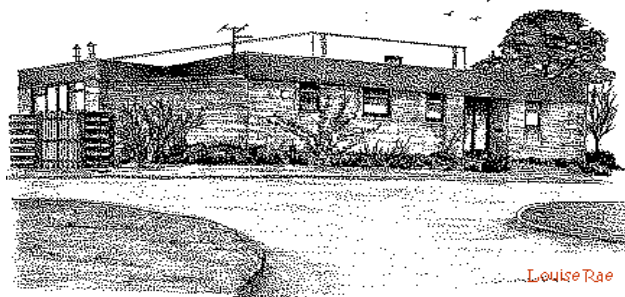


Parrett and Axe News



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Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Wednesday 13 th & Thursday 14 th September	SCARF LifeBase	
Tuesday 12 th September	PTFA AGM – Admiral Hood	7pm
Monday 18 th September	Lulworth trip to Magdalen Farm	
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans 4 Genes Day – Non uniform	
Wednesday 27 th - Monday 2 nd October	Scholastic Book Fair	3pm
Thursday 28 th September	Whole school Flu vaccinations	
Friday 23 rd September	Non Uniform Day for Jeans for Genes	
Every Tuesday September	Hockey Club	3:00 – 4:00
Every Thursday in September	Handball Club	3:15 – 4:15pm
Thursday 5 th October	Open Evening	6:00-7:00pm

Dear Parents

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to school. A notable highlight for me this week was seeing all the children coming into school together full of excitement and enthusiasm.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents how important it is that your child attends school. May I remind you that school gates open at 8:30am and lessons begin promptly at 8:40am when the register will close. It is important that your child is in school by this time as every minute of education is important.

We have had lots of exciting things happen over the summer including the new playground marking, new pathways and new gates. We would also like to say a big thank you to Antoinette Howard-Gardner and Sophie Powell from the PTFA who spent their summer holidays painting and decorating the quiet area of the playground which now looks amazing, they have uploaded photos to their Facebook page if you would like to have a look. If you would like to be involved in future projects like this and join the PTFA please come along to their AGM meeting on Tuesday 12th September at the Admiral

Hood at 7pm.

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

Data Sheets, Medical Information

Please can the office have your child's Data Sheet, ICT form and 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.**

Collection Arrangements

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

Tesco Blue Tokens

We have been selected to be included in the blue token customer vote in the Tesco store in Chard. If you or your family and friends shop in the chard store please vote for Parrett & Axe as we have the chance to receive a grant of up to £1,500! You will be able to vote for us from the first week in October through to mid January 2024.

Hockey Club

Hockey club will return next week and will now be held on Tuesdays after school and is open to all Year 4/5/6 children. Please complete the form attached and return to the school office if you would like to attend Hockey Club.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday 22nd September there will be a non-uniform day in aid of jeans for genes day with a voluntary donation of £1.

LifeBase

We are lucky to have the SCARF team come in and complete workshops with each class on the 13th & 14th September. The workshops will complement the work done by teachers in their PSHE lessons.

SEN Drop In Session

There will be a chance for parents to discuss any SEN concerns with SENCO Mr Copping. There will be information available about the services that both the school can offer and that are available to you at home. More information to follow.

Travelling Book Fair

Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be at the school from September 26th to 2nd October. We would be extremely grateful if you can support the school with this book fair as the more money that is raised the more the school receives in rewards which enables our teachers to

choose books for their classroom based on the commission that you have raised. A leaflet is attached with more details about the book fair.

Welly Walk

Corfe class will be taking part in their annual welly walk to help raise money for their class this will be taking part on Thursday October 19th October. More details will follow nearer the time.

Children Starting at Secondary School 2024

If you have a child who will be starting secondary school in September 2024, applications must be made before 31st October 2023 and you will be informed of the outcome on 1st March 2024.

Children Starting in Reception 2024

If you have a child or know of a child who should be starting school in September 2024, applications must be made before 15th January 2024 and you will be informed of the outcome on 16th April 2024. Any applications after this date but before 16th April will be classed as a late application and you will not be informed until later in the year.

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>

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 £2.50 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.