Piddle Valley CE First School

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Trust in each other, **Respect** one another,
Shine for yourself!

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Newsletter
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Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

We have had another full-on and productive week at Piddle Valley, with lots of learning and enjoyment across the school.

Our recent *Stay and Play* session was a great success, and it was lovely to welcome families in to share time with their children. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make it such a positive experience.

Despite the challenging weather this week, the children have still been able to enjoy the outdoors. They have been using the courtyard for a range of lovely outdoor activities, showing great enthusiasm and resilience while having lots of fun.

We would like to remind parents of Ocean Class that there will be a **Meet the Teacher** session on **Tuesday 10th February at 2.45pm** for any parents who would like to formally meet **Miss Peters**. Immediately following this, we will be holding a **whole school Open Classroom** from **3.00pm to 3.30pm**, giving parents the opportunity to

Whole School News

PE Days – Thursday and Fridays
Forest School – Fridays

Facebook: Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School,** where we will share regular pictures and updates.

Easy Fundraising – Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it is completely FREE **https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1**

Clothes recycling bank: If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

Attendance:

come into school and see what the children have been learning. Miss Peters would be delighted to talk to you about your child and will happily answer any questions you may have.

We are also looking forward to our **dance performance for parents on Friday 13th February**. Please drop your children off at the normal time. The children will have a short practice, and the school gates will open at **9.00am**, ready for the performance to begin at **9.10am**. We kindly remind parents that **no photos or videos** should be taken during the performance. Mrs Thomas will be filming and taking photographs for the school accounts, in line with the agreement shared with parents at the beginning of the year. If you would like to take a photo of your child after the performance, you are welcome to do so before they return to class.

Finally, the children have been doing a fantastic job earning their **Piddle Pennies**. We have seen so many examples of our school values in action, and lots of pennies have been exchanged for rewards. We are very proud of their efforts.

Have a fabulous weekend, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Overall school attendance for this week: **94.5%**

Preschool: **94.7%**

Reception: **90.6%**

Year 1: **84.4%**

Year 2: **95.8%**

Year 3: **96.9%**

Year 4: **100%**

Reminder: Please DO NOT send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen
Evelyn
Arlan
Caleb
Brian
Niamh

TT Rock Stars

Evie
Harry

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

We have had another busy week in Forest Class! In maths, Reception have revisited subitising, this time to include numbers to 10. They have also been looking at subitising more complex patterns. We played a subitising game with dice, where we rolled and pointed to the matching digit. Pre School has continued to look at shape and colour sorting and have started to look at sorting objects by size.

In Drawing Club, we have been reading 'One Night at the Zoo'. We created magical zoo animals, and imagined what things animals could do if they had super powers! This tied in well to our RE lesson this week, where we have been looking at people who help us. We talked about what super powers we would like, and then created our own super hero costumes so that we could become superhero's ourselves!

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to log reading on our online reading platform, and to those in reception who completed the phonics homework. The children will receive some more homework today, to complete by next Friday, along with a new reading book if they have read 3 times.

Have a lovely weekend!

Ocean Class

On Wednesday, we braved the howling wind to be plant investigators- we lined up with our coats and sheets to investigate what types of plants we have growing in the school grounds and created a tally. Snowdrops and daffodils seemed to be the plant we could see the most! We then used adjectives to describe different plants and checked on our seeds and bulbs. Some plants have started to grow already!

In Maths, we have started Mass so have been exploring different ways to measure using different types of scales. Year 2 have been measuring in kilograms and grams, and Year 1 have been thinking about the concept of heavier and lighter.

We have also started to write our alien stories – they look great so far!

On Friday afternoon we designed sock puppets to bring our aliens to life.

Important information:

Each Monday, home books are changed so please ensure your child comes to school with their book in their book bag.

Friday morning Ocean class have a spelling test based on the spellings they have been learning in spelling and phonics lessons each week. They are sent home on Friday for the test the following Friday. Please make sure your child is practicing at home.

Please check their bags regularly for any important communications – Thank you 😊

Amazon Class

A great week in Amazon Class this week.

In maths they have been looking at multiplying larger numbers and will be starting long division next week. They are also doing small maths sessions to support quick maths retrieval of multiplication facts.

In English we have been learning about our failed projects in a science lab. They have written letters to help them escape the lab, and the children are really enjoying this.

They have been learning about weather and seasons in French.

In science, they are enjoying learning about how magnets work, testing out different activities to develop their knowledge.

Have a lovely weekend.

Student Council

The school council will be meeting on Monday to evaluate how our ideas for recycling, Piddle pennies and fundraising for school equipment is going.

We will be discussing which trikes to buy and what other ideas they have for the future of their school.

Thank you for the support you have given the children to enable them to put their ideas into action.

Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

Friday 6th February
Number Day

Tuesday 10th February
2.45-3.00 Meet the teacher for Ocean Class

3.00-3.30pm Open classroom for all!

Friday 13th February
Dance performance for parents 9.10am

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February
Half Term

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February
Scholastic Book Fair

Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

Breakfast Club
Open every day from 8.00am

After School Club
4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday – Lights, Camera, Action!
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Tuesday – Craft Club
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Wednesday – Cooking Club
3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Wednesday 18th March
Amazon Class – Wessex School's Singing Festival

Friday 20th March
Red Nose Day

Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th March
Year 4 to Hooke Court

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April
Inset Day

Friday 1st May
Inset Day

Monday 4th May
Bank Holiday – School Closed

Thursday 14th May
Fraser Photography – Class Photos

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
Summer Half Term

Friday 3rd July
Whole School Trip

Thursday – Kick Boxing
3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session (Payable via Kickstart Vitality)

Friday – Forest School
3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session

Lunchtime Clubs
Monday – Shine Squad
Friday – Gardening Club

School mobile number – 07510 653624
(To be used for After School pick-ups if no answer on the office number)