



NEWSLETTER

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term

- **27th November- School wide Nasal Flu Vaccines**
- 30th November- Come dressed as you please for a raffle prize
- **3rd December- Year 4 Science Day at St. Osmund's**
- **2nd December- 4.00 Christingle Service at St. George's Church Fordington**
- **3rd December-Books at Bedtime-5.50 Doors Open**
- **6th December-5.30 DASP Christmas Concert**
- 7th December Christmas Fair
- **11th December- 9.15 Violin Recital**
- 10th December-2.00 Reception Performance
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- **12th and 13th December- Lily and the Snow Bear**
- **13th December-8.45 Nurse Drop-in Sessions**
- **18th December- 12.00 Year 3 Open Afternoon**
- **19th December- 9.00- Church Christmas Service for children**
- **19th December- Christmas Meal Day**
- **21st December- School Breaks up for Holidays**

Please note all new events are highlighted in bold

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I would just like to say a really big 'thank-you' for all the positive messages, good-wishes and sweet treats you sent in to support us during the Ofsted inspection this week. Thank you also to those of you who completed your views online and to those of you who were able to speak

directly to the Lead Inspector.

The inspection was a 'short' (Section 8) one-day inspection. The report, which will be in the format of a letter detailing the school's strengths and areas for development, should be published by the end of the term. Although I am not at liberty to share the judgement with you until the 'report' has been quality assured by Ofsted and is ready for publication, what I can say is that your children were an absolute credit to yourselves and to us in the school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful staff and Governors who work so hard all the time. This inspection was a good opportunity to show what the school can do. Thank you everyone!

Christingle Service

Children attending the Christingle Service as part of the Choir must wear school Uniform.

A Sad Goodbye

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Crampton of Dolphin Class this month. Mrs Crampton has been among the smiliest of faces during her time at the school. Her work with students has been engaging and productive, a quiet and supportive team member. She will be sorely missed.

This Time just a Farewell

We're also saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Clark from Rainbow fish class as she goes off to have her baby. Best wishes for Mrs Clark and all the family

Too Cold for Hedgehogs



Now weighing in at 450 grams Sonic really *is* a little pig. When he gets to 600 grams Sonic will be safe to hibernate for the winter. Hedgehogs need warm, dark areas of forest to hibernate in and a source of water and food. Cat food and dog food but please don't give them milk as it can make them very sick.



Community Active Points

This week is the first week of Community Active Points. We are reckoning them up by year and Year 3 has collected 746 points.



Books at Bedtime

Come in your pajamas to listen to stories with your friends and teachers. While the children are listening parents are invited to a Book Marking Workshop in the Hall. The Workshop will be about marking and feedback in English and Maths. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Parent Teacher Association Raffle Tickets

The draw will be on the 20th December 2018.

Christmas Fair, December 7th 5-7pm

The Manor Park Christmas Fair is right around the corner. If you can help with this event please let the office or Becky Reeve know as soon as possible.

Non School Uniform 30th November

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 please bring in a festive food item in exchange for not wearing a uniform. Years 3 and 4 should bring in festive bottles.



Be Bike Smart this Road Safety Week

With over 100 cyclists and motorcyclists injured every day in needless, preventable crashes, they are among the most vulnerable road users in the UK. For this reason, this year's theme for Road Safety Week is 'Bike Smart'.

Road Safety Week (19-25 November 2018) is led by the road safety charity Brake to encourage us all to talk about road safety and remind ourselves of our role in keeping all road users safe. Many collisions that occur on our roads could have been avoided if those involved had given their riding/driving the attention it deserves. Drivers, cyclists and motorcyclists need to be bike smart. Education and awareness are an important part of making our roads safer. There are a variety of courses and initiatives in Dorset for people to take advantage of, including specialist courses for motorcyclists.

I am proud that the UK's first DocBike was launched in Dorset. DocBike is a motorcycle safety initiative offering free rider training including what to do in the event of an accident. It is an initiative that is saving lives. All riders can improve their skills - police motorbike riders undergo continuous training to enhance their riding skills.

Road safety is an area Dorset Police has focused on and the Force's roads policing officers will be helping to improve safety on our roads through various activities across the county this Road Safety Week.

Last year saw the launch of Operation Close Pass in Dorset. The initiative is aimed at improving the safety of cyclists and educating road users about how to overtake vulnerable road users safely. Many drivers believe they leave enough space for cyclists when they overtake but this isn't always the case. You should leave a minimum of 1.5 metres between your car and the cyclist when overtaking. At high speeds or bad weather you should allow a full car width. Essentially, you should overtake a cyclist as you would a car.

As the nights are drawing in it is even more important that drivers look out for road users on two wheels, and that road users on two wheels make themselves as visible as possible. Cyclists are legally required to have lights on their bike (front and rear) but should also consider wearing reflective clothing to make them more visible. Drivers should always look for cyclists and motorcyclists, especially at junctions, and regularly check their mirrors and blind spots.

Dorset School Admissions Consultations

Dear parents and carers, Dorset are running a consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2020/2021 from **Monday 12th November 2018** to **Friday 21st December 2018**.

The consultations are held annually to decide if any changes in admission arrangements will occur.

Details will be available to view at

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/education-and-training.aspx?folderIds=5377.43802> from **9am on Monday 12th November 2018**.

Any comments or responses about the process must be addressed to School Admissions Team, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk by **Friday 21st December 2018**. Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to the shadow executive prior to the determination deadline on **28th February 2019**.

And finally from Mrs Pallister.....

A very busy week this week, with our surprise visitors, OFSTED being welcomed into our school too. Many thanks for the positive messages we heard from so many of you. Please see above for further information.

As we approach an extremely busy time of year in the school calendar I would like to draw your attention to the 'Dates for your diary' at the top of the newsletter that will show exciting events that lie ahead. Please keep a watchful eye on this on a weekly basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA who also have a busy time ahead. They are such a committed group of volunteers. If you are able to offer them support at any point over the next few weeks I know that you will be welcomed with open arms, even if it's just signing up to look after a stall for an hour at the Christmas Fair.

Enjoy your weekend and see you all next week.

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