

# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parents,

26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Who's been sitting in my chair?

Whilst most of us have been sitting at home, Starfish have been having great fun exploring parts of the school that they haven't been able to see since September! They've played with all of the outside play equipment for the first time, seen what life might be like in Porpoises and have even seemed to find their way into my office!!!!!!



I'm certainly looking forward to being back on Monday.

Porpoises and Sharks can stop self isolating on Saturday, so make the most of Sunday! Dolphins, Seahorses and bus children are back on Tuesday morning. As I write, I've heard of no more confirmed cases; it looks as if we might have contained the outbreak. Thank you enormously for your co-operation. If you would like to find out about self-testing at home, there is more information [here](#).

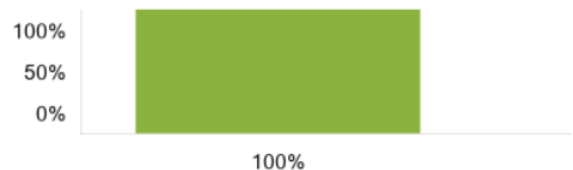
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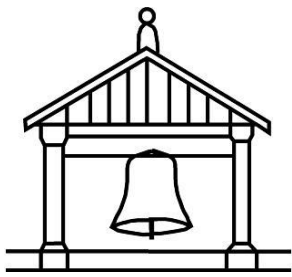
Seems a very long time since last Tuesday when we had our virtual inspection. This was 'an additional inspection to see if we are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances.' I am pleased to be able to tell you that OFSTED agreed that we are. A letter should be issued shortly.

Many, many thanks to all of you who completed the Parent View survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive, which always makes me feel quite emotional.

Thanks too, to all of you who texted the inspector. She told me that all these were positive too.

➤ 14. I would recommend this school to another parent.





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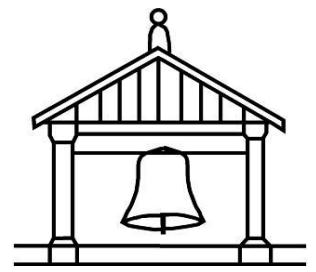
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I do realise that only about half of our families gave their opinions. If you would like help accessing this survey, please let me know. It is still open.

## Laptop support

More thanks this week to Mike Hiscock who has sorted out 3 more of our old laptops and made them work again. Hugely appreciated and saving us lots of money.



## Easter wreaths

Are these not just beautiful? And at only £15, with free delivery to your door, they are unbelievably good value. Our marvellous PTA are making these Easter wreaths and all the money raised will come to the school. I ordered mine [here](#).



## Parent governor

Would you like to get more involved in the running of the school? We have a space on our governing body for a parent governor. The role involves attending monthly meetings and holding me to account! It does require a commitment of time, but it can be hugely rewarding. If you think you might be interested, please contact the office.

So just one short week back at school and then we'll be off for Easter. Remember, it's 1pm pick up on **Thursday**. Let's hope the summer term is a bit more 'normal'!

See you all next week.

Nicola Brooke

