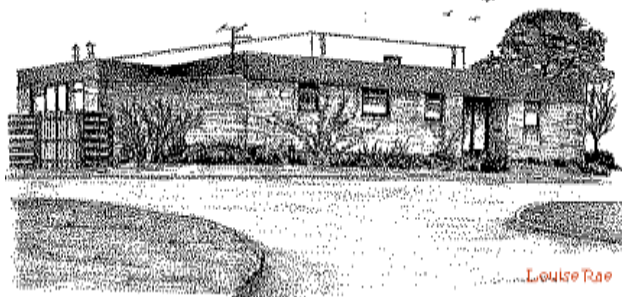


# Parrett and Axe News



## School Year 2023-24 February 2024 No 6

### Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Every Wednesday in February	Drama Club	3pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Hockey Club	3pm – 4.00pm
Every Thursday in February	Handball Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NSPCC Number day – Dress up for digits	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day Futsal Final – Beaminster School	3:45pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear your scarf to school day	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	First day back in school	8:30am
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents Evening	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country Relay Races Y3/4/5/6	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week – Sponsored read	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform for World Book Day	

**Dear Parents**

**We have had a good start to the new year and new term, I am particularly impressed at how well all the children have settled in after the holidays. Special mention to Y6 who all survived their mock SATs in January and we are confident they will all do their best when it comes to the tests in May. We have lots of exciting things planned for the rest of term so please keep a note of all of the key dates listed.**

**Mr Smith**

### **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be held Monday 26<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Booking information will be sent out soon.

### **Lost Words Project**

During book week, we are doing a whole-school project based on the poetry book 'The Lost Words'. Over half term, we are asking the children to find a natural object (such as a leaf, seed pod, flower, object from the beach or wood) to bring to school. We will each be writing a poem, sentence or drawing a picture of our natural object, and using these poems to make a book. Some suggestions of objects you could bring in include:

- Pinecones
- Feathers
- Leaves
- Seaweed
- Fossils
- lichen

### **Sponsored Read**

We will be taking part in the Usborne sponsored read between 4<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please encourage your child to spend small amounts of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers - anything with words! A sponsorship form will be going home nearer the time along with a reading log and there will be a prize available to:

- Most minutes read
- Most sponsorship money collected

All money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in extra free books to our school!

### **World Book Day**

To celebrate World Book day children are encouraged to come to school in non-uniform dressed up as a character from their favourite book on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Sport**

It seems a long time ago now but on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 32 of our fabulous children took part in the first Cross-Country event of the season at Sir John Colfox. Our Year 3 & 4 children ran 1000 metres and Year 5 & 6 children ran 1400 Metres. This was a new event for many of our children who all ran brilliantly. Our Year 3 & 4 boys A Team (Theo, Jude, Sammy and Charlie) took first place and were awarded a cup and medals, Theo (1<sup>st</sup> place) and Jude (3<sup>rd</sup> place) were also awarded medals for their individual races. Our Year 5 & 6 A Team (Fred, Reggie, Cameron and Conor) were also awarded medals. Congratulations to all our runners and a massive thank you to all our parents who transported and supported our children.

We look forward to our next race at Beaminster School on 31<sup>st</sup> January and know that all our children will take part showcasing our school and sports values. Thank you in advance to all those parents who will be supporting us.

We are pleased to announce that from the 1<sup>st</sup> February we will be offering a Handball after

school club. Please find below the link to sign up. This year, for the first time, we hope to attend the Handball Tournament at Beaminster School on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

[www.pro-coaching.co.uk](http://www.pro-coaching.co.uk)

Mrs Harris

### **Year 6 Residential**

Please could we remind Year 6 parents to return the permission slip for the residential as soon as possible please, if you have not already done so. If your child will not be attending the residential in July, please could you let us know. Thank you

### **PTFA**

We have lots of exciting things planned including the Easter Bingo on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, a jumble sale, virtual balloon race and a quiz night all coming up in the next couple of months. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the next few weeks.

### **NSPCC Number Day**

Thank you to everyone who donated, we managed to raise £101 for the NSPCC.

### **Hot School Meals**

Local Food Links are our hot school meal provider. To find out about the meals they provide, please visit <https://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk/> If you haven't received an activation code letter, please ask the school office for a code which is required when you use the system for the first time. Meals can be ordered, changed or cancelled 7 days in advance.

All Corfe and Chesil Key Stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Meals for Key Stage 2 children are very reasonable at £2.50 each.

Please log in to your LFL account and check that meals have been ordered and that you have noted the days where you need to send a packed lunch for your child. If you have any problems ordering meals during the holidays, please contact Local Food Links they will have staff that can help you.

### **Free School Meals, Pupil Premium**

If your child qualifies for free school meals, not only will they receive a healthy meal on every school day, they'll also get

- Access to free holiday clubs
- Extra money for their school towards more teachers and activities

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete Dorset Councils confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or telephone 01305 221090

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, you could get extra £££'s for your school! Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

### **ParentLine 5-19**

ParentLine 5-19 is an NHS text messaging service which allows parents and carers of school children aged 5-19 to gain confidential advice and support from the School Nursing team for issues such as:

- Healthy eating/weight management
- Toileting
- Sleep
- Development
- Behaviour
- Emotional health and wellbeing
- School refusal.

Parents/carers can send a text to the ParentLine number 07312263131 and a trained healthcare professional from the School Nursing team will respond during office hours 9-4 Monday to Friday during School term times.