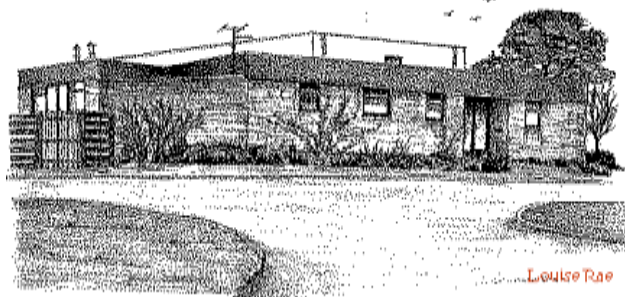


Parrett and Axe News



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Dear Parents

We are now a few weeks into the new school year and I feel like we are slowly coming back together as a school community. Walking around the classes I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of the children and the standard of their work. In assemblies we have been concentrating on our four values, these are *Courage, Respect, Equality and Kindness* and when I visit the classrooms to give out the Headteacher stickers these are the core values that I am looking out for. It would be wonderful if you could discuss these with your children at home.

A gentle reminder about considerate parking and careful driving at drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your continued support and my door is always open if you want a chat and a coffee.

Mr Smith

Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Every Wednesday in October	Drama Club	3pm – 4.15pm
Every Thursday in October	Hockey Club	3pm – 4.15pm
Friday 1 st October	Kit the Nation – children to come into school in sports wear	Donation of unwanted sports equipment/clothes or voluntary contribution of £1
Wednesday 6 th October	Open Afternoon for new Reception children in September 2022	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 20 th October	Corfe Welly Walk	9am
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half Term	
Monday 1 st November	INSET Day – No children at school	
W/C 8 th November	Parents Evenings	
Thursday 18 th November	School Photographer – individual and siblings at school only (no family photos)	

Kit the Nation

One of our pupils has asked the school to support Kit the Nation which you may have heard about on the BBC. This is where parents donate any used sporting things that they have finished with, clothing or equipment. To support this worthwhile cause, we will be holding a 'wear sports clothes to school day' on Friday 1st October and if you could donate any unwanted sports clothes or equipment, if you don't have anything you could donate £1 instead.

Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

The extra bank holiday in June 2022 falls within the summer half term and as such we will be having an extra holiday on Friday 27th May. Please make a note on your calendars.

Children Coming in Late

If your child is coming in late for any reason can they please come through the main door and sign in the late book so we know that they are in at school in case of fire etc.

Open Afternoon

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 6th October from 5pm to 6pm for any prospective parents who would like to have a look around the school. If you know any parents who have a child starting school in September 2022 please let them know.

Class Fundraising - Christmas Cards

The children's Christmas Cards have now been despatched to Class Fundraising and hopefully we will have the samples back shortly to allow you to purchase these.

Parent Teacher Interviews

These will be held week beginning 8th November. Invitations will be sent out before half term for you to choose a time on-line. Please contact the office if you are unable to use the on-line system.

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.

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 requirement.

Sport Update

On Wednesday 29th September 9 of our Y5/6 pupils attended the Quick Sticks tournament at Sir John Colfox school where they competed brilliantly against 7 other teams. We are pleased to announce that we won the tournament scoring 10 goals in total and we won 5 of our games and drew 2. Thank you to our parents who kindly offered to transport our children to this event and to our other parents who took time out to come and support us. A special mention also to Ross Baker who co-ordinated each game and has trained our superb team.

PTFA

OUR AGM will be held via Zoom this year, on Tuesday 19th October at 7pm. A link will come out nearer the time. It would be great to see some new faces! Why not join in on Zoom to find out what we are all about? We look forward to seeing you!

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](tel:01935892366) / [07789698925](tel:07789698925) .

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.

Sports for Champions UK

We have organised an elite athlete to visit the school on 19th November 2021. This could be a Team GB Athlete, Paralympian, International Athlete, Olympian or Professional Athlete such as a boxer or rugby player. They will be working with the children throughout the event and will present a Powerpoint assembly for the pupils to learn how they got into sport and about their nutritional needs to keep their bodies in optimum condition. This is followed by a demonstration of their sport finishing off with a Q&A session. This is a great opportunity for our pupils. We will be sending out sponsor forms on 22nd October for the children to do a sponsored circuit event. This will help raise funds for new unsponsored athletes who have no funding or established athletes and for our school.

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.