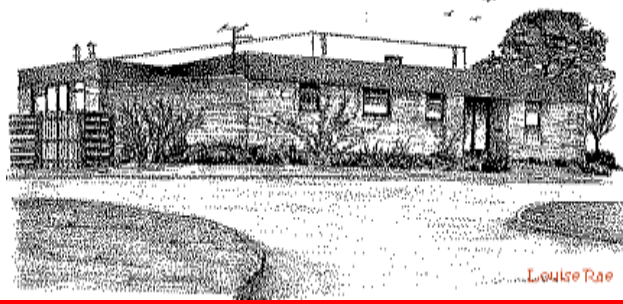


Parrett and Axe News



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Dear Parents

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to school. There has been a number of notable highlights for me this week, the first was seeing all the children coming into school together full of excitement and enthusiasm. The second when we had the first whole school assembly for 18 months, for some of our younger children they have never experienced a whole school celebration. The third was on Wednesday when I greeted our new reception children into school.

Hopefully this new year will be easier than the previous years. Covid 19 has not gone away and we will still be encouraging the children to wash their hands, we will also be trying to ventilate the classrooms as much as possible.

Attached is a letter and leaflet with information about how we are monitoring attendance this year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents how important it is that your child attends school.

Even though we are only in the first week of school, I have already had numerous complaints from residents about the thorny issue of parking. Could I ask you to park respectfully when dropping off and picking up your children or you may think about parking further away from the school and walking.

Thank you for your continued support and please remember that my office door is always open for you to come and talk about any concerns that you may have and I will also be on the gates every morning and available to have a chat.

Mr Smith

Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Friday 17 th September	Non Uniform Day for Jeans for Genes	All Day
Monday 20 th September	Chesil Class Victorian Day	
Tuesday to Friday 21 st – 25 th September	Book Fair	
Wednesday 29 th September	Y5/6 Quick Sticks Tournament at SJC	12 – 3pm
Wednesday 29 th September	Stamp Drama Club Starts - Y1- Y6 – see flyer attached	3.15-4.15pm

Class Fundraising - Christmas Cards

Once again, this year we will be doing our wonderful Christmas Cards from Class Fundraising. The children apart 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.

Travelling Book Fair

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be at the school from September 21st to 24th September 2021. Please can you support the school with this book fair and then the teachers get to choose books for their rooms based on the commission that you have raised.

Collection Arrangements

If your child has a different arrangement for going home eg to walk home alone or going home with another child can you please either let the office know or the class teacher. Many thanks.

STAMP Drama Club

We are pleased to announce that we are starting our popular STAMP Drama Afterschool Club on Wednesday 29th September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Throughout the term the children will partake in games and activities as well as working towards an end of term presentation. Please see attached flyer for all information on how to register your child. Only 20 places available. Please book online as per leaflet.

Chesil Class Victorian Day

With this term's topic covering school days from the past Chesil children will be having a Victorian Day where they will go back to experience a school day as a Victorian child. Could children please come into school on this day wearing a Victorian outfit.

Good to Grow

Morrisons are launching a new exciting initiative open to Primary schools launching on 6th September-It's Good to Grow. This programme aims to encourage school children to get outdoors and get growing, helping them understand where their food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables, in order to make healthier food choices now and in the future.

From 6/9 - 24/10 customers with a My Morrisons account/card will earn a Grown token for every £10 spent in store (excludes fuel and tobacco sales). These Grown tokens can then be donated to a registered school.

From 1/11 these schools can then redeem their tokens against a variety of gardening equipment. This will then be delivered between the end of January-March.

Children Starting at Secondary School 2022

If you have a child who will be starting secondary school in September 2022, applications must be made before 31st October 2021 and you will be informed of the outcome on 1st March 2022. Any applications after this date but before 1st March will be classed as a late application and you will not be informed until later in the year.

Children Starting in Reception 2022

If you have a child or know of a child who should be starting school in September 2022, applications must be made before 15th January 2022 and you will be informed of the outcome on 16th April 2022. Any applications after this date but before 16th April will be classed as a late application and you will not be informed until May 2022.

PTFA

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

Tickets are £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](tel: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.

Also, 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.

Sport Update

Welcome to a new school year with lots of sporting events on the agenda. We will be kicking off this year's events with a Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament at Sir John Colfox which will be for the Years 5/6. Hi Five Netball will be taking place on Wednesday 20th October at Sir John Colfox this year. Later in the term there will be the Kenway Cup and Dance Festival and a Multi Skills Day for our years 1 and 2.

As soon as we have firm dates and times we will be in touch. We will need help with transport to and from events and hope that you will be able to support us and your children.

Data Sheets, Medical Information

Please can the office have your child's Data Sheet, ICT form 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 will require it back for our records. This is a yearly Government requirement.

Piano Lessons

At present Piano Lessons are being taught via Zoom, however we are hoping by Spring term of 2022 we will be able to offer piano tuition in school again. Please let me know if your child would be interested in this tuition.

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.