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

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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families

Wow - wasn't this week different to last week! It has been wonderful to see the children much more settled, meaning learning could return to being as brilliant as it was before. We are so proud of how well everyone has settled back into our routines.

On Monday, we enjoyed an amazing **Art Day!** The children had the time of their lives creating some fantastic pieces of artwork using collage, paint and loose parts. Their creativity and enthusiasm were a joy to see, and we are incredibly proud of all they produced.

A reminder that **Transfer Day is on Tuesday 7th July**. Children should come to school as usual but will spend the day with their new teacher and classmates, helping them prepare for September.

Children who will be starting **Reception in September** are invited to attend on **Tuesday 7th July**, even if this is not one of their usual preschool days. Children who will remain in Preschool in September should attend on 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.

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

normal allocated days.

The final weeks of term are always a busy and exciting time! We have lots to look forward to, including:

- Our **Mural Reveal**
- **Sports Day**
- The **Colour Run**
- Our **Leavers' Assembly**

We look forward to welcoming you to these special events as we celebrate another fantastic year together.

Have an amazing weekend!

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **92.8%**

Preschool: **80%**

Reception: **94%**

Year 1: **93%**

Year 2: **92%**

Year 3: **88%**

Year 4: **94%**

Literacy Reading Award

Freya
Elowen
Ted
Caleb
Fletcher
Iza

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

We have had another busy week in Forest Class this week. On Monday we enjoyed Art Day, where we had a go at creating 3 different styles of art. We painted some butterflies on canvas, we used pastels to create observational sketches and we also created sculptures from natural resources like leaves and sticks that we found at forest school.

In Maths, pre school have been looking at mass and have been weighing different objects from the classroom to see which are lighter and heavier, whilst Reception have been looking at odd and even numbers. We have continued to read 'Oi Frog' in Literacy, looking closely at rhyming pairs and learning how to write questions.



Have a lovely weekend!



Ocean Class

What a fun week Ocean Class have had! On Monday we had a wonderful art morning focused on our natural world where the children painted lovely animals with our special guest artist Tracey - they look fabulous! We also foraged natural materials to create sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy on the playground and then did some beautiful still life watercolour paintings with Mrs Nelson. On Tuesday we painted giant flowers inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe all in preparation for our exhibition in a couple of weeks. Special thanks to Tracey for her time and expertise!

I know the children are looking forward to Longleat on Friday and I can't wait to hear all about it on Monday!

Please can all books be returned to school so that they can be changed - a lot of children aren't bringing in their books sadly!



Amazon Class

We have had another busy week in Amazon Class this week.

We started our week off with an Art Morning which the children really enjoyed and have had follow up sessions throughout the week for them to complete their activity ready for the art display.

We have completed our end of year tests and we have also completed our English topic - 'Our Tower' as children have written their version of a fantasy story using specific skills.

A colorful poster for a 'SCHOOL MURAL GRAND REVEAL' event. The text is in large, bold, multi-colored letters. It says 'TUESDAY 14TH JULY AT 2.30PM'. Below the text is an illustration of a school building with a clock tower, a rabbit, an owl, and a fox. To the right, it says 'FOLLOWED BY AN ART EXHIBITION BY THE CHILDREN' and 'REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE'. At the bottom, it says 'ALL WELCOME!' and 'Piddle Valley CE First School, Piddletrenthide, Dorchester DT2 7QL'. There is also an email address: 'office@piddlevalley.wessex.ac'.

We have also finished our Reading skills book which the children thoroughly enjoyed and are keen to read the sequel.

I continue to remind the children to drink regularly, so if you could continue to send in extra drink that would be great as the weather remains warm.

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 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

Tuesday 1st September

Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September

First Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September

Science Dome in School

Clubs for Summer 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
(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

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| <p>Tuesday 15th September Fraser Portraits - Individual Photo's</p> <p>Thursday 8th October Flu Immunisations</p> | <p>(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</p> |
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