



Durweston CE VA Primary School

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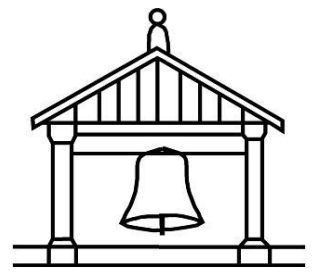
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17th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Walking the walk

Everywhere I looked on Thursday morning, there were members of staff and children working together. It was great!

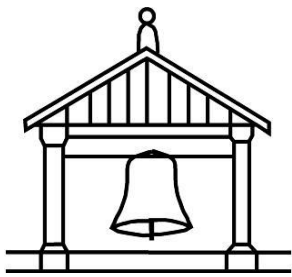


Small group and 1:1 support really helps all our children to make progress and every child will have 1:1 support at some point during their week. Although the government has provided some funding for tutors in schools, it only covers 75% of the cost and is only for a limited period of time, so doesn't really offer us the flexibility we need. We are lucky that we already have such talented staff!

We are sailing!

Porpoises went sailing on Friday morning. Although a few children were a bit anxious, the conditions were perfect and by the end of the morning, everyone could tack really competently, and follow the leader around the bay. The Andrew Simpson Watersports Centre in Weymouth offers courses all summer, for adults and children.





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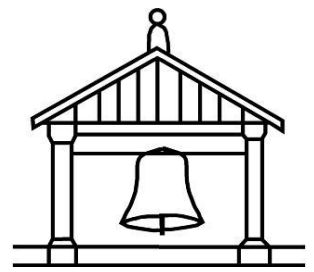
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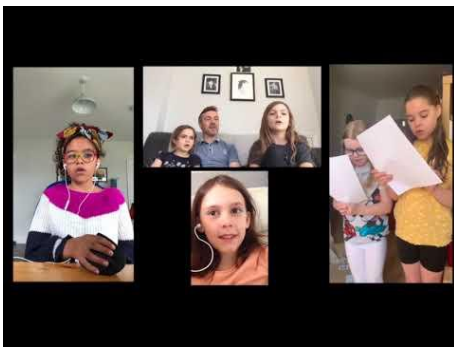


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Ascension Day

It was Ascension Day on Thursday. We had planned to gather in the graveyard, but the weather was not on our side, so we spaced ourselves out in the church to listen to the story and then sang the Lord's prayer together.

So lovely to be back together again, unlike last year....



17th May -The new road map?

Having read the latest 72 pages of government guidance, in truth for schools, nothing much has changed. We are still being advised to keep the children as separate as possible, although we can (as we have been doing) mix in wider groups for wraparound care.

However, after half term, I think it would be safe to revert to our usual start and finish times. So:

Morning drop off

School will open at 0850. Registers will close at 0905.

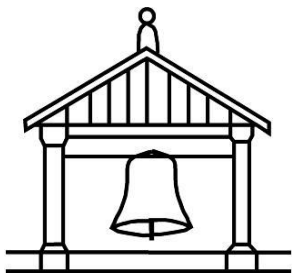
Please enter by the gates you have been using this year:

Porpoises and Sharks – bottom playground gate

Dolphins and Seahorses – Dolphin's gate

Starfish and Handy Paws – Main entrance to Starfish gate or through the playground to HP





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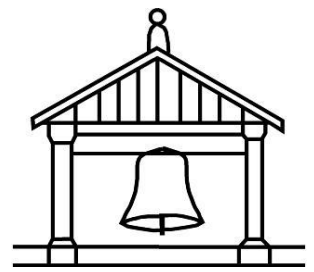
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As long as you arrive after 0850, you won't have to queue; you can send your child/children straight into class. Their teachers will be waiting for them and activities will be set for them to do.

Afternoon pick up 1530 for everyone Monday to Thursday

Porpoises, Sharks, Seahorses and Dolphins will be collected from the field. Please spread out as much as you can.

Starfish and Handy Paws parents – please pick up from Starfish class or Handy Paws first, and then collect any siblings from the field.

Fridays 1500 pick up

Not because we just want half an hour off (!), but because it is the only way we can all get together for a diary meeting.

I am hoping this will make things just a little bit easier. Thank you for your endless patience and co-operation with our various COVID measures. Remember we are here to help – if there is something that does not work for you, drop us an email and we'll see what we can do to help.

Half term help

Blandford Food Bank are offering more support over the May Half term. If you would like to book a slot to collect a half-term holiday food parcel, please email the school office.



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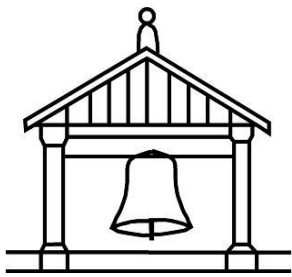
Random Acts of wildness



Fancy going wild in June? We've signed up for a school's pack, but the parent pack might be worth a look? Look here <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>

For more info.





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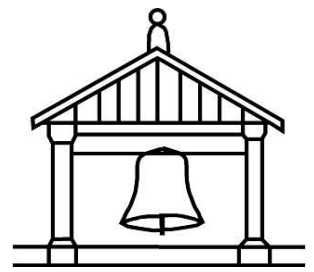
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Just hoping it'll be a bit warmer soon.

Have a super week every one

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Brooke'. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract.

Nicola Brooke

