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Newsletter

Dear Parents,



Wow what a weekend! I hope you've managed to enjoy the sunshine. Hard to remember that last week began with torrential rain! We had a photographer visiting school on Monday. He was taking photos of Handy Paws and of the main school that we can use for advertising and also to put around school. He was really impressed with how polite, well-behaved and hard-working our children were.



Fortunately the rain stopped in time for our Year 4s to go to Leeson House on Wednesday and Thursday. We started off at Corfe with a tour of the castle and lots of gruesome stories from its history. Once at Leeson, the children learned more about the history of the house, and had a go at pond dipping and orienteering.

On Friday, Dolphins and Seahorses went on a welly walk in the morning, and in the evening, the year 5s got to sleepover at school. Organised by Mrs Saint to make up for the fact that they missed their trip to Leeson House last year, the children started off with a water fight in Starfish playground, and then, after a barbecue tea and a game of bench hockey, they walked up to the farm and back. Even though it was quite late, it was still really hot! Back at school, everyone was tucked up in sleeping bags and asleep by 10pm!

New faces

On Monday, we appointed Mrs Craig to work for one afternoon a week in Starfish next year. She will be covering the afternoon that Mrs Carroll has for planning and preparation. Lots of you will already know Mrs Craig as she is the mum of James in Starfish and has already done some supply days for us.

Road safety

I heard this week that a parent was seen at drop off, driving away from school with no hands on the wheel, scrolling on a phone. I can only ask that we all think about what the consequences might have been.





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Bubble popping

From Monday, we are officially allowed to break bubbles in school. In celebration, we are having a whole day of bubble making activities in school which should (hopefully) end with us blowing lots of bubbles on the field at home time. However, we are going to keep the actual bubbles intact until the end of term. There are too many cases of COVID in the local area and I don't want to spoil anyone's summer holiday.



Certificates and Celebrations

We will be celebrating achievements across the school this week. As well as the official Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 children and parents on Wednesday at 11am, this year we are rewarding children in each class who have demonstrated the school values of Courage, Compassion and Joy. These are the children who received a certificate in assembly this morning (Vinnie stood in for Eva who was at the dentist). Congratulations to them all.

Transition Thursday

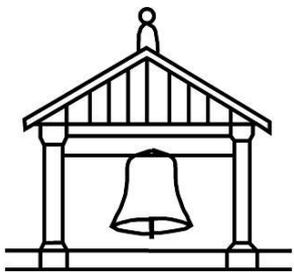
Can you believe we have come to the end of another year? This one seems to have flown past particularly quickly but has definitely not been one of my favourites! Transition morning is on Thursday. Please could we all meet on the field at 0850? (We'll take the Breakfast Club children round). Teachers will gather their new classes and take them into school through the entrances we'd like them to use in September. We'd like to keep the same entrances that we have been using this year – that is, Porpoises and Sharks coming in through the bottom gate; Dolphins and Seahorses coming in through the Dolphin's gate, and Starfish and HP coming in through the main gate. At the end of the morning, if you are joining us for picnic lunch on the field, please come and collect your child at 12pm. Handy Paws can be collected from the black gate, Starfish from their playground and everyone else from the field. If you are not joining us for lunch, please collect your child from the field at 1pm.

Uniform

I've just updated our [uniform page](#) on the website. You will notice that we are going to continue asking children to wear their PE kit to school on PE days. Seems to have worked really well this year. We are also going to go back to wearing proper 'school' shoes, but please remember that children do run the daily mile in their ordinary shoes, so they need to be properly secure – laces, Velcro or a bar please.

The PTA have been selling second-hand items on the field this week. Please do make sure you rename these with your child's name – it does make matching children to their jumpers much easier!





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Have a super not-quite-a-week. See you on Thursday lunchtime!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Brooke'.

Nicola Brooke

