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

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Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

We hope you are all doing well and that the children are enjoying taking part in our Readathon. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading, and we really appreciate your support in encouraging them at home.

World Book Day was a fantastic success this year. We were very lucky to welcome an author into school who led a whole-school assembly and also ran a workshop with the children. They absolutely loved the experience and it was inspiring to see their excitement about stories and writing.

Thank you as well for all your support with the Book Fair. It was very well attended and your support helps us continue to bring new books and resources into school.

We also held two very successful Stay and Play sessions this week. Monday's session in particular was a lovely opportunity to see the children enjoying their learning alongside their

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:

families. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make these events so positive.

A gentle reminder for parents and carers that if you need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please inform the school office. We do encourage families to arrange appointments outside of the school day where possible, but we understand that this is not always achievable. If you can, please give the office at least 24 hours' notice. Please also ensure, where applicable, that we are provided with a copy of the medical letter to confirm the appointment.

We have also added a few new dates to the school calendar, including a church service on 17th March. Please do take a moment to check the calendar so you are aware of the upcoming events.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Overall school attendance for this week: **97.7%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **93.8%**

Year 1: **95%**

Year 2: **97.5%**

Year 3: **100%**

Year 4: **100%**

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

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

WOW! A very busy week in Forest Class this week!

We have been looking at early signs of spring within our Understanding the World topic.

Throughout the week, we have made a weather diary where we have recorded what the weather is like each day. We will revisit our weather diary at the end of spring to see how the weather changes throughout the season.

In Maths, Pre School have been looking at

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are in the process of developing our outside play area. We are looking for donations for our Mud Kitchen of old pots and pans, kitchen utensils and plates, bowls and cups. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

patters and Reception have been looking at 'more than' and 'fewer'. We incorporated 'Spring Time' into our maths this week, where we took our learning outside where we made repeating patterns from nature.

In Drawing Club, we have been reading 'The Perfect Ribbit', and we have been learning about the life cycle of a frog.

We had a wonderful time celebrating world book day on Thursday. We had a lovely workshop with author Katy and then spent time looking through the books that inspired our costumes.

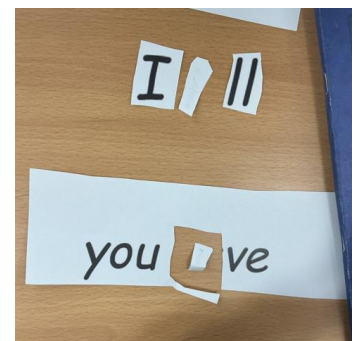
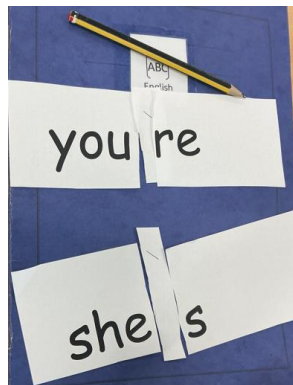
Please don't forget to record any reading on our reading platform!

Have a lovely weekend.



Ocean Class

This week, Ocean class have had lots of hands-on learning. On Monday, we learnt about how technology has changed the way we write, and all got to have a go at typing on a typewriter from the 1950s. The children could easily identify the similarities and differences between typewriters and our modern computers. In science, we cut open fruit to look inside to observe and draw the seeds, and learnt about how seeds grow into mature



plants. In English, we all worked together to create contractions using an apostrophe and applied them in our writing. Also, we have innovated the poem The Owl and the Pussycat and had a go at publishing it neatly in our best handwriting.



Amazon Class

The children have a busy week this week, with lots of great things happening.

This week they have been learning about Fractions in Maths looking at tenths and hundredths.

They have started a new book in English called 'Baker by the Sea'. Looking at job roles and thinking about the skills needed for these roles.

They have started to look at the parables for Christianity in RE and how we use these to learn about how we should behave.

We have also had a great day for World Book Day. Lots of great costumes. We have had a visit from the author and then had the opportunity to participate in a workshop with her.

We have also had our last singing session with Hannah ready for our singing concert in a couple of weeks' time.

Have a lovely weekend!



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 17th March

Church Service at All Saints Church - 9.00am
Parents evening for all 3.30-6.00pm

Wednesday 18th March

Amazon Class - Wessex Singing School's
Festival

Friday 20th March

Red Nose Day
Dance presentation for Amazon Class parents
9.00am

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th March

Year 4 to Hooke Court

Friday 27th March

Dance presentation to Ocean and Forest Class
parents 9.00am

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April

Inset Day

Thursday 30th April

Bikeability for some of Amazon class.

Friday 1st May

Inset Day

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Student Council



The school council met this week and were shown the plans for renewing the play equipment in the playground.

They also discussed rewards at the end of half term for the house group that has the most house points. They have agreed to ask the children in their class for ideas.

They are also still enjoying the Piddle Pennies as an incentive and feel that the children in their class are enjoying them too.

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 - Lego Club

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Tuesday - Cooking Club

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session
(All sessions must be block booked)

Wednesday - Arts and Crafts

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

<p>Thursday 14th May Fraser Photography - Class Photos</p> <p>Monday 25th - Friday 29th May Summer Half Term</p> <p>Friday 3rd July Whole School Trip - Longleat</p>	<p>(All sessions must be block booked)</p> <p>Thursday - Kick Boxing 3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session (Payable via Kickstart Vitality)</p> <p>Friday - Forest School 3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session (All sessions must be block booked)</p> <p><u>Lunchtime Clubs</u> Monday - Shine Squad Friday - Gardening Club</p> <p>School mobile number - 07510 653624 (To be used for After School pick-ups if no answer on the office number)</p>
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