



# School Newsletter



Tuesday 15th May 2018

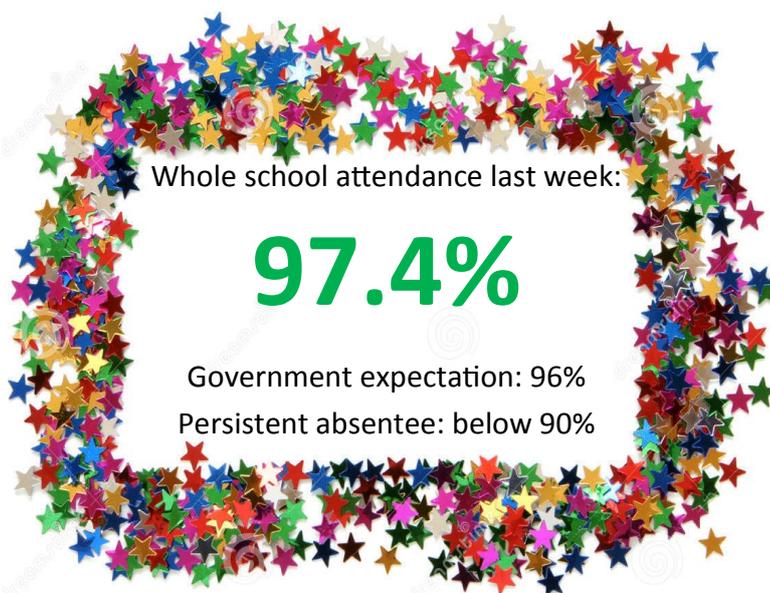
This week, the children in year 6 are sitting their SATs; they have started the week positively and we know that they will do their best. Children in year 2 also have SATs this month, with their test results used only as part of the evidence of their attainment. As staff we are continuing to ensure that all children are supported and encouraged in all that they do. We all know that these formal, statutory assessments do not reflect the whole child—their sporting ability, their artistic talent, their thoughtfulness and kindness to list just a few things.

Last week we had a parent forum meeting which will be followed up with a letter soon. It was very useful to get some feedback from outcomes of the previous meeting. After much discussion about attendance, we were not able to discuss behaviour, so there will be another meeting soon after half term.

Laura Cornish

### Diary dates

- w/b Mon 14th May**—KS2 SATs Week
- Fri 18th May**—Wear Orange for allergies (suggested donation £1)
- Tues 22nd May**—School Nursing Team Drop ins 3:00—3:45
- Wed 23rd May**—Dolphins Beach School
- 28th May—1st June**— Half Term
- Mon 4th June**—INSET day
- Thurs 7th June**—Hooke Court parent information meeting



## Celebration

### Star Celebrations

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

Spike, Keir, Elodie, Daisy K, Martha, Lula, Esme, Darcey, Jessica, Daisy S

### Class Attendance

Well done **Seahorse** class for the highest attendance last week with 99.5%. They will receive their certificate next Monday in our celebration assembly.

## Fossil Hunters

We were fortunate to be invited to take some children on a special fossil hunt on Charmouth Beach last week, which was filmed as part of a documentary on the Etches Collection. We were invited by the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, who have been involved in the project. The children were joined by Bill Oddie and expert fossil hunters, including Steve Etches himself. The finds included ammonites, belemnites, crinoids and even an ichthyosaur paddle bone! We are planning to develop our links with the centre to enrich our curriculum and utilise our unique location.



## Car Park—Withdrawal of Permits



Unfortunately, the owner of the beach car park opposite the school has withdrawn use of his carpark to parents at the school due to ongoing breaches to the agreement. All passes will need to be returned to the school and will not be valid from immediately after half term; standard car parking charges will apply for use of the car park. The owner is willing to offer a limited number of permits, which he will allocate, from September. It has also come to my attention that some parents have been parking on double yellow lines outside the school. Please do not do this for the safety of all.

## Production

Preparations are underway for our end of year production—Pirates versus Mermaids. We are very grateful to Paula Cole who is running a props club to start creating the wonderful set and props. Please let her know if you are able to volunteer to support this work. This is her last year as a parent at Charmouth so she would love to have someone to hand over the reins to.

The auditions will take place soon. Mrs Dare and Mr Edwards will collaborate for the audition process, providing a wonderful opportunity for each individual's strengths to shine. They will consider the casting very carefully to ensure a successful performance.

## Allergy Awareness Day

On Friday 18th May, we will be taking part in an Allergy Awareness fundraising day. Children are invited to come to school wearing something orange (or other home clothes) and bring a donation for **Allergy UK** and the **Anaphylaxis Campaign**. We have several children in the school with allergies. While living with allergies becomes second nature for families affected, the reality is that these children face life threatening reactions from even trace amounts of their allergens. Please support the work of these allergy charities in raising awareness and support. We will be having an assembly led by members of the school community who live with allergies everyday. Suggested donation £1.