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Shine for yourself!

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Newsletter

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Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

What a warm week it has been! Thank you so much for bearing with us during the hot weather. We want to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to keep the children cool, comfortable, and safe throughout the school day. Plenty of water breaks, shaded play where possible and sensible adjustments to activities have all helped us manage the heat.

Our **Transition Day** was a huge success! It was wonderful to see the children return full of excitement, chatting happily about their new classmates and teachers. We are so proud of how well everyone embraced the day, and we're sure it has helped everyone feel confident and ready for September.

Can you believe it's the **last week of term** already? We have a fantastic week ahead packed with exciting events!

Tuesday brings the long-awaited **Grand Mural Reveal**. We can't wait to share this special moment with our school community. If anyone is able to bake or donate cakes for our fundraising cake sale, we would be incredibly

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.

grateful. Every contribution will help raise valuable funds for our school.

On **Thursday**, we're looking forward to **Sports Day** and the **Colour Run**, both of which are still going ahead! Please remember to collect as much sponsorship as you can for the Colour Run—your support really does make a difference.

On **Friday morning**, we will celebrate our wonderful Year 4 children at the **Leavers' Assembly**, and we warmly welcome Year 4 parents to join us. This will be followed by the much-loved tradition of **rolling down the hill!** In the afternoon, we will celebrate another important milestone as we hold our **Preschool Graduation**.

One final week to go—and yes, it looks like the sunshine is staying with us! Thank you, as always, for your continued support, positivity, and community spirit.

Last week countdown in the heat... we can do this, Piddle Valley!

Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone for our final week of another fantastic school year.

Attendance:

Overall school attendance for this week: **94%**

Preschool: **96.4%**

Reception: **97.5%**

Year 1: **100%**

Year 2: **90%**

Year 3: **90%**

Year 4: **94%**

Literacy Reading Award

Elowen

Iza

Caleb

Fletcher

Class News and other bits

Forest Class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Forest Class. We have all been working hard as we come closer to the end of the term. This week we have been focusing on 'our wonderful world' and exploring why it is wonderful and how we can look after it.

On Tuesday, Reception went up to Ocean Class for transition day, where they got to know their new teachers and completed lots of fun activities. They enjoyed exploring their new classroom and getting to know their new



classmates. Pre-School also enjoyed transition day and spent lots of time playing and exploring. We talked about what Reception will be like for those who are moving up, and what we are excited for. We also read a story about starting Reception and practiced our songs for graduation.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the 'starting reception' presentation on Tuesday.

If you have any questions about starting Reception, please let us know and we will be more than happy to help.

Have a lovely weekend!



Ocean Class

Ocean Class have been learning all about money this week. They have been trying to make amounts using different coins and then seeing if they can make it in a different way.

We have played shops and bought lots of different foods from Mrs Ford. In this very digital world, children are having less experience with physical cash, so any experiences at home or out and about where your child can handle money, and practice making amounts and working out change would be extremely valuable!

On Tuesday Year 2 had lots of fun with Mrs Nelson and Mrs Lock during transition day getting to know their new classroom and classmates which they were very excited to tell us about on Wednesday morning! It is a very exciting time and I can see that they're all looking forward to September. It was lovely meeting some of Forest Class and seeing them interacting with their new friends and their new classroom.

Our DT project is nearing its end. This week we have been learning about reinforcements and seeing what methods will help our bridges be strong enough for the Billy Goats to cross when we design and make them next week. We do still need cardboard, card tubes and boxes. If you do have any laying in the recycling bin at home, we would definitely appreciate any further donations!

Hope you enjoy the nice weather! 😊



Amazon Class

We have had a successful week in Amazon Class this week. The children have been working tirelessly to complete all their learning so that next week they can enjoy their final week of school.

They have also had transition day this week which the year 4s were excited to come back and talk to us about. The year 3s enjoyed spending time with their new class.

We have participated in the Royal Ballet & Opera school online dance lesson that promotes children's rights across the world. There were over 1200 schools that participated in creating routines together.



Dorset Council

Are you the parent or carer of a 2-11 year old?

Parenting isn't easy
If you are finding yourself stuck then join us at **Dorchester Family Hub** for our eight week **Being a Parent** course.

Delivered by parents for parents this course will give you practical tools to make parenting more manageable

9th September - 11th November
10am- 12pm



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Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 14th July

Art Exhibition and Mural Grand Reveal - 2.30pm

Thursday 16th July

Amazon Class Samba Performance - 9.00am
Sports Day - 9.30am
Colour Run - 1.00pm

Friday 17th July

Year 4 Leavers Assembly - 9.00am

Clubs for Summer Term 2

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

Preschool Graduation Assembly - 2.30pm
Last Day of Term

Tuesday 1st September
Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September
First Day of Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September
Science Dome in School

Tuesday 15th September
Fraser Portraits - Individual Photo's

Thursday 8th October
Flu Immunisations

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
(All sessions must be block booked)

Lunchtime Clubs
Monday - Shine Squad
Friday - Gardening Club

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