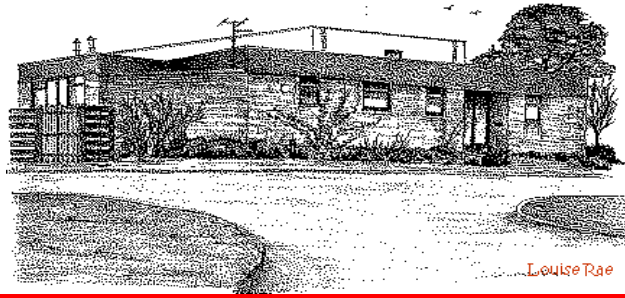


# Parrett and Axe News



## School Year 2020-21 September 2020 No 1

Dear Parents

It is with great relief and excitement that I welcome all our children back to Parrett and Axe. It has been one of the most difficult times in my teaching career and to see the excitement and joy of children returning to the school make me realise what a special place this is. This is because of the support of not only my staff but parents, carers and governors.

There has been a lot of talk in the press about how far behind children have slipped during the pandemic. Let me assure you that your child will be given all the support and time they need to settle into school and the new routines. At Parrett and Axe we will be focussing on the mental wellbeing of all our pupils, this is a priority. When our children are settled and happy in school we will begin to focus on catch-up programmes.

Now more than ever communication between school and parents/carers is of vital importance. At the moment I know it is difficult to talk to your child's class teacher under the new drop off and collections arrangements but my staff and I can still be contacted through email or class dojo and would welcome the chance to address any concerns.

The new drop off and collection routines are beginning to run smoothly. Could I ask you to show patience with us as we try to iron out any initial 'teething problems' and could I politely request that you follow Government social distancing guidelines when waiting for your children to leave school. We will be reviewing these routines weekly and will give you fair notice of any changes that we decide.

Thank you all for your continued support during the dark days when the school was partially closed, it helped my staff and I that we had so many messages of support from you all, we will be eternally grateful.

Mr Smith

## Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Non Uniform Day for Jeans for Genes	All Day
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### **Class Fundraising - Christmas Cards**

Once again this year we will be doing our wonderful Christmas Cards from Class Fundraising. The children apart from Reception children (who will be sent, via email, a template to complete) will be completing these in school and we will send out your child's Christmas Card design in the near future for you to order.

### **Children Starting at Secondary School 2021**

If you have a child who will be starting secondary school in September 2021, applications must be made before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020 and you will be informed of the outcome on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Any applications after this date but before 1<sup>st</sup> March will be classed as a late applications and you will not be informed until later in the year.

### **Children Starting in Reception 2021**

If you have a child or know of a child who should be starting school in September 2021, applications must be made before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and you will be informed of the outcome on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Any applications after this date but before 16<sup>th</sup> April will be classed as a late applications and you will not be informed until May 2021.

### **PTFA**

A huge welcome back to everyone, just a couple bits of easy fundraising for us as a school, we run a school lottery this is a great fundraising opportunity for us and also an easy way to potentially win yourselves some money! Anyone can sign up, parents, grand-parents, teachers, friends, neighbours - you can set up a direct debit monthly now. Weekly draw, guaranteed winner from our lottery each week plus a chance to win: £25,000 across all school lotteries each week along with donation to the school each time. With 50 players at £1 each the school would receive £1,040 per year and players have a chance of winning £936 per year (£20 per week) plus the additional £25,000 draw. The more people that sign up the bigger the prize fund. You can cancel at any time and buy more than one ticket if you wish.

Also we have set up an easy fundraising account, please sign up and share! Everytime you buy something from certain shops online, Parrett and Axe get a percentage back.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parrettandaxeptfa/?inline-register=1&origin=RTND2&utm\\_content=trigger-supp-referee-raised-2018&utm\\_campaign=referral-2018&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=adobecampaign&invite=CAFZQ0%26referral-campaign](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/parrettandaxeptfa/?inline-register=1&origin=RTND2&utm_content=trigger-supp-referee-raised-2018&utm_campaign=referral-2018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=adobecampaign&invite=CAFZQ0%26referral-campaign)

Sadly we have had to cancel our bingo this year due to Covid 19, this will be rescheduled in the future when there is more guidance in place.

The AGM is coming up soon, it would be lovely to welcome some new members to our fantastic team, if you are interested in joining then please feel free to get in touch and we can give you some more information. We will be running an AGM via zoom this year as we don't think we will be able to run the meeting in person, date TBC. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for all the continued support.

### **Sport Update**

I would like to say thank you to everyone for remembering to send the KS2 children in to school in their PE kits, 100% success rate.

Thank you to all our children who took part in the virtual challenges that I sent out prior to the summer holidays. We had lots of lovely photographs sent through of children participating in the events.

I have been notified by our West Dorset School Sports Organiser that although they have sent out details of events for this academic year it is unlikely that for the first term fixtures will take place. As soon as the position changes I will send out a list of events for our children to participate in. Our West Dorset School Sports Organiser is developing a number of new virtual challenges and competitions to keep engaged with sports and we will email them to you as soon as we receive them.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **Data Sheets, Medical Information**

Please check your child's bag today for your child's Data Sheet and blank medical forms. Please make changes to the data sheet as required, complete medical form and return to school even if there are no changes to the data sheet I require it back for our records.

### **SIMS Pay Online Payment and Consent**

Please use SIMS Pay to provide consent and pay for school trips and events organised by the school. If you have any problems logging in to the system, please let us know and can reset your account. Where you are unable use the system for whatever reason, we can provide the facility to pay via PayPoint at a Post Office, please let us know if you would like us to send barcodes.

### **Hot School Meals**

Local Food Links are our hot school meal provider. To find out about the meals they provide and the ordering system please visit <https://my.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.

Also 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 £2.40 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.