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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 have had a good week and enjoyed watching the England football match on Wednesday evening. I know I was feeling a little tired the next day after staying up to watch it!

The weather certainly improved by Friday, which meant we were able to get out onto the field to practise for Sports Day. The children have been enjoying a wide range of sporting activities, including both traditional and non-traditional events, and they have shown great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout.

Preschool Stay and Play - Monday

A reminder that we are holding our Preschool Stay and Play session on Monday. Please help us spread the word to friends and family who may be interested. If you have a preschool-aged child at home on that day, we would love for you to come along and join us.

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.

Girls' Football Event – Wednesday 24th June

We are excited to be taking all of the girls from Ocean Class to a football event on Wednesday 24th June. The morning will include opportunities to learn new football skills, take part in a football match and enjoy a penalty shoot-out. We are looking forward to a fantastic experience for all involved.

Transfer Day – Tuesday 7th July

Please note the arrangements for Transfer Day:

- All children should arrive at school as normal and play on the playground before the start of the day.
- When the bell rings, children will line up with their new class teacher and classmates.
- Preschool children who will be joining Reception in September are invited to attend for the day, even if Tuesday is not normally one of their preschool sessions.
- Children who will remain in Preschool in September should attend only their usual preschool days that week.
- Parents and carers of children starting Reception in September are invited to attend a presentation at 2.45pm. This will provide additional information to help prepare for September.

Reminders

No toys in school, please. Unfortunately, we have recently had an incident where toys brought into school have been broken, which

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **91.9%**

Preschool: **90%**

Reception: **87.5%**

Year 1: **94%**

Year 2: **95%**

Year 3: **78%**

Year 4: **93.3%**

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has understandably upset some children. We appreciate your support in keeping toys at home.

School Uniform

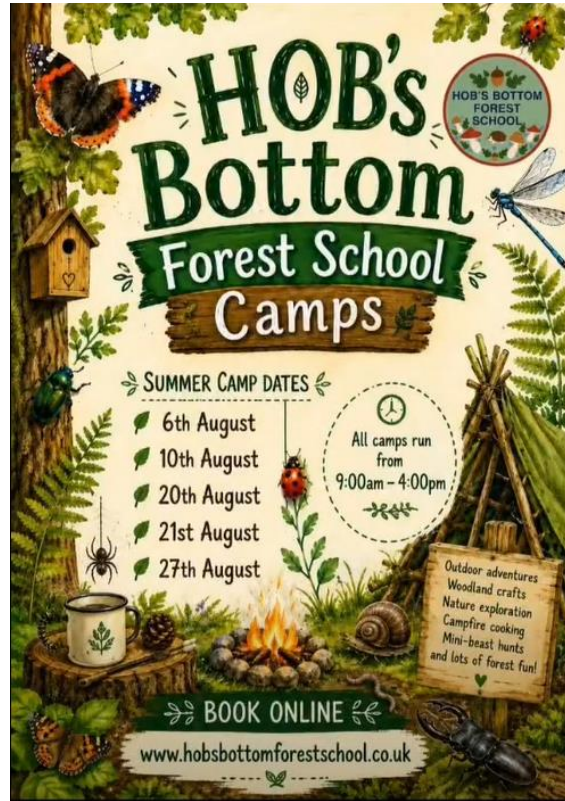
Please ensure children are wearing the correct uniform each day, including Thursdays for PE. Children should wear their PE kit only and not colourful alternative T-shirts.

The only day children may wear suitable alternative clothing is on Fridays for Forest School activities.

Looking Ahead

The forecast suggests that the lovely weather is set to continue over the weekend. We hope you are able to enjoy some sunshine with your families.

Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week!



Forest Class

We have had another busy week in Forest Class! In Literacy, Pre School have been reading 'The Crocodile That Couldn't Swim'. We have been practicing our pencil control and learning how to draw crocodiles, as well as talking about the setting of the book, which is a swimming pool. This linked in very well to our reflection topic this week, which is water safety for Water Safety Week. We talked about how we can stay safe in water and learnt what to do if we come into difficulty in the water.

Reception have been finishing of their writing unit on 'I will never not ever eat a tomato', where we have been innovating the story. We created story boards and planned changes that we could make to the story, and then created our own front covers and wrote our own books.

In Maths, pre school have been looking at the composition of the number six, whilst reception have been continuing to look at doubles.

Have a lovely weekend.



Ocean Class

Ocean class have had a very hands-on week this week! On Monday, our new book character gave us an engineering challenge. Rosie the inventor told us that we had to design a bridge big and strong enough to cross the river in the middle of the room. We had to explore different bridge structures using different materials, construction kits and joining methods to discover the best way to do this. We liked using the spaghetti and marshmallows to make strong triangle shapes.

Thank you to those who have donated



recycling - we are going to use it for building our final designs.

In Science, we recapped previous learning about living things and their habitats and focused on ocean habitats. The children were able to recall a lot of knowledge and made some fantastic salt dough creatures!

In History we are learning about famous nurses from history and so far have learned about the great things that Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale did. We played a game where we had to answer questions about Mary Seacole's life and then made mini biographies.



Amazon Class

This week the class have been completed the class book in English and have been using apostrophes for contraction and possession, writing diary entries and informal letters.

They continue to enjoy the Reading Skills book; Mr Penguin and the lost treasure. The twists and turns have continued to keep the children hooked.

The children have almost completed their Perimeter topic and will be starting measure next week,

The children have been programming on scratch this week and did well to create shapes using repetitive commands.

We have also been making Canopic jars in art. The children have enjoyed taking their time to create their masterpieces using different techniques.

SEND Information

Parents can access the school's SEND policy and SEND information on the school's website.

If you are concerned that your child needs extra support, you can talk to the class teacher first and if further discussions are needed you can contact the office to arrange a time with Mrs Nelson.

If you would like to you can join Mrs Nelson, Lucy Bowtell and Emma Symes at 2pm on Thursday 2nd July.

The children have also enjoyed contributing to the mural in the school foyer.



Parent Support DROP IN Coffee Afternoon



 **Thursday 2nd July**

 **at 2 pm**

Come and join us at
Piddle Valley First School

We have organised a coffee afternoon where you can come and chat to:



Mrs Nelson
the SENDCO



Emma Symes
the school nurse



Lucy Bowtell
our parent
SEND Governor

It is an opportunity for you to chat and ask questions if you are facing any challenges with your children.

You are welcome to chat about any concerns from bedwetting, diet, sleep, school support or just general worries.



Bedwetting



Diet



Sleep



School
Support



General
Worries



*We are here to offer
support and reassurance.*

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 22nd June

Parent & Toddler Stay & Play - 10am
(Please spread the word!)

Wednesday 24th June

Girls Football Event - Ocean Class
Vision Screening - Reception Only

Monday 29th June

Art Day in School
Illustration Event - Thomas Hardy (4 children attending)

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
(Sessions must be booked before 4pm the day before the club is required)

After School Club

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options
(Sessions must be booked before 7am on day club is required)

Monday - Artist Club

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session

Friday 3rd July
Whole School Trip - Longleat

Tuesday 7th July
Transfer Day and 2.45pm reception talk in
Forest Class

Tuesday 14th July
Art Exhibition and Mural Grand Reveal -
2.30pm

Thursday 16th July
Sports Day (AM)
Colour Run (PM)

Friday 17th July
Year 4 Leavers Assembly
Last Day of Term

(All sessions must be block booked)

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

Wednesday - Crafts
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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