharing their learning. All parents are warmly invited to attend these assemblies which will generally take place on a Thursday at 9am.

The first dates for your diary are:

Thursday 20th October – Dragonfly Class

Thursday 8th December – Bumblebee Class

Policies

Attached to the newsletter are a number of policies which we have recently rewritten. They are our Handwriting and Presentation Policy, Home-Learning Policy and Marking Policy.

We have also written and attached a Home-School Agreement for you to share with you child and sign and return to school.

More school policies can be found on our website:

<http://www.corfecastle.dorset.sch.uk/for-parents/school-policies/>

Staffing News

We are very sad that Miss Murphy (Butterfly Class Teaching Assistant) has decided to leave us at the October half-term.

Although we will obviously miss her very much, we wish her every success for the future and know that she will keep in touch.

Childhood Cancer Awareness

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month and to help raise awareness we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 30th September. The children can come to school wearing gold or yellow in return for a donation to this extremely worthwhile cause.





Spotlight on Free School Meals and Pupil Premium



At our school we believe that all our children have an equal entitlement and should have an equal opportunity to:

- Develop imagination and creativity through an enriched curriculum
- Acquire knowledge, skills and personal qualities
- Become a lifelong successful learner

The school receives additional funding from the Government to support it in trying to meet this aspiration. This is known as the **Pupil Premium** and is provided to schools for supporting more pupils from low income families to ensure they benefit from the same opportunities as all other children.

At our school, we have decided to offer children in receipt of this funding 50% reduction on all school trips, free music lessons and help with uniform costs, as well as addition to provided additional support.

IN order to know whether families qualify the following guidance is available:

- First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list that follows.
- Registering is really quick and easy – if you think that you qualify, contact the school office who will help you to register.
- If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year), extra benefits and the school gets the 'Pupil Premium'.
- If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as they qualify and are registered, the school still gets the 'Pupil Premium'.

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16190 (2014/2015)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax

The school may also be able to apply for additional funds if you have been in receipt of any of these in the last 6 years!

Please register your children for free school meals even if you want your child to have a packed lunch or if they are already entitled to the universal infant free school meals so that our school will still get the Pupil Premium.

Please use the following link for your application. If you wish to use one of the school computers, you are more than welcome. <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/article/2369/Free-school-meals>