



# School Newsletter



Tuesday 6th March 2018

What a snowy week! I have seen a couple of snow related black eyes in school, but am thankful that we don't seem to have any broken bones! I hope that you were able to enjoy some family time in the snow and create experiences and memories together. I know that any school closure has an impact on all families; it was a very hard decision to close the school when there wasn't a snow flake in sight! When the snow did come, it was clear that the decision to close was the correct one and ensured that everyone was able to keep safe. The two day closure has disrupted many aspects of school life and we are now working to ensure that we are able to reschedule events, catch up with learning and also take advantage of the experiences of the extended weekend.

The snow closures did mean that we were not able to say a proper farewell to Mrs McGinlay. She will be invited in before the end of term so that we are able to wish her all the best for the future. If you would like any messages passed on, please leave them with the office and we will ensure that she receives them.

Laura Cornish

Whole school **attendance** last week:

# 94.6%

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

### Diary dates

- Wed 7th March—Beach school— Starfish
- Thurs 8th March—Parent consultations
- Tues 13th—Starfish Breaktime Bakery
- Tues 13th March—Parent consultations
- Wed 14th March—Beach school— Sharks
- Thurs 15th March—Dolphins open assembly (2:45)
- Tues 20th March—Parents Forum
- Wed 21st March—World Book Day celebration *\*new date\**
- Wed 21st March—Turtles open assembly (2:45) *\*new date\**
- Thurs 22nd March—Beach school—Turtles
- Tues 27th March—Beach school—Dolphins
- Wed 28th March—PTFA disco
- Wes 28th March—last day of term

### Star Celebrations

Certificates linked to learning, learning behaviours, presentation and demonstration of our school values were shared in assembly today. Well done to:

**Billy R, Harry W, Bailey, Sam M, Theo, Callum and Alex I**

### Class Attendance

Well done Sharks class for the highest attendance during the last week with **98.8%**. They have a certificate to put up in their classroom.

### Community

We are delighted to hear about how members of our school community helped the wider community during the snowy weather, including; **Holly, Teagan, Amelie and Keavy** who helped clear snow in Charmouth  
**Mrs Corrigan** housing those stranded overnight  
**Mr Dyer** ferrying NHS staff

### World Book Day



Our World Book Day celebrations have been postponed to Wednesday 21st March. Turtles class assembly will also take place at 2:45 on this day. We are looking forward to seeing your costumes and celebrating the joy of reading.

### KS2 Art Club

There are currently spaces in our Key Stage 2 art club (Years 3-6) on Mondays after school. Please see the office if you would like a space.

### Home/School Communication

I was very disappointed that the communication system we use did not seem able to cope with what must have been very high demand due to the forecast and subsequent weather conditions. This meant that messages sent in good time were not received until almost an hour later. This break down in communication prompted me to start a school Facebook page, which is now active on a trial basis. Many have already liked and followed the page, if you haven't found it yet, please search for it. Our use of the page will develop over time; if you have any suggestions, please do pass them on. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that e-safety is a very important issue. No children under the age of 13 should have their own Facebook accounts and everyone using any social media platforms must be aware of the content they use; please do not add any photos to the page.



### Parent Consultations

The system went live yesterday for making appointments to see your child's class teacher. If you are unable to book a time online, please speak to the office.

Unfortunately, Mrs Kerr will not be in school for a few days over this period, so we will be rescheduling these appointments on her return. We wish her a speedy recovery.

### Parent Forum

All parents and carers are invited to a parent forum on Tuesday 20th March at 9am in the school hall. The key focus will be to discuss the behaviour and homework policies.

### Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to all the parents who expressed interest or who were nominated for the role of parent governor. Please keep an eye out for further information about the forthcoming elections.

## Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan

Want to hear what our local community has said about Charmouth & its future?

**OPEN FORUM**  
at the Village Hall in Wesley Close  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 starting at 3pm

Join us for tea, coffee and cakes!



### 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**.