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March 2024 Newsletter

I hope you all had a lovely half term and managed to enjoy a good break. The weather has been very wet but signs of spring are starting to be apparent.

The LA have launched their attendance campaign "In this Together", please see this link for more information: [School attendance and absence - Dorset Council](#)

WE and Family Learning Week

WE and Family Learning Week commences the week beginning 18th March. Teachers will be inviting you to an activity with the class during this week.

Preparation for the Y6 SATS are well underway. Mr Field is holding a meeting on Wednesday 13th March from either 8.30am to 9.00 and 2.30pm to 3.00pm.

Malala Day

Malala Day is Friday 1st March. You will have received a letter about this from Mr Field. Please can children bring in cakes to sell and money to buy cakes.

World Book Day



William Barnes are celebrating World Book Day on 11th March, and all children are invited to dress up, bring in a prop or be in school uniform. Mr Field has sent out details separately.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15th March. Children will wear non-school uniform and please could you make a contribution on ParentPay. Our Year 6s will be selling them in the playground from the week commencing Monday 4th March and they are also in the office for £2.00 each. Please ensure you bring the correct money as no change can be given.



Sports for Schools Athlete Event assembly - 25th March

More details about the athlete visiting the school will be shared at this assembly and children will be given sponsorship forms to raise money to be spend on sports resources for the school.

Sturminster Easter Bonnet Parade Saturday 30th March 2.00pm.

Make your own Easter Bonnet, however you like, to wear in the Easter Bonnet Parade on Easter Saturday, 30th March, starting from The Exchange (entrance by the Coop) at 2.00 p.m. and following the White Rabbit and friends round the centre of town and back ... bring your friends.



Rising 5s

Mrs Dyke and Mrs Lewis will be going to visit the Rising 5s at Stepping Stones after Easter. We are aiming to start Rising 5s visits on Wednesday afternoon's shortly afterwards. We are planning some new transition activities and are very excited that Rising 5s are coming over to use an interactive whiteboard to start Floppy Phonics, which we use in Reception and Year 1.

If you know of any children who are due to start in September 2024, please can you pass on this information regarding Rising 5s.

Year Six

Please be aware of a change to the Year Six show due to the new transition day time. It will now be Wednesday 10th July for the afternoon and evening performances and Friday 12th in the evening.

Leeson House

Year 5 pupils will be going off for their residential visit to Leeson House on Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th March accompanied by Mr Hull, Mr Field and Ms Bates. We wish them a fantastic time and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

If there are any concerns or problems, please contact the office as soon as possible.

NSPCC Advice

Please follow this [link](#) for the latest guidance and advice on how to make sure kids are safe in clubs, sports and other activities - and what to do if you're concerned.

Dorset HealthCare School Nursing Team

The Dorset HealthCare School Nursing team would like to share the information about ParentLine 5-19:

ParentLine 5-19 Launched in November 2022 and is aimed at Parents and Carers of Children and Young people aged 5-19 to seek advice and support for their child from a member of the School Nursing team via text message. The School Nursing team can help Parents with healthy eating, weight management, day/night time wetting, toileting, sleep, hearing, behaviour, emotional health and wellbeing and more.

Parents that have already used ParentLine 5-19 have fed back that they have found it a convenient and easy way to gain information, advice and signposting to further support without needing to wait for an appointment.

ParentLine 5-19 runs from Monday to Friday 9am-4pm during term times (excluding Weekends, Bank Holidays and School Holidays).

Parents can text their query to **07312 263131** and will receive an immediate bounce-back message to let them know their message has been received. We aim to respond within 24 working hours.

More information on ParentLine 5-19 can be found on the School Nursing Web page

www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing/parentline

Young people aged 11-19 can also seek advice for themselves from a School Nurse via our ChatHealth text messaging service by texting their query to **07480635511**. ChatHealth runs Monday to Friday 08:30-4:30 (Excluding Weekends and Bank Holidays).

Young people will receive an immediate bounce-back message to let them know their message has been received by the School Nurse. We aim to respond within 24 working hours.

More information on ChatHealth can be found on the School Nursing Web page

www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing/chathealth

In addition to the text messaging services the School Nursing team now also have Social Media pages aimed at providing Health and Wellbeing information and Signposting for Young people and their Parents/Carers as well as providing updates about what to expect from the School Nursing Team and how to access further advice and support.

Find us on Facebook - Dorset HealthCare School Nursing Team

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100089483889236

Find us on Instagram - dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing

www.instagram.com/dorsethealthcare_schoolnursing/

I wish you all a lovely Easter.

Warmest wishes

Karen Wrixon

Headteacher

March dates for your diary

Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th March	Year 5 residential visit to Leeson House
Friday 1st March	Malala Day
Monday 11th March	World Book Day – dress up and/or bring in a prop
Wednesday 13th March	Year 6 SATS meeting at 8.30am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 3.00pm
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day
W/c Monday 18th March	Family Learning Week
Monday 25th March	Assembly for Athlete Event
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term - Finish at 3.15pm