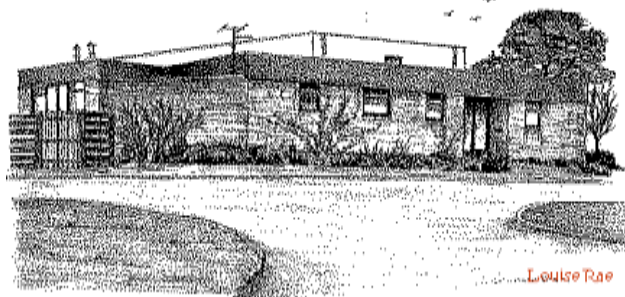


Parrett and Axe News



School Year 2023-24 **December 2023** **No 4**

Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Thursday 7 th December	Tag Rugby Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm
Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th December	Reception/KS1 Nativity	5pm – 6pm
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th December	KS2 Christmas Play	4 - 5pm (Wed) 5 - 6pm (Thurs)
Wednesday 6 th December	Cross Country Race Y3/4/5/6 at Colfox School	
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Non-Uniform for Save the Children & cake donations. Christmas Fayre	5:00 – 7:00pm
Tuesday 12 th December	Local Food Links Christmas Lunch Day	12pm – 1pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Panto – Westlands Entertainment Venue	9am – 1pm
Friday 15 th December	Break up for the Christmas Break	
Monday 18 th – Friday 29 th December	Christmas Break	
Monday 1 st January 2024	Bank Holiday - School Closed	
Tuesday 2 nd & Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	INSET Days no children in school	
Thursday 4 th January 2024	Start of Spring Term, children back in school	8:30am

Dear Parents

As we approach Christmas I would like to thank all the children in the school for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. I am always amazed at the attitude to learning from our pupils.

Please look at the calendar on the school website for events over Christmas, there is also a reminder of the dates in this newsletter. Please come and support the school and your children over the Christmas period, a wonderful time to be in school.

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Harris and Mrs Cude at the end of term and we would like to thank them for all their dedication and hard work. Mr Harris will be taking on the role of Headteacher at Powerstock school and Mrs Cude will be joining St Nicholas Primary School as a class teacher. We wish them all the very best for the future.

We would also like to give a big welcome to Mrs Simmons who will be our new Chesil Class teacher and Mrs Raybould who will be taking over from Mrs Cude as teacher in Corfe Class.

If you have not already seen please find a link to our SIAMS report which we are very pleased with. We are very happy that the inspector recognised our inclusive culture and quality of relationships within the school

<https://www.mosterton.dorset.sch.uk/information/siams/>

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr Smith

PTFA

Firstly, a huge thank you to all who attended or donated to the Christmas Bingo. The event raised an amazing £678!

The Christmas Fayre is on Friday 8th December, 5:00-7:00pm in the school hall. Free entry and lots of fun stalls so come along and pick up some last-minute Christmas presents. The draw for the hampers will be done at the Fayre so don't forget to keep selling you raffle tickets.

Thank you as always for all of your support, have a lovely Christmas break and we shall see you in the new year with lots more great fundraising events.

Sport

The beginning of November saw some of our year 6 pupils take part in the Bikeability scheme. All of our children who took part passed their level 1 & 2 test and were awarded badges and booklets. Congratulations to them all.

On the 22nd November 10 of our wonderful children took part in the Quicksticks tournament at Sir John Colfox School in Bridport. The first game against Burton Bradstock ended in a 0-0 score with a very near miss from our team just before the whistle blew. The second game against Broadwindsor 2 was won by ourselves with a score of 2-0. Goals were scored by Florence and Archie. The third game was against BPS where we unfortunately lost. The fourth game saw us playing St Marys Beaminster which we won 2-0 with goals from Harris and Archie. Unfortunately, we were disallowed a goal by Riley. We made it through to the semi finals where we lost 0-1 to Sticklands who were the eventual winners of their group. In the final match of the day we won 1-0 against Symondsburry from a goal by Harris which gave us third place overall. Congratulations to our wonderful team who were a credit to our school.

On the evening of the 28th November our swimarathon team attended the presentation evening at Highland Ends Eype. We were awarded the Lions Club of Bridport Primary Schools Cup for the U11 Highest number of laps achieved. Caitlyn was also awarded the President's Lionheart Award for her strength of character for perseverance. A large buffet was provided for everybody by the Bridport Lions and a fabulous evening was had by all.

As we look forward to our next events, we have the Kenway Cup Tournament on 30th November where 14 of our children will take part in a number of rounds. A massive thank you

must go to Mr & Mrs Howard for all their training sessions and encouragement. Good luck. On December the 6th we will be taking part in the first Cross-Country event at Sir John Colfox School Bridport. I'd like to thank Ann-Marie Crate for all her wonderful training sessions and to all the children who have taken part. I know our children will all take part enthusiastically and we will have a wonderful afternoon.

Mrs Harris

Children in Need

THANK YOU for all your donations - we have raised a total of £102.20

Poppy Appeal

The school raised £152.61 for the Poppy Appeal, thank you.

Corfe Welly Walk

We have now received all the money that was collected for this year's annual Welly Walk in reception. You have raised an amazing £313!

A big thank you to all of you for your amazing efforts and to our amazing reception children who did so well on the day. This year's money will be used to further enhance the outdoor area for the benefit of the children.

Once again, a huge thanks for all your support.

Reception/KS1 Nativity

The Parrett & Axe whole KS1/Reception Nativity is back! Corfe and Chesil class will be performing 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'. Performances will take place in school on the 4th & 5th December at 5pm and should run for about an hour. Please can pupils be dropped off outside the Corfe class door no later than 4:45pm.

KS2 Christmas Play

This year KS2 will be performing Bah Humbug based on Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. There will be two performances - Wednesday 6th December at 4pm and Thursday 7th December at 5pm.

Autistic Children at Christmas

Please find below a link to lots of useful resources from the National Autistic Society to help families support autistic children and young people at Christmas Time.

[Preparing for Christmas: autism resources](#)

Inset Days

Don't forget that after the Christmas holidays we have 2 inset days on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January 2024. The first day back in school for everyone will be Thursday 4th January.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner recently launched The Big Ambition, a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better. This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents/carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here:
www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

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.

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.