



# School Newsletter



Tuesday 26th June 2018

As you know, there have been several staffing changes this year; there will be further changes as we go into the new school year. The pressure of ever decreasing school budgets and withdrawal of funding for key areas like SEN from central Government has played a significant part in the forthcoming staff changes. I wish we were able to keep all of our wonderful staff, but the budget is simply not there, and the Governors have approved a restructure that will keep us within budget.

Given the size of the school, we can no longer justify a Deputy Head Teacher and the role will be replaced by a new classroom teacher instead. We also needed to reduce both the HLTA and office hours. This means that at the end of this term will see us saying good bye to Mrs Kerr, Mrs Haley, Mrs Corrigan and Miss Taylor. We will be very sorry to see them leave and wish them all the best; there will, I am sure, be further messages over the next few weeks as we now have to recruit a class room teacher and an HLTA.

We continue to work closely together for our children and will update you with further changes as we are able to. Despite these challenging changes, we are continuing to work on the exciting development of our curriculum and were delighted to hear about some of the games children are playing at home which link to their learning in school. You have my absolute assurance that despite these changes, I am confident that we continue to have the capacity to improve as a school; our children continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

It is not easy making these decisions, and the Governors are continuing to support the school and lobby Government to increase financial support for small rural schools like ours. They are writing to our MP, Sir Oliver Letwin and they would like to ask parents to do the same. We would invite parents to ask our MP 4 key questions:

1. How will you redress the existing real term cuts facing schools (estimated to be £3bn by 2020)?
2. Will you commit to protecting future per-pupil funding in real terms for the duration of the next parliament?
3. Will you provide enough capital funding to ensure school buildings are fit for purpose?
4. Will you ensure that health, care and well-being support services are funded and available for children and young people?

The Governors have prepared a template letter which you are welcome to use, or feel free to write one of your own. The letters can be sent by post or emailed to: [letwino@parliament.uk](mailto:letwino@parliament.uk)

The letter is attached to this parentmail.

I am grateful for the continued support from staff, governors and parents.

Laura Cornish



## Celebration

### Star Celebrations

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

**Nathan, Joshua, Samuel, Poppy, Chloe, Seahorses Class, Starfish Class, Dolphin Class**

### Class Attendance

Well done **Dolphins** class for the highest attendance last week with **97.4%**. They have another certificate for their classroom.

Whole school attendance last week:

**96.1%**

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%



### Diary dates

**Wed 27th June**—PTFA meeting (9am)

**Wed 27th June**—Sharks Beach School

**Fri 29th June**—Dress Rehearsal

**Fri 29th June**—Lost property table

w/b 2nd July **NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

**Mon 2nd July**—Production (afternoon)

**Tues 3rd July**—Production (afternoon and evening performances)

**Wed 4th July**—Football tournament

**Wed 4th July** — Dolphins Beach School

**Fri 6th July**—School reports to parents

**Fri 6th July**—second hand uniform

**Fri 6th July**—Sports Day (timings to be confirmed)

**Sat 7th July**—Charmouth Challenge

**Mon 9th July**—Dolphin class trip to Cheddar Gorge

**Mon 9th July—Wed 11th July**—Year 5/6 residential to Hooke Court

**Wed 11th July**—Seahorses Beach School

**Thurs 12th July**—Volunteers coffee morning

**Tues 17th July**—Deadline for school motto ideas

**Wed 25th July**—Leavers assembly

### PTFA Relaunch Meeting—Wednesday 27th June

We are looking forward to the relaunch meeting for the PTFA this Wednesday. We have had some interest from parents considering putting their names forward for the role of Chair, please come along to have your say in the future direction of the PTFA.

### Production—Pirates Versus Mermaids—Collection

We are getting very excited about the production, which will have an incredible backdrop thanks to Mrs Cole and her team of volunteers!

We anticipate the performances to finish before the end of the usual school day. If this is the case, and you are in the audience, you are free to collect your child from outside of their classroom once the play has finished and the children have changed back into their uniforms. All other children should be collected as normal at the end of the school day (3:25pm).

### After School Club

A letter was sent last week asking for interest in an after school club. Unfortunately, there was not a large uptake in the offer; I have therefore extended the deadline for responses to this Friday and attached the letter again. In order to explore the possibility of setting up an after school club, a business plan was written including a financial breakdown. This was done after several requests for an after school club. We do not aim to make a profit from the after school club, but it must be financially viable for the school. Updates will be posted next week.

### Charmouth Challenge

There is still time to sign up for the Charmouth Challenge via the website [www.charmouthchallenge.co.uk](http://www.charmouthchallenge.co.uk) for the 8 mile run, the 8 mile walk or the fun run (under 9s must be accompanied by an adult). Sharks class have been contacted to help with the ice cream and cake stalls on the day; this will not stop them from taking part in the fun run!





### **Kenway Cup Winners 2018!**

Congratulations to our football team who won the Kenway Cup!

### **Turkey News**

On Friday, our turkey chicks (and children) were surprised with a visit from their grandfather, Mark. Children were able to see what an adult turkey looks like and learn more about their anatomy. Many thanks to Miss Dixon for bringing him along.



### **Celebrating 25 Years**

On Wednesday 20th June, we spent some time working together across the school to celebrate and explore the anniversary of the school building. We were grateful to Ally at the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre, who provided beach school activities to consider how the coast changes. The children also had a short Charmouth walk to look at the old school building as well as other buildings in Charmouth. They also compared maps and photos from today and the past. What a lovely day!

