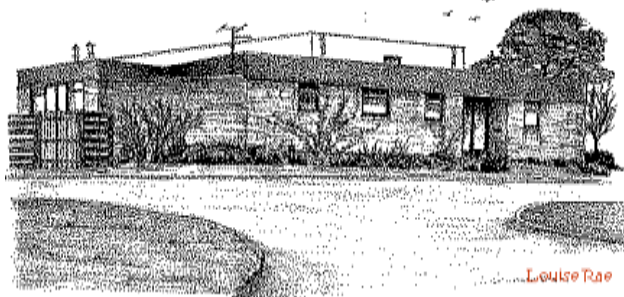


Parrett and Axe News



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Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Every Tuesday in March	Hockey Club	3pm – 4pm
Every Wednesday in March	Drama Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Tuesday 5 th & 12 th March	Handball Club	3pm – 4pm
Monday 4 th to Sunday 11 th March	Sponsored Read	
Friday 8 th March	Non-Uniform for World Book Day	
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th March	Science Week	
Monday 11 th to Sunday 17 th March	The Big Plastic Count	
Monday 11 th & Wednesday 13 th March	Tree Planting – Whole School	
Thursday 14 th March	Girls football Festival KS2 Beaminster School	12:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – Non-Uniform wear something silly	
Monday 21 st to Thursday 28 th March	Virtual Balloon Race	
Saturday 23 rd March	PTFA Jumble Sale	
Wednesday 27 th March	Easter Service	1.30pm
Thursday 28 th March	Non-uniform in exchange for cakes PTFA Easter Bingo	5:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday 29 th March	Good Friday Bank Holiday – school shut	
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays	
Monday 15 th April	First day back in school	8:30am

Dear Parents

I am pleased to announce we have been awarded a National School Attendance Award for Autumn Term 2023/24 meaning we are in the top 25% of similar FFT Primary

Schools in England for attendance. I would like to thank you for your continued support on ensuring your child attends school and hope that we can all continue to work together to make sure this continues. Everyone at Parrett and Axe School is committed to ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to thrive and achieve, and we recognise that good attendance is central to this.

This half term is a busy one with lots of exciting things happening, please keep an eye on the calendar for what's coming up.

Mr Smith

PTFA

We have lots of exciting things planned this spring/summer. First up we have a virtual balloon race with tickets on sale now! <http://www.balloonrace.net/tmpcar> The race will start on Thursday 21st March 2024 and will end on Thursday 28th March 2024 during our Easter Bingo. The winning balloon will win a £20 Amazon voucher. We have also designated a balloon to each of the 5 classes, whichever class balloon crosses the finish line first will win 30 minutes of golden time!

By now your child should have brought home a label for them to decorate however they like. Once decorated, if they would like to bring the label back to school with £2 by Monday 4th March then on Friday 8th March, their label will be returned to them attached to a bunch of daffodils for them to give to someone special.

Our Easter Bingo will be held at school on Thursday 28th March from 5:30pm. There will be a non-uniform day on the 28th March in exchange for cakes.

We will be holding jumble sale with Mosterton Pre-School on Saturday 23rd March 12pm-2pm at School. This is a cash only event and there will be a £1 entry fee (Children free). All proceeds will be split between Parrett & Axe and Mosterton Pre-School.

School Lottery:

If you haven't signed up yet have a look at the link. You have a chance to win every week with a guaranteed winner from our lottery group plus a chance to win the national prize of £25,000 for £1 a week. Also, a percentage goes to the school for every ticket bought.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/Parrett-And-Axe-Primary>

Clothes Bank

We now have a clothes bank on our school grounds thanks to Bags of Help! This has been placed next to our gates and can be used by anyone within the local community needing to donate items of clothing they no longer need. They can accept clothes, shoes, bags/belts and soft toys. This bank can be accessed at any time.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day this year children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book on Friday 8th March.

Lost Words Project

During book week, we are going to be taking part in a whole-school project based on the poetry book 'The Lost Words'.

We are asking the children to find a natural object (such as a leaf, seed pod, 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

Please could your child bring their object in on World Book Day Thursday 7th March.

Sponsored Read

We will be taking part in the Usborne sponsored read between 4th - 11th 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 coming home 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!

Tree Planting

On Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th March all children will once again be participating in tree planting workshops with a local tree planting expert. If you are able to volunteer to help during either or both of the days or for part of the day, can you please let the office know. The format will be the same as before with each session lasting about 45 minutes. Please check the timetable sent via email for your child's slot as they will need to attend school in old clothes they don't mind getting dirty and bring wellies with them.

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day and children can come to in non-uniform wearing something silly to help raise money for this great cause. This could be anything from odd shoes or a funny outfit. We will also have red noses being sold for £2 from Monday 4th March, these will be on a first come first served basis.

Easter Church Service

Parrett & Axe will be attending an Easter Service at 1:30pm Wednesday 27th March at Mosterton Church. Please can we ask that you do **NOT** park in the admiral Hood car park if you are attending the service, thank you.

SEND Local Area Inspection for Dorset

We do not know if Parrett and Axe will be a part of the SEND inspection but Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives and how it has helped you and your child. This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities. You can provide your views by completing an online

survey at the following link:

[Area SEND inspection for Dorset Local Area Partnership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)

The Big Plastic Count 11-17th March

For one week in March, thousands of schools, households, community groups and businesses will be coming together to count their plastic waste. After last year's success with the Big Plastic Count it is back and as a school we would like you all to take part. Each class will be registered your child will come home with more information soon.

Sport

Our second cross country event of the school year took place at Beaminster Comprehensive on Wednesday 31st January. 30 of our awesome athletes took part in representing our school many of which had not taken part in cross country running before. All children ran superbly and congratulations go to all our runners and to Theo who came first in the Year 3/4 boy race. Our Year 5/6 boys A team took first place and were awarded medals (Reggie, Freddie, Cameron & Jay-J) and our Year 3/4 boys A team also took first place and were awarded medals (Theo, Sammy, Charlie & Jude).

We are now looking forward to the last race of the season at Sir John Colfox School, Bridport where 24 of our children will take part in the cross-country relays. Thank you as always to our parents who kindly transport our children to these events.

Mrs Harris

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 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

ParentLine 5-19

ParentLine 5-19 is a 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.