# This Week's News

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### **Head Teacher Update**

Welcome back to the final half term of the year. The week before half term was one of the most challenging I have had for quite a long time. I do hope that all of the children recovered quickly and that you also did not become ill. It was certainly a very unusual occurrence and one that was out of our control, although we have had a deep clean of the school with specialist equipment including a fogging machine which covers every surface with disinfectant.

We were also disappointed to have to postpone the Pentathlon for the children but I have set another date of **Friday 5th July** with exactly the same timings and arrangements. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and everyone will be able to have a relaxed, enjoyable and fun afternoon.

The final term of the year is a very busy one, with so many things happening including standardized assessments and reporting. Our Year 4 children will take part in the standardized multiplication checks next week and we are hoping that this cohort will again exceed the attainment of last year, putting the attainment well above the national average. Our Year 1 children will also take the phonics screening tests next week, with their teachers, on a one to one basis and again. We are hopeful they will also continue to obtain above the national averages. SATS tests for children in Year 2 are now not statutory, although we are going to use them as a standardized test for our own use with the children. We use this information as part of a much wider assessment process to plan for children's next steps in their learning and identify any gaps.

Much more importantly than that, I want the children to have real learning experiences and this week we were very lucky to welcome CAT Marine in to school to work with our Key stage 2 children as part of our Primary Careers project. It was a great morning and hopefully it could have inspired the engineers of the future.

We are also looking forward to the arrival of the Circus on Saturday 22nd June. This is one of our biggest fundraising events of the year and I am very grateful to all of the POPS team for all of their hard work to organise this event. If you are able to offer any time during the day then it would be much appreciated. We are hoping to raise funds to further improve the play facilities for the children and hopefully the addition of a slide but they cost a lot of money!

We also welcomed our new Reception parents to school last night. It is always a very exciting time of the year to welcome another new cohort of children to the school and their families. The process of transition will also start now with the new intake coming in to school for transition sessions.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and the sun shines for you.

Mr Bagwell - Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

Wed & Thur Fathers Day

12th&13th Jun Wrapping Room

Sat 22nd Jun Happy's Circus

Fri 28th Jun Transfer Day

Fri 5th July Parley Pentathlon

Wed 10th Jul Year 4 Leavers

Performance for parents 2-3pm

Thurs 11th Jul Open Afternoon

3.15 - 4.00pm

Wed 17th Jul Year 4 Leavers

Party 4.30-6pm (more details next

term)

Link to Key Dates

#### **Deadlines**

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail <u>7 days before the</u> date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

#### **School Attendance**

Whole School - 94.5%

YR - 93.0%

Y1 - 94.8%

Y2 - 95.3%

Y3 - 95.1%

Y4 - 95.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

### **Bike Safety**

Please may we remind all parents to supervise children when cycling to and from school. We are seeing a lot of dangerous cycling as well as children not being properly supervised. Thank you very much.

# Photography on School Grounds

We would like to remind all families that photography or filming of any kind within the school grounds is strictly prohibited. This includes taking photos and videos of your own child. This is for GDPR reasons and we also have a number of vulnerable children who cannot be photographed for safeguarding reasons. Please pass this message on to any relatives or friends who may also drop off or collect your child. Thank you very much for your support with this.

### Fathers' Day Wrapping Room

POPS will be running Fathers' Day Wrapping Room on **Wednesday 12th** and **Thursday 13th June**. The children will be able to buy up to two gifts each which will be priced at £3 each. If your child would like to purchase something, please send them into school on the Wednesday with the correct money in an envelope with their name on.

#### **Volunteer Needed**

There will be a bar at Happy's Circus on **Saturday 22nd June** but POPS are looking for a volunteer who has a tow bar to help transport this on the day. If you are able to help, please contact POPS via email or Facebook. Thank you for your continued support.

# **Circus Competition**

All children were given a Circus Poster Competition this week. There will be a winner from each year group with some great circus-themed prizes on offer. Please return all entries to the main office by the end of **Thursday 13th June**. The winners will be selected on the morning of Friday 14th June by the POPS Team. Good Luck!

#### **Hair Accessories**

Please may we remind all parents that hair accessories should be kept to Alice Bands, small bows and hair ties. All long hair should be tied back. Thank you very much.

# Community News





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# Coming to your library this summer, look out for Marvellous Makers.



This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about creativity. From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone. Children will be able to find new reads linked to their favourite creative arts, and access free activities at the library

Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library from Saturday 6 July until Saturday 14

- . Get your free fold out poster and go on to collect six Marvellous Makers stickers as you read or listen to library books of your choice.
- Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal.
- · Keep an eye open for special Marvellous Makers events and activities at a library near

To find out more visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk /libraries, follow us on Twitter @DorsetLibraries or like us on Facebook.





#### Summer Reading Challenge News

#### Joining the Summer Reading Challenge

Children sign up through their local library and receive a collector's poster. They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives. Children who complete the Challenge are presented with a medal when they have read 6 books, and a certificate is sent to school in the Autumn term.

Last year, in Dorset, 5400 children joined the Challenge

#### The Challenge starts on Saturday 6 July

ohn Dougherty to launch the Summer Reading Challenge



How the Summer Reading Challenge benefits children

independence
• Ensures students are ready for their return to school, preventing the summer reading 'dip'
• Aids the successful transition between year

roups and key stages

· Encourages extra-curricular activity encouraging family engagement with reading



2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers

The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children. It's all about reading for fun, aiming to improve children's reading skills

- Display posters in your school

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   Send a newsletter to parents and carers with
   information about the Challenge
   Talk to students about Marvellous Mekers during
   assembly time
   Visit the Summer Reading Challenge School Zone for
   more information and free resources

Our Library Service mission is to **Inspire**, Connect and Enable our communities



