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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 are certainly missing our Year 4 children this week while they are away at Hooke Court. It has been quieter without them, but we know they are having a fantastic time and creating wonderful memories.

In their absence, our Year 3 children have really stepped up to the mark and taken on their roles as leaders of the school with great maturity and responsibility. We are very proud of how they have embraced this opportunity.

Year 3 and EYFS had a delightful afternoon at the farm, where they enjoyed cuddling and feeding the lambs. Some of the children even had the unique experience of helping to mark the lambs so the farmer can identify which ewe is their mother—an experience they will not forget!

I also had the pleasure of joining the rest of the school for a gymnastics apparatus session. It was wonderful to see all the children exploring the equipment with such enthusiasm

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.

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

while remaining sensible and supportive of one another.

Our final dance presentation was truly fantastic. It is always a joy to watch the children perform with such confidence and pride—they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. A big thank you to the PTFA for funding all the Easter eggs for the children. Please make sure you take the time to rest and recharge over the coming weeks so that everyone returns refreshed and ready for a busy and exciting Summer term.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **96.1%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **95%**

Year 1: **100%**

Year 2: **91%**

Year 3: **100%**

Year 4: **96.7%**

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

We have had a lovely week in Forest Class.

On Wednesday we visited a local farm where we had the opportunity to see some lambs. We learnt some facts about farming and got to bottle feed some of the baby lambs.

In Drawing Club this week we had a go at writing a non fiction book about the lifecycle of a hen. We created a front cover and created a page for each stage.

In RE this half term we have been learning about the Easter story and about why the cross is an important symbol for Christians. We created our own crosses out of lollypop sticks and have been busy doing lots of Easter crafts.

Have a lovely Easter break!

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!





Ocean Class

Well done to Ocean Class for all their hard work this term! They have really shown off their learning from the past 11 weeks in the short end of unit assessments we have done and can proudly talk about what they have been learning about, which is great.

We have started writing our sequel to the story we have been reading in English and will hopefully get a chance to illustrate them in the summer term.

In Maths this week we have gone back to basics for a few lessons just to cement those key addition and subtraction skills, and all children have made progress which is fantastic.



We ended the week with a dance presentation that they had learnt over only 4 sessions!

Hope you all have a fabulous break and see you in the summer term!



Amazon Class

Amazon class have had a lovely week, filled with activity, smiles and laughter.

At the beginning of the week we completed our plants topic in science and our RE topic about God's kingdom.

Then the fun and excitement continued to build as the year 4s packed their suitcases for their Hooke Court adventure.

Whilst being at Hooke court they have approached all the activities positively and have been successful in completing them together and with new friends. They have eaten well and even managed to sleep. I am sure that they will enjoy a rest when they come home.

Year 3 had a wonderful visit to the farm this week, where they enjoyed feeding the baby lambs. One of the highlights of the trip was helping the farmer by spraying the lambs with blue vegetable dye so they can be matched with their mothers—an experience the children found both fun and fascinating! Back in the classroom, the children have been working incredibly hard in Maths. They have been learning to identify different angles and have been spotting right angles in a variety of shapes and around the classroom. It has been



great to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence in this area.

We also had lots of fun during our PE session on the apparatus. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the equipment while demonstrating excellent behaviour and teamwork throughout.



Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April
Inset Day

Thursday 30th April
Bikeability for some of Amazon class.

Clubs for Spring Term 1

School run after-school clubs that will be available for the first half of the summer term will be shared after the holidays. These clubs will begin in the second week back.

*Please note that **Forest School** and **Kickboxing** after-school clubs will restart in the first week back.*

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.

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 - Longleat

Thursday 16th July

Colour Run - TBC

Breakfast Club

Open every day from 8.00am

After School Club

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday -

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

(All sessions must be block booked)

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)