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31st October 2022

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful half term.

Larks!



There was a lot of larking about at the end of last half term. First we celebrated the 150th birthday of Ralph Vaughan Williams by listening to his famous '[Lark Ascending](#)'. These are the larks that Fern, Martha and Ruben drew.



More larking when the teachers and governors gathered to celebrate being judged 'Good' by OFSTED. Thanks to the Brewery Tap for being so accommodating.



Tag Rugby

Sadly, the Tag Rugby festival was cancelled due to the terrible weather. We are hoping that it will be rescheduled. However, Spetisbury are coming to play us on Monday 7th November after school on the playing field. Please note that cross country club will be cancelled on that day.

Stonehenge trip

I've only just found the photos! Please see them all on our [blog](#). Looks like the children learned a lot!





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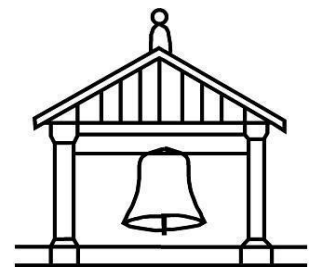
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Say hello to Miss Piggy

We have a new guinea pig! Miss Piggy's friends had died, leaving her alone, so Mrs Foot asked if she could come and live with Sunny. Miss Piggy moved in just before half term and, I am pleased to say that Sunny and she seem to be getting on very well together. Both are being well looked after by our team of guinea pig helpers: Max, Ava, Rosie and Gwen (who had gone back to class).

Attendance

Sally Yates-Webber, our new Inclusion and Attendance Officer visited before half-term. Dorset are once again issuing fines to the parents of children who are absent for 10 or more ½ days in a 12 week period.

Class	Last half term	Whole school this year (needs to be above 96%)
Starfish	95.65%	96.49% 😊
Dolphins	96.99% 😊	
Seahorses	96.62% 😊	
Sharks	97.08% 😊 😊	
Porpoises	96.31% 😊	

Farewell to the Local Authority!

From Tuesday, 1st November, Durweston CE Primary school (we drop the VA) will be part of the Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust (DSAT). We are really looking forward to continuing the partnership work we already do with the Blandford Schools Network, the 8 local primary schools, 5 of which are already in DSAT, and collaborating with other schools across the trust.



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For parents, the biggest change might be the move from SIMS to ARBOR. This is still in progress – more information soon!

From September 2023, Ragtags in Blandford will be supplying uniform with our new logo. Trousers and skirts will continue to be grey, but there will be a new tartan skirt as an option. As soon as I can persuade someone to make tartan trousers, we'll have those as an option too!





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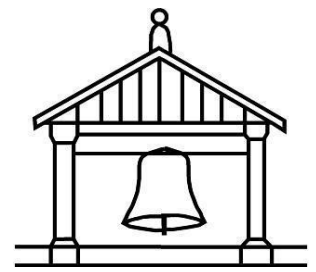
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Mark Lacey, DSAT's CEO, is coming to lead an assembly for children and parents at 3pm on Wednesday 9th November, where he will welcome Durweston into the Trust. It would be lovely to see you there.

Wishing you a happy All Hallows' Eve and All Souls Day!

Nicola Brooke
Headteacher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th November

Monday 7th November, 3.30pm

Thursday 10th November

Friday 11th November

Monday 14th November

Tuesday 17th November, times tbc

Thursday 17th & Friday 18th November

Friday 18th November

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th November

Thursday 24th November 3pm

Friday 25th November

Tuesday 29th November

Wednesday 30th November

Thursday 1st December

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd November

Friday 2nd December

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Saturday 3rd December

Dolphin class Forest School

Tag Rugby match, Durweston V Spetisbury

Starfish class Forest School

Remembrance Day

Anti-Bullying Week

Yr5/6 Handball Festival at Bryanston School

Sharks class Forest School

Children in Need

Seahorse class Forest School

Open afternoon

Sharks climbing wall

Scholastic Book Fair

St. Andrews Day

Yr5/6 Football Tournament

Porpoise class Forest School

Yuletide Festival

Sharks climbing wall

Christmas Fair

