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## March 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term holiday and didn't get caught in too many showers. Lets hope for some better weather over the next few months.

### Staffing News

We wish Mrs Dyke every happiness as she goes on her maternity leave. We welcome Ms O'rourke back to cover Mrs Dyke's maternity leave. We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Metcalf who left at half term to pursue new ventures.

### World of Work

Our Family Learning Week is 16th March, the theme of which is World of Work. We look forward to finding out about lots of exciting career opportunities in to our school.

We are so excited that so many of you and members of our local community are giving up your time to come and enthuse our children.

### Sats Support

Mrs Strudwick will be talking about Year 2 SATS on Thursday 19th March at 2.30pm and Mr Field will be talking about Year 6 SATS on Wednesday 18th at 2.30pm. Please try and come along if your child is in Years 2 or 6 to hear how you can help them with their SATs.

We are also holding a meeting for Year 4 parents to talk about the Year 4 multiplication tests which are new for this year, on 3rd March at 3.15pm.

If you would be interested in improving your reading skills or know someone who would then you may be interested in [www.readeasy.org.uk](http://www.readeasy.org.uk) or text "call me" to 07748977330.

### Concert

On 28<sup>th</sup> March Sturminster Orchestra will be holding a family concert at 11.00am at the Exchange. We are hoping some of our children can be involved but please come along to listen to a fun concert. A poster with details has been sent via email.

### Sports Relief

All the school will be running a mile for Sports Relief on 10<sup>th</sup> March. You are welcome to join us. We are asking the children to obtain sponsors if they would like to as we have not had a sponsored event for a while. You will be receiving more information about this soon.

### Dates for your Diary

March 5th-World Book Day

Sport Relief- March 10th

Leeson House Year 5- March 13th-15th

World of Work-week of March 16th

Sturminster Orchestra concert- March 28th

Term ends-April 3rd



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### i-singPOP

We are delighted to be involved in the i-singPOP project with St Mary's Church. This will be the week of 29<sup>th</sup> June. The children will be learning the songs and recording and then there will be two concerts on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, One in the afternoon and one in the evening. The children will be required to attend for the evening concert. You will receive more details later.

### Reminder

If your child has a trip and is entitled to a free school meal and you would like to order a packed lunch for a trip please order online a week before the event. Please note the packed lunch does not contain a bottle of water anymore and so please provide a drink. If you have any questions, do call into the office where they are willing to help.

### Leeson House

Wednesday 13th -15th March—Year 5 pupils will be going off for their residential visit to Leeson House accompanied by Mr Hull, Mr Field and Mrs Howarth. We wish them a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

### Car Park

Can I remind you that the car park in the town is free before 9 o'clock and after 3 o'clock so that parents can walk from there to school. Those parking in our car park without permission will be receiving a letter from our Chair of Governors. I understand it is not always easy to find a place to park however I know you will agree that the safety of our children is paramount. Can I also remind you that all children must be in a seat with a seatbelt. If they are below a certain height a booster seat is needed. After a reminder about this at our year 2 and 3 trip to Safewise Mrs Strudwick will be putting a mark on the pillars at our entrance so that you can check your children's requirements. Please can I remind you that this is the law.

### Rising 5s and Stepping Stones

Rising 5s will start on Tuesday 3rd March. The children who are starting with us in September 2020 will come into our Reception class for an hour, 1.10 - 2.10 p.m. every Tuesday afternoon.

Also if anyone wants to book places for Stepping Stones, booking forms are now available. Please phone 07778 336920 or drop in to Stepping Stones pre-school to get one.

### School Uniform

Can I please remind you that big bows, fashion hairstyles, dyed hair and fancy headwear is not part of the school uniform. We also ask children to wear sensible footwear for their safety and comfort.



### Update on Coronavirus

The government guidelines are to encourage good hygiene.

-always carry tissues and use them to catch your sneeze or cough, then bin it wash your hands and use a hand gel.

-avoid touching your eyes nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

-avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

If you have any concerns please use the government website which has all the updated information.

[www.gov.uk/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public](http://www.gov.uk/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public)

[A list of affected areas including maps, can be found online here:](#)

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas)

### Thank you

I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support that you give to the school by supporting myself and the teachers as we all work together for the best educational outcome for your child. We believe in the highest academic achievement for all whilst developing the well rounded child, an ethos I know you support us with.

We end the term on Friday April 3rd at 3.15 pm and return from our Easter holiday on Monday April 20th. I wish you all a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you after Easter.

With Best wishes

Karen Wrixon  
Headteacher