

# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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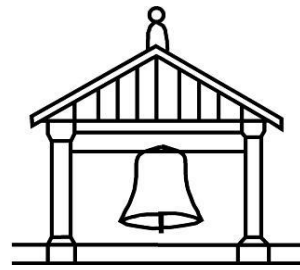
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Friday 9th October

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

'Ms Johnstone I just have to tell you. I have had such a lovely week'.

It is good to know that despite all the restrictions, the children are still enjoying being back in school

### Open School

Letters about homework should have come home to you on Friday. We are still hoping to give the children an opportunity to share their home learning in school and, even though parents will not be invited, we will take lots of photos. This is scheduled for the week beginning the 23<sup>rd</sup> November – further details closer to the time.

### Photos

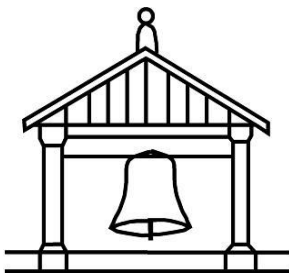
Individual photos on Thursday with the opportunity for family photos for children in Year 6. Some classes have PE on that day. Please decide what you would like your child to wear. If you want them to wear their uniform that is fine; if you are happy to have their photo in PE kit, that's fine too.

### We are a Music Mark school



We are delighted to tell you that we have been awarded Music Mark this week, in recognition of our commitment to music making at Durweston.





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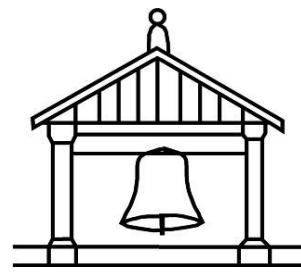
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## Covid Cough or Cold cough?

With more and more children suffering from coughs, sneezes and sore throats, I thought I would share this information sheet. Might help relieve a few worries. So far, our attendance figures are looking great (see below) and we are delighted that everyone is staying healthy. But we need to keep vigilant as positive cases seem to be coming ever closer.

The children are doing a great job of washing their hands regularly and obeying all the other new rules regarding movement around the school. We just need to keep it up to keep us all safe.

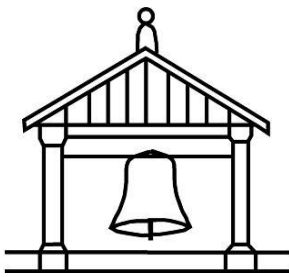
Recognising Coronavirus (COVID-19) Symptoms		NHS	
Symptoms	Covid-19 <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Flu <small>Rapid onset of symptoms</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>
<b>Fever (37.8C or above)</b>	Common	Common	Rare
<b>Fatigue</b>	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
<b>Cough</b>	Common (usually dry)	Common (usually dry)	Mild
<b>Sneezing</b>	No	No	Common
<b>Aches and pains</b>	Sometimes	Common	Common
<b>Runny or stuffy nose</b>	Rare	Sometimes	Common
<b>Sore throat</b>	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
<b>Diarrhea</b>	Rare	Sometimes (for children)	No
<b>Headaches</b>	Sometimes	Common	Rare
<b>Shortness of breath</b>	Sometimes	No	No
<b>Loss of taste or smell</b>	Common	No	Sometimes

## Attendance

### September 2020

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	96.53% 😊	96.91% 😊	96.91% 😊
Dolphins	97.61% 😊		
Seahorses	96.79% 😊		
Sharks	98.71% 😊		
Porpoises	94.58%		





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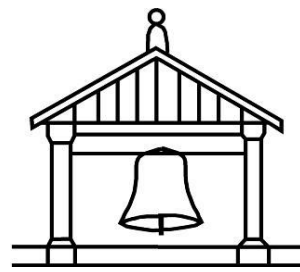
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## This week

Class	Attendance this week (should be 96% +)	Whole school this week	Whole school this year (we need 96%+)
Starfish	93.20%	95.54%	96.81% 😊
Dolphins	99.22% 😊😊		
Seahorses	98.18% 😊		
Sharks	93.57%		
Porpoises	93.55%		

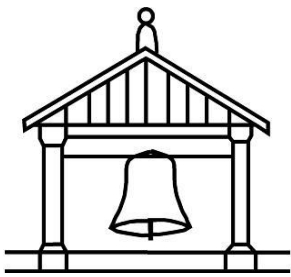
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*Let ZooLab take you on a wicked adventure 29<sup>th</sup> October – Follow our friendly witch, Zog, on a rhyming broomstick ride! She offers a ride to a selection of amazing animal hitchhikers, who the children will get to meet! However, it's not all plain sailing. Will Zog's journey end with a bump? Perfect for families with children age 5+ Book 1 ticket for the whole family!*

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/zoo-on-the-broom-with-zoolab-tickets-122254539619>





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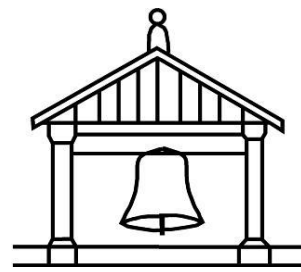
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## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Individual portrait photos

Flu vaccines (whole school)

Virtual parents meeting – more details to follow

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**HALF TERM**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

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to follow

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 1pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Remembrance Day

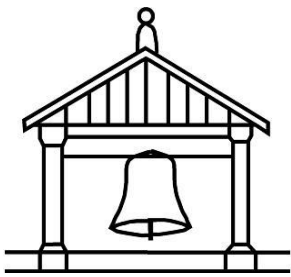
Children in Need

Country File ramble/welly walk – more details

**END OF TERM**

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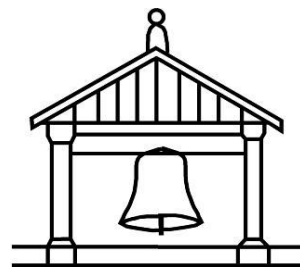
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**Halloween is different now  
Not like it was before  
Its all because the virus  
Has stopped us knocking doors**



**But, let's not worry one small bit  
We can still have fun  
Let's display our pumpkins  
And find them one by one.**

**Paint it, stick it, carve it  
And put it on display  
For all the other kids to find  
This sure will save the day!**



**Dress up in your spooky best  
But **DO NOT** knock on doors  
Spot the pumpkins count them up  
1, 2, 3 and 4.....**

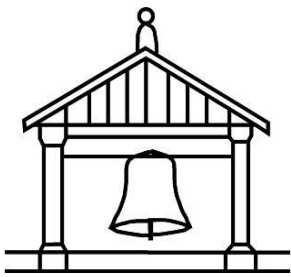
**Halloween is safe again  
And we can all join in  
Join us on our pumpkin trail  
Let the half term fun begin!**



Find us on   
**The Great Dorset Pumpkin Trail**

**Covid safe Halloween fun for all the family !**





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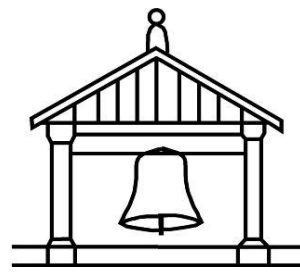
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## Special Educational Needs & Disabilities

### NEW! ONLINE DROP IN SESSIONS

Jointly hosted by Dorset SENDIASS & Dorset Parent Carer Council

## EVERY FRIDAY

Do you have concerns about your child or young person?  
Don't know where to turn for help and support!

#### JOIN US

Drop in for a chat, a laugh and even a cry. Meet other parents and carers who understand and 'get' what you are going through.

SENDIASS, DPCC & parent volunteers will be on hand to help, or signpost you to services that can support you and your child.

Drop in and stay for as long as you  
want, choose either  
10am—11am or 11am—12pm  
(\*\*Term Time Only\*\*)



To receive a copy of the link to join  
either session just drop us a line at  
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