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NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents,

Harvest Festival has to be followed by soup making! All the classes were busy last week making a variety of different soups: Porpoises made Leek and Potato, Sharks made Parsnip; Dolphins and Seahorses made carrot and Starfish made Vegetable. Starfish continued the cooking theme, by making apple turnovers with apples they picked in our gardens. Yum!

Christmas card designs and photos should have come home to you. All orders are on-line. Please make sure you get your order in by the closing dates.



OFSTED

Our Ofsted report is now live on the OFSTED website and can be read [here](#). I personally get great pleasure from reading it again....and again.....and again. 😊

And it's not just our teaching that is good. The Food Standards Agency visited our kitchen last week and gave the kitchen staff a 5-star rating. Well done and thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Partridge.





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Strange faces?

We are welcoming Sarah Hicks from Bryanston Prep into school next week. In order to complete her teacher training, Sarah needs to do some teaching in a state school. She'll be working with Dolphins year 1s on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning and all day Thursday.

Lost Property

I picked these up from the field last week. Must belong to a year 5 swimmer. They're in the office if you'd like to claim them. We don't have a lost property bin in school any more (it just used to end up as a dumping ground). Any unnamed lost property we find nowadays is laid out in the bus shelter by the front door. Anything unclaimed for more than a week gets recycled – either to our used uniform rail, to a charity shop or to clothes recycling.



Funeral

There is a funeral in church on Tuesday at 2pm with the wake in the village hall afterwards. Although this is a village affair, it will clearly impact on parking.

Parent interviews

Sheets have been out in the bus shelter for booking parent interviews. If you are coming in the afternoon, you may take your child/children home with you once you have spoken to their teachers. Please ring the office if you haven't yet secured a slot but would like one.

Attendance

Class	Last week (should be 96%+)	Whole school last week	Whole school this year
Starfish	98.57% 😊	96.81%	96.63%
Dolphins	96.67% 😊		
Seahorses	96.13% 😊		
Sharks	99.13% 😊 😊		
Porpoises	94.00%		

Four-day week this week...

And then half term. I will be taking our Tag Rugby team to Bryanston on Friday morning for the Blandford Schools' Network annual Tag Rugby festival. We have high hopes, so wish us luck!





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See you all on Monday 31st October! Have a good break

Nicola Brooke
Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 18 th October 7pm	PTA AGM
Wednesday 19 th October, 1.30pm	Parents Afternoon and Evening
Thursday 20 th October	Porpoise class Forest School
Friday 21 st October	Tag Rugby Festival at Bryanston School
Friday 21 st October	STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	Autumn half term
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Monday 31 st October	Flu immunisations (Reception - Yr6)
Thursday 3 rd & Friday 4 th November	Dolphin class Forest School
Thursday 10 th November	Starfish class Forest School
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Monday 14 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 th November, times tbc	Yr5/6 Handball Festival at Bryanston School
Thursday 17 th & Friday 18 th November	Sharks class Forest School
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 24 th & Friday 25 th November	Seahorse class Forest School
Thursday 24 th November 3pm	Open afternoon
Friday 25 th November	Sharks climbing wall
Tuesday 29 th November	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday 30 th November	St. Andrews Day
Thursday 1 st December	Yr5/6 Football Tournament
Thursday 1 st & Friday 2 nd November	Porpoise class Forest School
Friday 2 nd December	Yuletide Festival
Friday 2 nd December	Sharks climbing wall
Saturday 3 rd December	Christmas Fair

