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Newsletter

Dear Parents,

23/04/2021



Lunch on the field.



Good news at last

The report from our 'virtual' OFSTED was released this week and I am pleased to say that it was very positive! The inspection confirmed that the school is taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances, that teachers are delivering effective remote learning and

that pupils are receiving the same learning whether in school or at home. The inspector recognized that expectations have been raised across the school since the last OFSTED inspection. She praised the broad curriculum, the effective phonics teaching and the effective support offered to those who need to catch up quickly. She was also pleased to hear that all pupils, including those in KS2 are heard read regularly, and that teachers regularly read to pupils to develop vocabulary and to help them understand more complex texts. Mrs Kirwin, our SENDCo, was praised for her painstaking approach to each pupil with special needs and for ensuring that teaching supports progress towards pupils' individual targets. All very good stuff. However, what pleased me the most was the parent feedback. 100% of you lovely people said you would recommend our school to another parent. Many, many thanks to all the parents who responded so positively to the parent survey – it really has made our day, if not our year!

You can read the inspector's letter [here](#) and it will be on the OFSTED website from April 30th.



Picnic lunch

Although we have kept to sandwich lunches this half term because of staffing, the benefit of everyone having packed lunches is that, when the weather is nice, we can eat lunch on the field. Before hot school meals, this was one of the highlights of summer at Durweston. Would you be happy to do this every summer term?





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Handy Paws enjoying the sunshine in their garden

Jerusalema!

Hopefully by the time you have read this, our Jerusalema flash mob will have successfully taken place on the field. If you took any photos or videos, we would love to see them.



The Big Ask

The Big Ask is a government survey for children and young people aged 4 – 17. This is their chance to have their say on the things that matter to them. The survey is split into different age groups. I've loaded the survey and a video onto each class's Google classroom. It would be great if you could help your child complete the survey at home. There is also a

parent survey that adults might like to complete.

St George's Day



Wearing different uniforms for St George's Day





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Forest School



Porpoises were in the forest this week. Lovely morning, lots of bluebells and on her way home, Mrs Cresswell phoned to tell us she heard a cuckoo – what a treat!

Thank you to the super kind people who have taken things to the tip for us this week. Your help is hugely appreciated.

Looking forward to the last episode of Line of Duty on Sunday – I'm hoping for a last-minute-
reprieve for Hastings.

Have a lovely weekend, whatever you are up to.

Nicola Brooke

