



NEWSLETTER

Dates for the Diary Autumn Term

- **5th November- 9.30 Open morning for new parents**
- **5th November- 1.30 Open Afternoon for new parents**
- **6th November- 3.30-5.30 Parent Consultation**
- **7th November- 4.00-7.00 Parent Consultation**
- **9th November - PTA Disco**
- **12th November- Illustrator Visit**
- **15th November- 2.00 Year One Performance**
- **16th November-9.30 Year One Performance**
- **10th December-2.00 Reception Performance**
- **11th December- 2.00 Reception Performance**

Year One Dresses Up

Year One dressed as their favourite fairytale characters this week. The focus was on reading and the children brought books from home to share. Teachers shared in the fun of make believe and a wonderful adventure in reading was enjoyed by all.



Food Bank



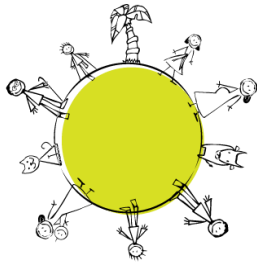
Again this year we are thankful for the bounty of the Harvest Season and the wealth of choices we all have of food and drink.

Thank you everyone for making the season a little easier for those who find themselves with financial difficulties and in need of ways to help make ends meet. Through the fundraising at the Caterpillar Cafe and the Harvest Appeal we have helped, but every bit of support we can give is real help to people and

families in need. Please remember that Christmas and Harvest are two of the times people look around them and think about helping. Try to be mindful as often as is possible and perhaps donate on a regular basis. Holiday cheer is wonderful, but ongoing support is a lifeline.

Photos

Thanks to everyone who turned out for photos and ordered some. The absolute last time photos can be dropped back to the office is Monday the 5th November by 10.00am.



Thanks for Donations to Samarpan Foundation

A big thank you to everyone who has so kindly brought in donations of Art materials for the children at Samarpan



School, New Delhi, India. There is still time if you would like to contribute. I will be coming into school on **Monday 5th November** to collect any more donations.

Thank you so much for your continued support - it really does make a difference.

Lesley Goldsack

Parent Teacher Association

School Disco

The first disco of the year is next Friday the 9th November. Music, dancing and fun. Tickets will be available to purchase from the school office from Wednesday the 7th of November.

Preschool and Reception from 5.00-5.45, and must be accompanied by an adult please.

Admission is £1.50.

Years 1 and 2 from 6.00-7.00. Admission is £2.00.

Years 3 and 4 from 7.15-8.15. Admission is £2.00.

Rotary Christmas Draw

We are again taking part in the Rotary Club Christmas draw which helps us raise funds for the school. You will have received in your child's book bag today a set of raffle tickets for a the prize draw. We would be grateful if you would try and sell the tickets for us. Once the tickets are sold please bring the completed stubs and money to the school office. The stubs

and money must be returned by 23rd November 2018. The draw will be on the 20th December 2018.

Manor Park Charities 2018-2019

Our school is proud to be a charity school and we are pleased to be able to support a number of charities. We are currently supporting the following charities:

- British Heart Foundation
- BBC Children in Need
- Red Nose Day

We are currently fundraising for these charities on Friday 16th November with a donation of £1 for Children in Need.



Extra Curricular Activities Autumn 2018

We hope you have all received a copy of the exciting activities available this half-term. Some of the activities will be repeated in the new year. Please speak with the group leader if you have any questions. There is one correction, Choir Club is on Wednesdays at lunchtime, not on Tuesdays as reported. Please note the times and be prompt in collecting your child(ren).

School Milk Sign Up

Parents are still able to register using the form/website [here](#).

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We will Remember Them

You are cordially invited to attend a free community event, **‘Homecoming’**, to commemorate the returning of the troops following the end of World War I.

The event is taking place at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, on **Weds 7 Nov from 10.30am-4.30pm** (see attached flyer) and has been organised by Dorchester Town Council, The Keep Military Museum and the Dorset History Centre as well as several other partners. In the morning there will be performances from Manor Park and St Osmund’s schools as well as a wealth of displays and artefacts to look at and activities to participate in such as button making and conker fights – something for all ages to enjoy.

In the afternoon, there will be music from the Decadettes performing popular songs of the era and free refreshments will be served all day including Trench Cake and Camp Coffee. There will also be a range of historical talks taking place every hour from 11am looking at how life was during WWI, for those living in Dorchester and the UK, as well as stories of the local people who never came home.

The day will also see the launch of Dorchester’s new Poppy Trail.

Please feel free to attend wearing clothes of the era if you wish – to add to the atmosphere. Following the event, in the evening, Dorchester Arts are hosting a production of ‘The Men Who Marched Away’ at 8pm featuring music and songs of WWI – see their website for further details

www.dorchesterarts.org.uk/wed-7-nov-the-men-who-marched-away-songs-of-the-great-war/

The Dorchester Remembrance Sunday Service will take place on the 11 November at the War Memorial at 11am.

The Town Council will also be taking part in Battle’s Over, an international commemoration marking 100 years since the guns fell silent at the end of WWI.

At 7pm On Sunday, 11 November 2018 the beacon in Salisbury Fields will be lit in a tribute called Beacons of Light, signifying the light of peace that emerged from the darkness of four years of war.

All are welcome to attend from 6.45pm when Heart and Soul, the Poundbury Community Choir will be performing.

The Last Post will sound at 6.55pm followed by the lighting of the Beacon.

At 7.05pm the Town Crier, Alistair Chisholm will deliver the ‘Cry for Peace around the World’

Musical Opportunities for all First School Children

Do you want your child to learn an instrument or take part in musical activities?
Have a look what DASP Music could offer you....

Colourstrings (general musicianship class for KS1 children)
Weds 3.45 – 4.30 pm @ Damers First School, £40 per term

Beginner Uke Troupe (for complete beginner players – no previous experience needed)
Weds 4-4.30pm or 5-5.30pm @ Thomas Hardy School, £30 per term

Training Windband (for those already learning a wind/brass instrument who would like to play with others, from beginners to approx grade 2).
Weds 4-5pm @ Thomas Hardy School, £30 per term

Stringalings (for those already learning an orchestral string instrument who would like to play with others, from beginners to approx grade 2).
Weds 4-5pm @ Thomas Hardy School, £30 per term

Skylarks Choir
Thurs 3.45 – 4.30pm @ Damers First School, £30 per term

In addition, did you know that your child can take individual and small group lessons on piano, recorder, flute, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello, piano, guitar and ukulele at school, through DASP Music? Group lessons available from £4 per lesson.



www.daspmusic.co.uk



Manor Park Preschool sparks little Chefs

We made pizzas and the children said what their favourite toppings were to go on them. Having baked them we tucked in and enjoyed the toppings of peppers, ham, sweetcorn, pepperoni and cheese.

Active Points Totals for the Week



Hello! We're all back from a crisp Autumn break and are ready to slide into Christmas. Before the break Robin Class dominated the Active Points with 205! We all need to keep making every minute count....even if it only counts towards the Christmas baking. Every little move is great!

