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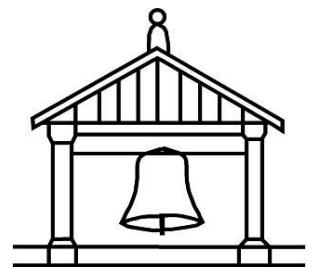
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16th September 2022

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 2022/2023! I hope everyone has enjoyed the start of the new school year, both those returning and those who are new to Durweston. We do understand that coming back to school can be a shock to the system after all those long, hot, lazy days of summer; there are lots of tired faces around school this week, and I'm not just talking about the children!

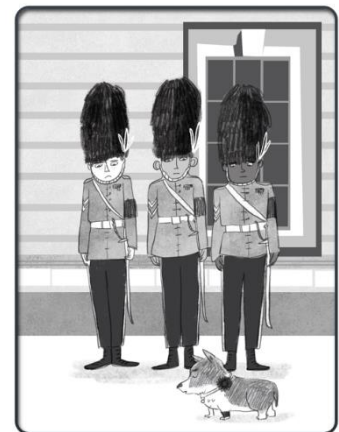
Sad farewells



We've had an unusually turbulent start to the new year. First we said goodbye Squeak, one of our two remaining guinea pigs, who died on the 7th September. Thank you to Ava Bartlett in Seahorse who made this lovely picture of her.



Our sad news was then shortly followed by news of the death of the queen, a momentous occasion in all our lives. We have spent several assemblies this week celebrating her extraordinary life and talking about what she has meant to us all.



I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who decorated the church over last weekend. It has always been a lovely place for the children to spend time in, but this week it has been especially beautiful.





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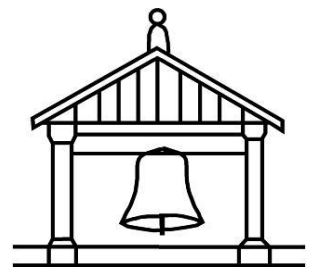
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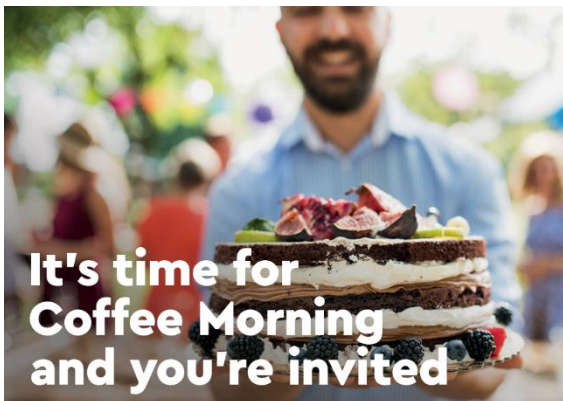


Super children

Enough sad news! There has been lots of good things happening in school. Mrs Carroll is delighted with how brilliantly our new Starfish children have settled into school – they have already started writing! Mrs de Silva has been sending me lots of children who have been working hard on their writing and Mrs Plummer has been impressed with Orca's maths. Mrs Moscrop also



showed me some lovely history and science work from Porpoises yesterday too. What a great start to the year!



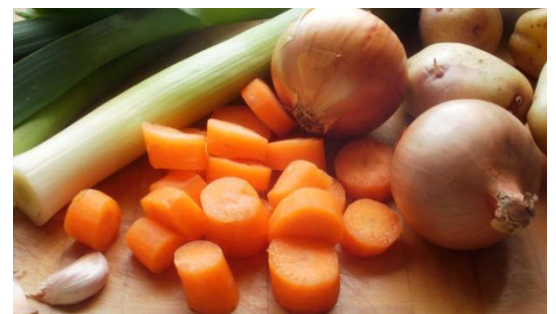
**It's time for
Coffee Morning
and you're invited**

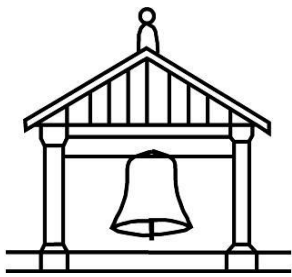
The World's biggest Coffee morning – come into school!

We're holding a coffee morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support on Friday 30th September at 9am in the school hall. Come in after drop-off for some cake, a cup of tea, the chance to meet the PTA, chat with fellow parents *and* raise money for a brilliant cause. At 10am, there will be the opportunity to visit your child's classroom and if you like, accompany the children to our weekly Proud assembly. We will need some volunteers to make cake. Please could let the office know if you can help?

Celebrating Harvest

Our Harvest festival is also going to be on Friday 30th September, but at 2.15pm. We would like to collect tinned, dried and packet food to donate to the Blandford Food Bank as usual. If this could be sent into school on Wednesday the 28th and Thursday 29th September that would be great. The following week, each class is going to be making vegetable soup. If anyone is able to donate carrots, leeks, potatoes, parsnips, and onions, we will put them to good use! We will also need parents to supervise vegetable chopping – if you would like to come and work with your child's class, please contact their class teacher.





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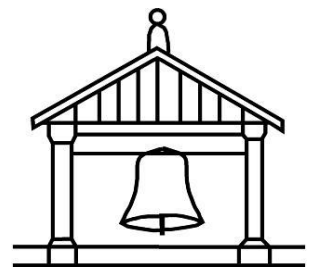
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Don't be late, don't miss out!

Just a reminder that children now need to be at school at 8.50am as lesson start promptly at 9am. We have lots to fit in!



A special thank you

I want to thank Heidi D and Suzi L for taking time out of their summer to spruce up the bus shelter with a couple of coats of wood stain. It is greatly appreciated!

I'm not sure I can wish you a happy weekend; perhaps a restful one. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday.



Nicola Brooke

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Every Friday, 9.30am – 11.30am

Tuesday 20th September

Thursday 22nd September

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd September

Thursday 22nd September, 3pm

Thursday 22nd September, 5pm

Monday 26th September

Wednesday 28th September

Thursday 29th & Friday 30th September

Friday 30th September, 9am

Friday 30th September, 2.15pm

Handy Paws Toddler group

Seahorse Farm trip

Starfish Welly Walk

Dolphin class Forest School

Starfish Phonics meeting

The Blandford School open evening (Yrs.5 & 6)

Individual school photos (Fraser Portraits)

Seahorse class trip to Stonehenge

Porpoise class Forest School

Macmillan coffee morning

Harvest service





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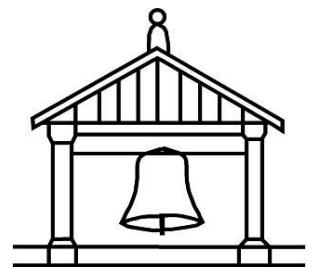
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Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October
Thursday 13th & Friday 14th October
Wednesday 19th October, 1.30pm
Friday 21st October
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
Monday 31st October
Monday 31st October

Sharks class Forest School
Seahorse class Forest School
Parents Evening (more details to follow)
STAFF TRAINING DAY
Autumn half term
Children return to school
Flu immunisations (Reception - Yr6)

