

# Parrett and Axe News



## School Year 2020-21 November 2020 No 3

Dear Parents

Though we are heading into a new lockdown the good news is that at the moment the school will be open to all pupils. Can I reassure you all that we will endeavour to keep your children safe. We are constantly reviewing our Covid risk assessment and will inform you and give you ample notice of any changes. Could I politely remind parents that from Thursday you can only meet one person from another household. I know this will be difficult when picking up your children but be mindful of this new guidance.

As a result of these current Covid restrictions many children will miss out on celebrating their birthday with family and friends as they usually would. I understand our children have already had so many changes and have had to adapt to new rules and regulations both at home and school and their emotional wellbeing is something that is very important to me.

Therefore, I would like to give them the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays in school with their class friends. I have decided we will hold a birthday party within each class on the last Friday of November, this will be to celebrate all the children who have had their birthday this month.

All children will have their pack lunch or school meal as normal on this day. During the afternoon school will provide fun games, activities and a party atmosphere in a Covid secure environment. All the party costs will be covered by the school. Children will come to school in non-school uniform.

Take care and please stay safe.

Mr Smith

### Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability for Y6 Pupils
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Birthday Party Celebrations and non school uniform

### **Poppies for Sale**

Each class is selling Poppies for the Royal British Legion this year, if you would like to purchase one please send money in with your child.

### **Flu Immunisations**

Flu Immunisations this year will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. As soon as we have more information from the Schools Nursing Team we will inform you. There will be no hot lunches that day but packed lunches have been ordered for KS1 and Pupil Premium children. You will also be able to order packed lunches via Local Food Links website.

### **Class Fundraising**

All Christmas cards, tea towels, bags, gift tags and mugs have now arrived and you should have received them. If you have ordered a mug can you please contact the office to let us know if your child can take this home or if it is a present for the child let me know and I will box it up to help disguise it.

### **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 application and you will not be informed until May 2021.

### **PTFA**

Welcome back. We hope everyone had a fantastic half term.

Due to the ongoing situation with Covid19 our fundraising opportunities are very limited, however we are currently trying to raise funds for some new iPads for the school. You can help out by heading to our Facebook page and clicking the link to the just giving page.

We also have your school lottery -£1 a week, guaranteed winner within our group and a chance to win £25,000 whilst raising funds for the school.

An easy way to raise funds is to sign up to easyfundraising / Amazon smile where you can shop online and raise funds for the school at no cost to individuals so please do take the time to sign up, with the run up to Christmas and being put back in lockdown, I imagine online sales will multiply and it really does help.

Also don't forget about our photo competition. Top prize of £20 entertainer voucher up for grabs. Remember to send your photos in to [parrettandaxeptfa@gmail.com](mailto:parrettandaxeptfa@gmail.com) before 13th November.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far.

### **Sport Update**

We are pleased to announce that our school is taking part in a Quadkids competition. Schools from Beaminster and Bridport will be taking part within their own school bubble. I have selected (along with class teachers) two children from each year group to take part. It will consist of four events: Standing High Jump, Standing Long Jump, Overarm Throw and 20m

Sprint. Times will be taken along with distances jumped and thrown. The West Dorset Schools Partnership Sports Co-ordinator will be in school to oversee the event and each group will remain in their own bubble. I will be sending out letters to the children involved next week. We are really pleased that this event will be taking place.

Bikeability will take place this year for 18 of our Y6 students. The first session will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November and continue for another 3 sessions. We are really pleased that so many children are taking part.

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

If you haven't returned your child's Data Sheet and blank medical form please can they be returned asap. Please let me know if you require a new one.

### **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 [my.localfoodlinks.org.uk/](http://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.