



School Newsletter



Tuesday 27th February 2018

Since the last newsletter, our school review has been completed. Our reviewer, Mike Randall, was very pleased to hear from several parents as part of the process—thank you to those parents who signed up or who kindly agreed to take part on the day. Mike was very thorough and we are already working on implementing some of his recommendations. I would like to invite parents/carers to a parents forum meeting on Tuesday 20th March 9-10am in the hall. This will be an opportunity to share some of the findings and our next steps.

We have more staffing news this week. Mrs McGinlay will be leaving Charmouth Primary School at the end of this week. I know that her decision to move on has not been taken lightly. Mrs McGinlay has been a very committed member of the school as both a teaching assistant and a staff governor. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done and wish her all the best for the future.

Laura Cornish

Whole school **attendance** last week:

93.2%

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

End of day collection

From **tomorrow**, all children will be collected from their classroom at the end of the day; Sharks class will be collected from Turtles classroom. Bus children will continue to be taken to the bus. 'Car way' children will be escorted to the pick up point by Mrs Dare. For the safety of all children, we would like to reduce the number of children being collected by car way, so please consider whether you are able to use a parking permit and collect your child from the classroom. This will also allow frequent contact with class teachers.

Star Celebrations

Certificates linked to learning, learning behaviours and demonstration of our school values were shared in assembly today. Well done to all those who got certificates, including Mrs Farmer. It was great to see so many children celebrated for their presentation.

Class Attendance

Well done Seahorse class for the highest attendance last week with 97.6%. They have a certificate to put up in their classroom.

Weather

As I am sure many of you are aware, there is a MET office weather warning for our area this week. If we do get these snowy conditions, I will be in contact with Mr Sparks first thing in the morning in order to assess risks on site. I will also have to consider about conditions for staff for their journey to school. Should the school need to close, a parent mail communication will be sent out and information will be posted to <https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools>.



Car Park

The arrangement of dropping and collecting children at the entrance to the school is a privilege rarely seen in primary schools. I believe that it has worked well in the past, with cars pulling in, allowing children to leave the vehicle and then driving on allowing the next cars to pull in. Many cars are being parked in the drop off area; this stops other vehicles from pulling in, cars having to be parked in order to safely escort children to the building and prevents the school bus from accessing the site.



Over the last few weeks, I have repeatedly raised concerns over the use of the car park at drop off and collection times. Unfortunately, these concerns seem to be increasing and are being raised further by staff and parents as well as the bus driver. I am now having to consider how to ensure the safe use of the car park as well as the considerate use of the area immediately surrounding the school. One consideration is to close the car park to parents and carers and insist on the use of the car park permits generously provided by the owners of local car parks.

Please use the school car park with consideration and respect in order for all members of the school community to be able to continue to have access to it.

World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day this Thursday. Our theme is 'Where's Wally?' so we are encouraging everyone to take part as a character from the series. Many children will have a favourite book character; if they would prefer to dress as their favourite character they are welcome to, promoting their love of books and reading.

Late Arrivals

A reminder that doors close at 8:55 for the register to be taken. If your child arrives after this time, please ensure that they are signed in by an adult at the office. Learning starts promptly at 9:00.

Diary dates

~~Wed 28th February—Beach school—Dolphins~~
Cancelled due to cold weather. New date TBC.

Thurs 1st March—World Book Day

Thurs 1st March—Turtles open assembly (2:45)

Wed 7th March—Beach school—Starfish

Thurs 8th March—Parent consultations

Tues 13th March—Parent consultations

Wed 14th March—Beach school—Sharks

Thurs 15th March—Dolphins open assembly (2:45)

Tues 20th March—Parents Forum

Thurs 22nd March—Beach school—Turtles

Hearing bus

Last Wednesday we were lucky to host a visit from the Hearing Bus- a travelling education bus providing support and awareness for children with hearing impairments. Children from our school and the surrounding local schools participated in exciting workshops and all of Charmouth pupils were delighted to take part in two Key Stage assemblies learning new sign language and how best to communicate with people who are hearing impaired. A big thank you goes to Sally Robinson- our hearing advisory teacher- for organising this exciting event. There was certainly a buzz around school that day!



Help us raise PTFA funds through Co-Op Lyme Regis

Since 12 November Co-op Members have chosen to support **Charmouth Primary School PTA** with their 1% and have raised **£99.64** for your cause. This will be the first of four payments you'll receive from the Co-op Local Community Fund. This might not seem much but remember there are three more payments to come and there's still **£714.47** up for grabs in your community. The more members who choose your cause and buy own brand Co-op products and services, the more you'll benefit. Your cause will be live for members to choose until **27 October**.