



Primary News

Monday 7th November 2016

Dates for your diary

Mon 14 th Nov	Pantomime in school (M&M Productions)
Weds 16 th November	PTFA Meeting (Christmas Fair plans)
Thurs 17 th Nov	Life Education Van
Fri 2 nd Dec	School Christmas Fair
Thurs 8 th Dec	Bumblebee (yr3/4) Class Assembly 9am
Fri 16 th Dec	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 16 th Dec	End of Autumn Term (2pm finish)
Tues 3 rd Jan	INSET Day (No children in school)
Weds 4 th Jan	Children return to school

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service was very well-received just before the half-term break. It was lovely to see so many of you there and I do hope you enjoyed the children sharing their learning.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We were delighted to receive nearly £100 in commission which we have used to purchase topics books and to

Article 3

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

Our Christian Value this half term is:



Spotlight on Attendance Procedures

Our whole-school attendance for the first half of the Autumn Term was 93%

Why good attendance is important

In recent years, much research has been carried out on the effect that poor attendance can have on children's progress at school and how well they achieve in life. For example, 90% attendance might sound quite good but what it really means is:

- Your child is absent for lessons for the equivalent of one half day every week.
- In one year, 4 whole weeks of lessons are missed.
- If your child continues to attend for only 90% of the time, in 5 years, he, or she, will miss half of a school year.

Children who do not attend school regularly often have the following problems:

- They are not able to keep up with their work.
- It is difficult, in a busy school day, for teachers to find the time to help your child catch up.
- Children who arrive late miss important parts of the lesson and disrupt the learning of other children in the class.

This is why Corfe Castle Primary School is making good attendance a top priority. By improving our attendance rates, we will improve the standards that our children achieve and provide them with better chances in life. We can only do this with your full support.

How parents and carers can help:

- Work together with us.
- Send your child to school every day, on time, unless they are genuinely ill.
- Avoid taking your child out of school for holidays.

Further details can be found in the Attendance Procedures document attached to this newsletter.

M&M Productions

On Monday 14th November, we will once again be welcoming M&M Productions to our school to perform Sleeping Beauty.

Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this exciting experience for the whole school.



Nut Free School

Please help us keep everyone safe.



Webb Ivory

Webb Ivory Christmas catalogues are available in the school office now!

If you would like to take a look, there's no obligation to buy, but if you do make an order, the PTFA receive a 25% donation for most items in the catalogue.

Please return your catalogue and any orders to the office, with your payment, by Thursday 17th November *at the latest*.



Letter from Mrs Oakes

Attached to the back of the newsletter is a letter from Mrs Oakes about her time with our school.



Dear All,

I just wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you all. My last day at Corfe Castle School was filled with so many emotions and thus I couldn't thank you properly in person without bursting into tears! However, writing it down seems a little easier.

When my husband told me that he had been offered a job in the south of France with the Royal Navy I was initially thrilled as we spend very little time together so a posting abroad for 4 years sounded wonderful. It wasn't until I realised I had to actually write my letter of resignation in May that I wondered if I could actually leave a school that has been part of my life for nearly 5 years...

It has been a joy to be part of such a caring school community where teachers, children and parents/carers alike work harmoniously together to make learning so inspiring. I have genuinely never worked with such a supportive team where you never feel alone, as there is always someone to help you. I extend this feeling to parents too - your support over the past few years has been invaluable to me, especially since I took over the role of PE coordinator which often involved spinning eight plates and standing on your head at the same time! So thank you.

I have had the joy of teaching Reception for most of my time at Corfe Castle which I have thoroughly enjoyed. It is a privilege to be a child's first teacher and watch them quite literally grow in size and confidence. I am especially thankful for the support that you have given me to develop the learning space outside the Early Years and KS1 classrooms. It is now a safe environment that enables the children to play and explore outside rain or shine.

To compress almost five years into a few paragraphs is very difficult as there is so much more that I would love to share with you; however, I fear this could turn into a short story, so I will stop here. Thank you once again for all your love and support; Corfe Castle Primary School will always be in my heart.

Have a happy term and I look forward to visiting soon.

Love Mrs Victoria Oakes.