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## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,



There was a sprinkling of green and a smattering of red in school on Friday with children celebrating St Patrick's Day or Comic Relief or both! Everyone seemed to enjoy the Irish dance workshops lead by Charlotte Fernandes from Dance Days Academy. Even some of the staff were spotted joining in!





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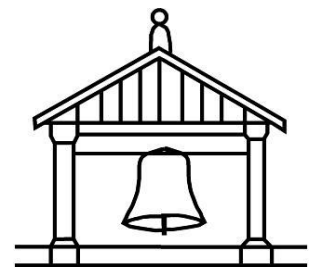
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## **Pond weed anyone?**

It's that time of year again – we have tadpoles but they need weed. If anyone has some, it would be very gratefully received.

## **Maths Matters**

The year 5s went to The Blandford School on Wednesday morning to take part in a maths day. All the schools shared maths investigations they had prepared – our mobius strip was particularly popular!

## **Fire! Fire!**

The Fire Service were in on Thursday morning to talk to Starfish, Dolphins and Sharks about fire safety. I confess I was a little upset that he didn't come in a fire engine *or* a uniform....

## **If you go down to the woods today...**

Porpoises should have been going into the Forest on Thursday but a forecast of high winds and heavy rains didn't seem conducive to a safe or enjoyable afternoon so we will try to rearrange. Might have to be after Easter though which leads me to some very good news.....

Mrs Cresswell has agreed to lead our sessions in the forest after Easter! Isn't that good news? She is really looking forward to it and is already full of ideas and activities.

## **Film night**

Thank you to the PTA for organising another great evening. The adults made the most of the opportunity to get out their glad rags!

## **Bridge Closure**

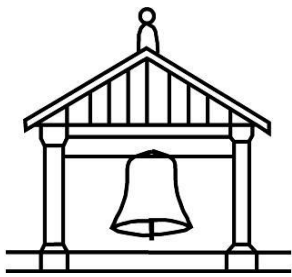
We have had formal notice this week of the closure of Durweston bridge this summer. If you didn't know:

*Dorset Highways are planning to undertake a scheme to replace three bridge structures located on the A357 Highway, in between the River Stour Durweston Bridge and Durweston Village (Grid coordinates 386208, 108574).*

*The scheme, which is part of our programme of maintenance works to the county bridges, is project No. BS1130 Durweston Flood Arches Replacement.*

*To enable the work to be carried out safely it is proposed that the A357 at the location of the bridge structures will be closed to vehicle traffic and all other road users from 08.00 on 22 June 2019 to 17.00 on 21 July 2019. The road will be closed for 24 hours, 7 days a week. No night time or weekend access will be permitted.*





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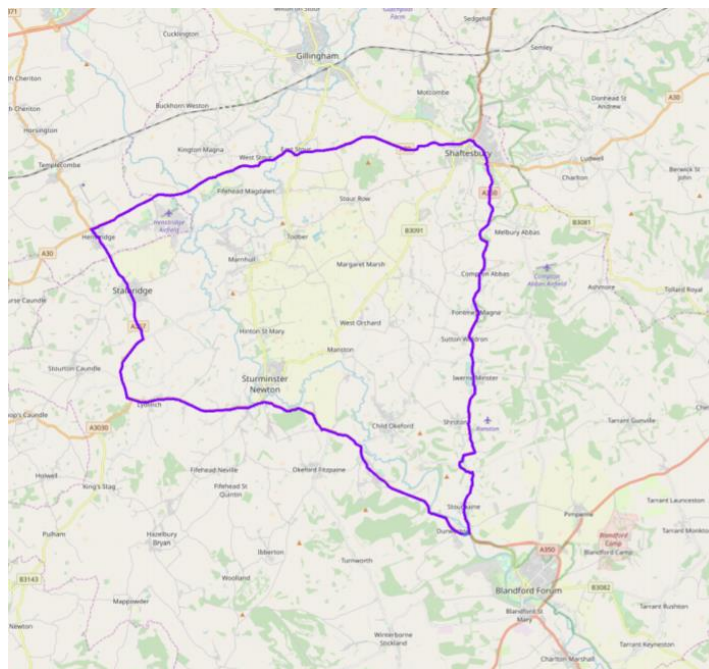
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*Please find attached plan "BS1130 Closure Area" showing the location of the road closure and "BS1130 Diversion Route" showing the proposed diversion route.*

*If there is anything you wish to discuss or have any concerns you would like considered, please can you contact Stuart Allen ([Stuart.Allen@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:Stuart.Allen@dorsetcc.gov.uk)) or John Burridge ([j.burridge@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:j.burridge@dorsetcc.gov.uk)) by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.*

*An official temporary closure notice will be issued in due course*



Please forgive me, but I laughed when I saw the proposed diversion route. This is clearly going to make access to the school rather tricky. I am waiting to hear back from school transport about what they are planning to do about the bus from Stourpaine. My suggestion would be that we get some parents and staff together to organise a walking/cycling bus. This could also work for children coming from Blandford, if we get enough adults to supervise. Perhaps we could have a Parent's forum to discuss this after the Open Morning on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at about 9.30am?







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## Attendance

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	99.33% 😊 😊	96.46% 😊	95.78%
Dolphins	97.50% 😊		
Seahorses	97.86% 😊		
Sharks	94.67%		
Porpoises	94.48%		

## **Next week**

Dolphins and Seahorses will be in the forest on Monday – forecast is saying sunny intervals and a gentle breeze. Sounds perfect!

Apart from that I think it's a normal week....which makes it rather unusual!

Hope you all had a lovely weekend. Sorry this was late – time ran away from me this week.

Nicola Brooke  
Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 9am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 11am

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Last French club**

**Last Space to Be club**

**NO Tennis club**

Last week for clubs

PTA meeting, The White Horse, Stourpaine

BSN Sing Up concert at TBS

Spring Welly Walk

Open morning

Easter Communion Service at St Nicholas Church

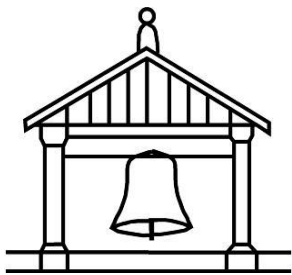
END OF TERM

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Mufti Day for the Country Fayre

*The school dates for next year (2019/2020) can be found at the end of the newsletter*





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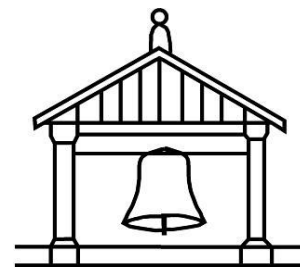
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## Dates for School Year 2019/20

### Autumn Term 2019

Training Days	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019
Children return to school	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Training Day	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
Autumn Half term break	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019
Children return to school	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
End of term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 - <b>1pm</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2020

### Spring Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Spring Half term break	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020
Children return to school	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
End of term	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

### Summer Term 2020

Children return to school	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Summer Half term break	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Children return to school	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2020
<b>END OF TERM</b>	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 – <b>1pm</b>
Training Days	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2020

