



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

We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and enjoyed the extra time with family. The children have come back full of energy and have been busy practising their songs for both the **Piddletrenthide Fete** and **PiddleFest**. Please could parents let the office know if they will be attending these events so organisers know who to expect.

We are also asking for parent confirmations for the **Alton St Pancras Fete**, where the children will be performing their dances. Again, please inform the office if you are available so that organisers can plan accordingly.

Amazon Class had a wonderful time at the football tournament this week. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing determination, kindness, and some fantastic teamwork.

Ocean Class have a treat on Monday. They will be taking part in an **Eco-Coding session** as part of their computing curriculum. Volunteers

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.

from Vitality will be joining us to help deliver the lesson alongside Miss Peters, and we know the children are very excited.

A reminder that **class photos** are also on Monday. Please make sure everyone comes in looking their best.

Let's hope the weather holds for another lovely weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school next week.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **96.7%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **96.4%**

Year 1: **100%**

Year 2: **90%**

Year 3: **100%**

Year 4: **100%**

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

In Forest Class this week we have been looking at maps as part of our topic - journeys. We looked at an aerial view map of the school and then created a floor map where added roads and houses. We used toy cars and pretended to drive from our houses to school and other landmarks such as supermarkets and parks.

In Drawing Club this week, Pre School have been reading 'You Can't Take An Elephant On Holiday'. As part of our adventure time, we made our own elephants out of junk modelling. Reception have been finishing off their unit on 'The Magic Paintbrush' by innovating the story. We all changed the characters and the 'magic object' and wrote our own stories, which were fantastic!

Have a lovely weekend



Ocean Class

This week, Ocean Class have become more confident with identifying fractions and have been sorting them looking at the written form, the word equivalent and matching it to the picture representation. This has really helped them to secure their knowledge.

In Geography, we have been looking at the human and physical features of Tromso in Norway, and we compared these features with Dorset. We found that the features of Tromso are very similar to Dorset as we have so many coastal features and lots of touristic areas so our Venn diagram's middle section became quite full!

We have started writing our story based on Lost and Found and I'm really impressed at how Ocean Class have been working to improve their handwriting - when we have finished writing and have published them we will hopefully be able to share them in next week's newsletter!



Amazon Class

A great week this week in Amazon Class.

They continue to be intrigued by the book we are doing in English and have written dialogues between characters and have also demonstrated their ability to write noun phrases and preposition to describe one of the settings in the book.

The year 4's have completed their 'Time' topic in maths and have started to look at 'Decimals', they have recognised that they can use their fraction Knowledge to help them. Year 3 are still developing their 'Time' knowledge and skills but are growing in confidence.

The Class have been looking at Humanism in RE and are understanding how the Golden Rule is shared by most religions in different ways.

We also had a fantastic day at Dorchester Football Club. The more they played the better they got and enjoyed the whole day more. It was very hot but we were able to substitute players to ensure they continued to enjoy their day.

Please could I ask as a reminder as the weather begins to get warmer the children have a drinks bottle that they can fill at school, suncream applied before school and a sun hat.

Many thanks, have a lovely weekend.



FREE!

WESSEX SCHOOLS
music

**WESSEX
ARTS FEST
2026**

Saturday 9th May
@ Thomas Hardy School
10am – 3pm

A day of music, drama and dance performances
and workshops for all the family.

Performances by orchestras, jazz bands, rock bands, choirs and individual young musicians from across the local schools.

Drama, musical theatre and dance performances by students from The Thomas Hardy School.

Workshops for all to take part in (sign-up in advance!)
"Come and Try" instrument sessions and music tech sessions
Ceilidh dance, Dance workshop, Big-sing workshop, Pre-school music, Samba workshop, Folk music workshop, Street band workshop, BBQ, refreshments and more!

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**Piddle
fest**

KIDS GO FREE*

NINA GARCIA
SAM & RICHIE
THE GRASS RATS
RATRACE

1.00PM
9.30PM

SATURDAY
30 MAY

TICKETS £16.50

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PIDDLERENTHIDE

IN AID OF PIDDLER VALLEY SCHOOL, COMMUNITY FUNDS & AIR AMBULANCE

*UNDER 14S GO FREE WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A PAYING ADULT

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 11th May

Fraser Photography - Class Photos

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

Piddletrethide Fete - Children Singing 1pm

Friday 3rd July

Whole School Trip - Longleat

Thursday 16th July

Sports Day (AM)

Colour Run (PM)

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)

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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