



Piddle Valley CE First School

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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 so pleased to share that **Miss Peters will continue her time with us here at Piddle Valley**. The children love having her as their teacher, and she has settled beautifully into the staff team. It's wonderful to see how quickly she has become part of school life.

For **Amazon parents**: if you were unable to attend the recent *Jigsaw Relationships and Sex Education* consultation afternoon and would like copies of the handouts or slides, please do get in touch and we will happily provide them.

A reminder that **tomorrow is an INSET day** for all Wessex MAT schools, followed by the **bank holiday weekend**.

Members of **Amazon Class** will be representing Piddle Valley at the **football tournament at Dorchester Town FC on Thursday 7th May**. Please ensure consent

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.

forms are returned so your child is able to take part.

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Tuesday 5th May**.



Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **97.9%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **100%**

Year 1: **100%**

Year 2: **96%**

Year 3: **93.3%**

Year 4: **100%**

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen

Freya

Iza

Caleb

Fletcher

Niamh

TT Rockstars

Florence

Forest Class

We have had another lovely week in Ocean Class. We have been celebrating World Earth Day as part of our understanding of the world topic. We learnt about what we can do to look after our planet, focusing specifically on learning about how recycling works. We looked at how recycling is separated depending on material, and we also looked at the small steps we can take every day to take care of the planet such as putting rubbish in the bin and saving water. We used some of our recycling that we have collected for our junk modeling to make something new from something old, as well as using paper plates to create some planet earth art.

Reception are continuing to look at The Magic Paintbrush in Literacy. This week we looked at rhyming words and sequencing the story.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend.



Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class have been learning all about fractions by making and cutting sandwiches. They know all about halves, quarters and thirds now and have began understanding non-unit fractions.

For International Dance Day, Ocean Class joined with Forest Class to look at various dances from around the world and had a go at them too.

In Art, we made castle relief sculptures using score and slip and by cutting away parts of the clay.



Amazon Class

A lovely week this week in Amazon Class. The children have been full of energy and engaged in their learning.

In English we have started a lovely book called, 'How to Live Forever'. The children have been creating persuasive posters to find the lost book.

In reading skills, we have started a new reading book 'Mr Penguin and the lost treasure'. This is a great adventure story about an adventurer who wants to solve mysteries.

We have started a new topic in geography about land use in our local area. Learning about how we use our land and how that benefits us.

We have been doing French and looking at the different foods they eat.

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.

Friday 1st May

Inset Day

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 11th May (CHANGE OF DATE)

Fraser Photography - Class Photos

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 - Book Club (Author & Illustrator)

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

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May

Summer Half Term

Saturday 23rd May

Alton St Pancras Fete - Children Dancing

Saturday 30th May

Piddlefest

[Piddle Fest event tickets from TicketSource.](#)

Saturday 6th June

Piddletrenthide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

Friday 3rd July

Whole School Trip - Longleat

Thursday 16th July

Colour Run - TBC

Tuesday - Construction & Lego

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

(All sessions must be block booked)

Wednesday - Board Games

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

(All sessions must be block booked)

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

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