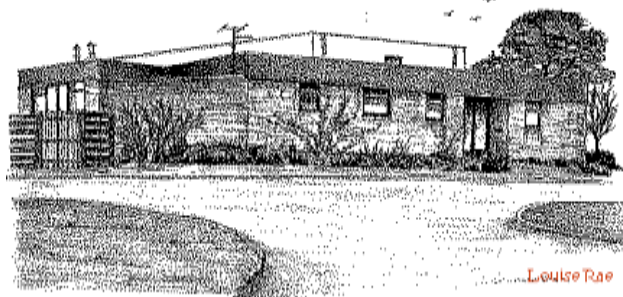


Parrett and Axe News



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

Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Friday 2 nd July	Sports Day – Children Only due to Government Restrictions ALL CHILDREN TO COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KITS. We will finish by end of normal day eg 3pm.
Thursday 8 th July	Tutankhamun Museum Trip Kimmeridge
Thursday 15 th to Friday 16 th July	Y6 Campout
Friday 16 th July	Y6 Weymouth Trip
Wednesday 21 st July	Leavers School Play – Village Hall TBC
Friday 23 rd July	Last day of term

Dear Parents

Well, what a strange year this has been again. I think we all thought in September, that this new year would be different from the last year, how wrong we were. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff at Parrett and Axe for working tirelessly all year to provide a good standard of learning to all pupils. Their flexibility and understanding is an example to us all. May I thank all the parents/carers for their unwavering support of the school, respecting decisions they might not have agreed with.

The decisions as a school we take are based on a number of different factors. These are DfE guidance, Public Health England guidance, Public Health Dorset guidance, Trade Union legislation and local and national COVID-19 infection data. I know that many of you were looking forward to watching your children at Sports Day, however, following guidance, advice and a rising infection rate of the new Delta variant we cannot safely allow parents to this event. I know this is a disappoint but we as a school community have managed this outbreak so well (touch wood) I do not want to jeopardise the summer holidays for staff, parents or children. I hope you understand this difficult decision.

I would like to wish our Y6 all the best as they continue their educational journey at various secondary schools across West Dorset. They have been a credit to you in the past 7 years and especially the last 2 disruptive years. We will miss them greatly.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and look forward to better times ahead next year.

Mr Smith

Head Teachers Project

After a break last year, the Head Teacher's project is back.

As you know Euro 2020 is starting over the weekend. I know that not everybody is a fan of the so-called "beautiful game", however, I feel this is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the countries taking part. Therefore, my Head Teacher project is to choose a country that is competing in the competition, find out as much information as possible about it and present it in an interesting way.

Please remember this does not have to be about football. The deadline will be the week beginning the 12th July, the final day being the 16th July.

I would like every child in KS2 to complete this homework and if any child in EYFS or KS1 wants to take part they are more than welcome.

SchoolMoney

We have changed our on-line payment system to SchoolMoney to collect voluntary contributions for trips. If your child is eligible for free school meals you will not need to pay for trips and a letter will go out to you for consent separately. The system is operated by Eduspot who provide our texting service and parent interview booking system which most of you have used already and we feel this will be a simpler more user-friendly system. Please find attached the Parent User Guide please note that we ARE NOT using the school dinner section, we are using SchoolMoney only for trips and clubs when they start up again.

Sports Update

Unfortunately, due to the extension of Government restrictions with regard to COVID, we will be unable to run Sports Day in the usual format. The children will compete in the normal races within school bubbles from 1.15pm to possibly 3.00pm. It is with regret that we will be unable to have parents in attendance this year as we had first thought. Cups and Shields will be awarded as usual and we are sure the children will enjoy Sports Day as they always do. Please remember to send your child into school on Friday in their full PE kit.

On Tuesday 22nd June 8 of our Y3/4 boys attended the first ever Futsal Tournament at Sir John Colfox School, Bridport. We are delighted to announce that Parrett and Axe won and all the boys received medals and the school was presented with a cup and a shield. Congratulations you played within the spirit of the School Games and our school values.

On Tuesday 29th June 24 of our KS2 children represented our school at the Cross-Country Relay Championships. All children ran exceedingly well and displayed great sportsmanship. We are delighted to let you know that in the Y5/6 teams we came 1st, 3rd and 4th overall and

achieved a 2nd place for the Y3/4 A team. We were presented with 2 cups and a shield for the A team winners and B team winners and the shield for winners overall for the years 5/6 category. Many of our Y3/4 children have never attended a Cross Country event before and I know they are looking forward to representing our school in the new school year. Congratulations to all and a massive thank you to Andy David for giving up his time to run training sessions.

School Uniform

Our uniform for children in Years 3-6, KS2, is a white shirt and a school tie, red school cardigan/v neck sweater/sweatshirt and grey/black skirt/trousers. In Summer girls can wear a red and white checked dress. PE kits should be a red school tee shirt, white/black shorts and plimsolls/trainers with tracksuit optional for games.

You can purchase online at <https://parrett-and-axe-school.secure-decoration.com/> for free delivery to school or collection from the shop in Sherborne.

The whole range of Parrett and Axe school uniform will be available from Kitz UK for you to purchase.

Children starting school in KS1 can chose either to wear the shirt or tie or they can wear the school's red polo shirt.

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Ball:

We are holding a Masquerade Ball on the 19th November 2021

The early bird special is still available until the 1st of August at £33 a ticket. after this time, tickets will go up to £35 each. Please note these prices include a welcome drink, 2 course meal, casino with play money and a live band. There will also be a raffle on the night. It really is a fantastic evening, we can't wait to see you there. The more the merrier!!

If you would like tickets, please contact:

Lyndsay Bailey on:

01935 892 366/ 07789698925.

Clothing bank:

Don't forget you can still donate your clothes and shoes to the clothing bank in Mosterton outside the village shop. All money raised goes to causes in the village including Parrett And Axe Primary School and Mosterton Pre-School.

You can donate:

- * Soft toys
- * Paired shoes
- * Clothes (no rags)
- * Bags and belts

Please NO duvets, pillows and curtains.

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. A percentage goes to the school for every ticket bought.

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

We can't thank you enough for all your continued support.

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.

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.