

This Week's News

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Head Teacher Update

It has been another good week in school. On Monday and Tuesday we had a visit from Vicky from the Dogs Trust to do a Whole School Assembly and also workshops with the children. I feel these experiences for children really help educate for the real world and also is designed to keep them safe if they do come across dogs outside of school who may not be as controlled as they should be.

Year 4 children have also had a visit from the charity Water Aid this week as part of their learning in the classroom and to improve their knowledge of environmental issues impacting the world. As a school we are looking into the possibility of installing solar panels to reduce our energy costs significantly now we have a new roof!

We have also had a visitor to lead an assembly today which focused on Christianity and telling children stories from the bible as part of our religious education. We are trying to get a balance of education and learning across religions and have a structured approach to teaching them. On Tuesday next week we will be having a visit from Ofsted as part of a research project they are doing. We had a visit from them back in 2018 to help to develop the new framework and this is a follow up visit to see what impact the framework has had in schools. It is also an opportunity for us to give our feedback on the inspection framework and process which is also good for the school I feel.

I noticed that there was quite a bit of excitement on some social media platforms about the parking restrictions outside of school. I am not making any apologies for trying to make the school site safer for our children and for you as their safe adults. People just need to follow the rules and park considerately or even better, walk to school now the weather is getting better. It is a great way of improving your mental health and wellbeing and I try to model that each day unless I have to go further afield for training or meetings.

Staffing Update: I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Lake and her husband are expecting their first child in October. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both. In addition to Mrs Lake, Mrs Ryan and her husband are also expecting their first child in September of this year. This is obviously exciting news for them both. They will of course leave a big hole in the school staff whilst they are on maternity leave. We have the capacity in school to fill these vacancies and I am delighted to let you know Miss Thebault will be the acting Deputy Headteacher from September. As a consequence of this appointment, we are currently advertising for a Specialist Lead Teacher for The Pod to start in September. I will keep you updated on changes moving forward.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bagwell - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tues 7th May	Class Photographs
Wed 8th May	YR Aviation Museum
Thurs 9th May	School Disco
Wed 15th May	Open Afternoon 3.15 - 4.00pm
Wed 22nd May	Y3 BSO Trip
Fri 24th May	Parley Pentathlon 12.00 - 3.00pm

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail 7 days before the date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.1%

YR - 94.0%

Y1 - 95.1%

Y2 - 95.7%

Y3 - 95.1%

Y4 - 95.6%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Supporting our Community

Flo in Year 4 was lucky enough to pick out the golden token on a recent trip to Tesco express in Parley. Flo's prize was an Easter egg and to choose which charity would receive the £5,000 donation, her chosen charity was Honey Pot Young carers. Well done Flo!

Mental Health in Schools Team Resources

The Dorset Mental Health in Schools Team have produced some fantastic free resources around worries, anxieties and transitions. Full details can be found on page 3.

Totty the Bee Lady

Lots of our parents will know Totty the Bee Lady who comes in every year to work with our Reception children. Totty has lost all of her queen bees over the wet period and now only has male bees. If any parents / families spot a swarm of bees, please contact Totty via the details below and she can come and collect them.

Totty - 07548 535010

Peardrops Outstanding Fees

Please may we remind all parents who have still not paid their outstanding Peardrops fees for this half term to please do so by Monday 29th April. Details have been emailed to you this week. Thank you very much.

Class Photographs

Class photographs will take place in school on **Tuesday 7th May**. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their **uniform** ready to have their photograph taken. PE will still take place for Years 2 and 4, but teachers will adapt the lesson to be suitable for school uniform. Thank you very much.

School Disco

Tickets for the school disco on **Thursday 9th May** can be purchased on ParentMail from this coming Monday (29th April). This will include entry, drinks and a biscuit. Entry is via the Key Stage 2 playground.

Reception & Year 1: 4.30 - 5.30pm

Years 2, 3 & 4: 6.00 - 7.00pm

Community News



Mental Health in Schools

FREE


Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

RESOURCES & ACTIVITIES TO HELP CHILDREN MANAGE:




WORRIES & ANXIETIES

PARENT/CARER GUIDE



scan to download or head to: bit.ly/3OackTv

Dorset MHST have created a resource free to download for parents/carers with lots of different resources and activities to help manage children's worries and anxieties.

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FREE

How to school prepare for transition or change

Welcome! This resource is all about making a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. We know change can be nerve-wracking, unsettling, and anxiety provoking. It is okay to feel like this. Emotions are like a rollercoaster; they are never permanent and constantly changing. You may feel different emotions at the same time, for example, excited for a change but also nervous because it feels unknown.

In this resource, we'll give you tips on how to handle the shift and make it easier for you. You'll learn some awesome coping skills that'll help you when you need it. It's all about finding what works best for you, because we know everyone is unique!

If you're about to start secondary school this September or you've already rocked the first few days, this activity pack is the ultimate guide to understanding this new chapter in your life. Plus, it's not just about school stuff; we'll also help you take care of your mental health too.

Are you in? Let's do this!



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COPING CARDS TO HELP FEELINGS OF ANXIETY




scan to download or head to: bit.ly/MHSTCopingCards

Coping skills or strategies are a way of helping manage difficult feelings such as worry or anxiety. Dorset MHST have created a set of 16 coping cards full of different coping strategies that you can use in work, school or at home. These are ideal to use for days you might feel you need extra support or reminders of ways to manage on days that feel harder.

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