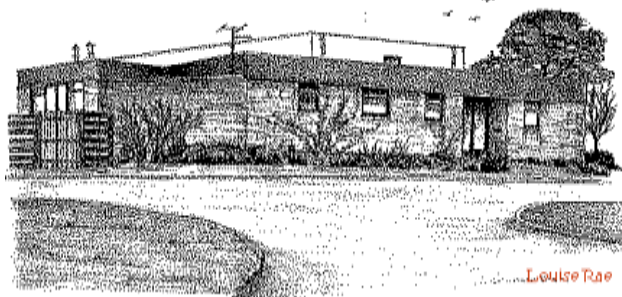


# Parrett and Axe News



## School Year 2020-21 December 2020 No 4

### Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Sparkle and Christmas Jumper Day Flu Immunisations – no hot meals in school
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Local Foodlinks Christmas Lunch Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for the Christmas Break
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Christmas Break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day no children in school
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS CHECK THE SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING EVENTS, LETTERS THAT HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.**

**Dear Parents**

Though Christmas is going to be different in school this year may I assure you that we will still be celebrating the birth of Jesus in school. We have ordered the Christmas tree but this will not be placed inside as it has been previously. We are putting it up on the roundabout at the front of the school. Therefore, we are going to need to find some outdoor decorations, any ideas or contributions would be gratefully appreciated. We will be putting together a Christmas Carol Concert which will be on-line, more detail to follow. The teachers will be putting Christmas decorations up in their class as normal.

It was wonderful to see all the children in the school completing their sponsored walk in extremely muddy conditions, the perseverance and determination of our children to continue for the whole hour was great to see. I have tallied up the amount of miles all the children walked during this sponsored event and the children walked a total of 404 miles between them, an excellent effort. Thank you to all those who collected sponsorship money or have donated to the iPad fund. We can still accept sponsorship money into school or use the link on our school web page to access the PTFA's Just Giving Page.

There are still raffle tickets left so if you need some more please let us know and we will pass it on to the PTFA.

Though this first term has been difficult for everybody I would just like to make a few comments. I am immensely proud of all our children and the way they have coped with this strangest of terms. I will be eternally grateful for the huge effort and hard work of my wonderful staff and I also appreciate your patience and understanding. This has been a real community effort and hopefully we will see better things coming in the new year.

Merry Christmas to you all and a prosperous New Year.

Mr Smith

### Christmas Cards

A number of parents have asked me what the arrangements for Christmas cards will be this year. I know that the last few months have been difficult for the children in our school, Christmas will already be different for them in so many ways. To help them have a little bit of normality I have decided to allow children to send Christmas cards to children in their class but not to children in other classes so we can adhere to our risk assessments. Could I ask that all cards are brought in on Thursday 10th December. Each class will have their own post box and the class teacher will decide when the class will open the cards. I hope this compromise on our normal routine will help.

### Flu immunisation

Please find information below from NHS Dorset Healthcare:

We are pleased to confirm that the flu vaccination will be offered in schools this Autumn/Winter to help protect children against the flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating children will also protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them and the NHS.

Please find attached the offer to parents and carers for their child to have the flu vaccination this autumn term.

The vaccination session date for your school is: **Friday 11 December 2020**

Parents can now complete the online process using the following short URL link: <https://links.inhealthcare.co.uk/dorset-child-fluimms>

They will be required to enter the unique code for your school, which is **6xzna** and is shown on their offer letter. Any parents not completing the online consent form in time for the school session will be offered the chance for their child to attend a catch-up clinic at a local community venue instead. If parents are unable to complete the form online they can contact us on **01425 891162** and we will complete this with them over the phone.

Thank you for your patience and continued co-operation.

## **PTFA**

Well done to everyone who took part in the sponsored walk, you all did an amazing job! So far we have raised a fantastic £1948.50 to go towards the ipads.

Thank you to everyone who has currently donated. We have a fantastic hamper up for grabs to anyone that donates to the sponsored walk or on our just giving page.

[www.justgiving.com/campaign/ParrettandAxePTFA](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ParrettandAxePTFA)

The photography competition was a great success, we had lots of fabulous photos too, we really do have some budding photographers in the school! Well done to all that took part, we raised £82!

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.

Thank you all for the continued support, we really do appreciate it!

## **Sport Update**

On Tuesday afternoon we had 12 of our superb athletes take part in Quadkids event at our school. Each year group was represented by one boy and one girl who took part in their own bubble. We await the final results when they have been collated with other schools in the Beaminster and Bridport locality.

All of our 18 Y6 pupils who took in the Bikeability passed their Level 1 and most children took part in the Level 2 as well. We are pleased to say that for the first year some of our students have been identified to take their Level 3 test which we hope to organise in the Summer Term. I will be in touch at a later date.

I would like to congratulate one of our pupils for completing the Dorset School Games Summer Challenge. She compiled a documented scrap book of all her fabulous physical challenges. All of us are amazed at all the activities she took part in included in this is the 30 mile run, 27 mile cycle and 125 mile walk challenge.

## **Class Fundraising**

Wonderful news - we have raised about £380 from the sale of Christmas cards etc. Well Done.

### **Children in Need**

THANK YOU - we have raised so far £123.

### **Poppy Appeal**

The school raised £137.59 for the Poppy Appeal, thank you.

### **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/> The ordering system can be found at <https://www.myschoolmeals.co.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.