



Well here we are at the end of the Spring term. It has been a busy term with lots of amazing learning happening across the school. The children and staff have worked extremely hard again this term and we are very much looking forward to next term when hopefully the sun will continue to shine, we can continue learning outside as well as enjoying the planned trips, visits and sporting events which are in the diary.

It was lovely to be able to be back in the church once again this morning and we hope those of you who joined us enjoyed the service.

After Easter we are welcoming Mrs Sharon Hillier to our staff teaching team. Mrs Hillier is an experienced teacher and she is looking forward to covering the teachers PPA time and management time. Next term Ms Rankin is reducing her teaching hours to focus on our afternoon Forest School sessions, she will still be in school Monday-Thursday each week.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very peaceful, relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday.

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising such a wonderful bingo night this week

It was a fun evening, Mr Probert was fantastic as our bingo caller and they managed to raise over £300!

Davison Cup Football Match Report

On Thursday 31st March, Elliot, Paddy, Joshua, Oscar, Ollie, Sam, Albert, Noah and Kenan went to Sherborne Abbey Primary School to participate in the finals of the Davison Cup.

After victories against Gillingham Primary School and Child Okeford, the children had made the semi-final stage where they would play St Mary the Virgin. The game was extremely tight with both Elliot and the St Mary's goalkeeper making good saves. The breakthrough came late in the first half when Noah pounced in the area to put St George's 1-0 up. St George's continued to press and were rewarded with a second goal when Sam put Noah through and he slotted the ball past the goalkeeper. At half-time it was 2-0 to St George's.

In the second half the weather took a turn for the worse and snow began to fall; however, this only made St George's more determined. The third goal came from a corner and was headed into the roof of the net by Albert. The team continued to play great football, but eventually St Mary's scored a goal after great saves from Elliot. The game finished 3-1 to St George's and they were through to the final where they would play Shaftesbury Primary School.

The final was another tight game and as snow continued to fall, neither team could make a breakthrough with both Kenan and Oscar going close for St George's, and more super saves from Elliot to keep the game 0-0 at half time. St George's continued to push forward in the second half with Ollie and Paddy both testing the Shaftesbury goalkeeper. But unfortunately, as they tried to score the winning goal, Shaftesbury broke away and scored the vital goal. With St George's looking for the equaliser, Shaftesbury pushed forward again and got a second goal to make the final score 2-0. All of the boys played superbly and showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. Out of 30 Dorset teams that entered the Davison Cup in September, they had finished second. Well done boys.

Well done to our Yr6 boys who attended a football festival yesterday at Mere Primary.

The results were:

A = Drew 0-0 with Mere

B = Drew 1-1 with Wyke (Elliot Scored)

C = Won 1-0 against Motcombe (Albert Scored)

D = Lost 1-0 against St Mary the Virgin

Out of 10 schools we finished 5th



Birthdays



Paddy (11), Leo (8)
Tabitha (5), Bea Mu (7)
Maisie-Grace (11)
Victoria (8), Annabelle (6)
Alice B (7), Arabella (7)
Ms Rankin

Many Happy Returns

Attendance

Week ending 07/04/22

Hedgehogs – 81.0%

Squirrels – 96.8%

Badgers – 93.6%

Foxes – 97.4%

This week the winners are

Foxes



ROAD CLOSURE WARNING

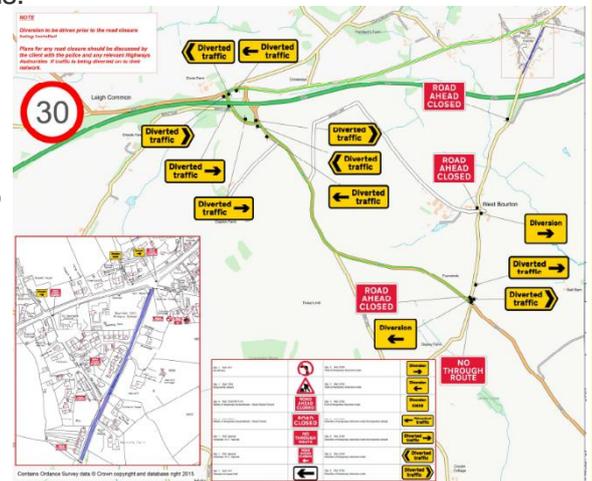
Wessex Water will be carrying out essential repairs to a water main starting on Monday 4th April. The ageing pipes need replacing to ensure the local area has improved water quality. And a more reliable supply. The planned works begin on Monday 4th April with a compound just North of the A303 flyover (near school) being set up in preparation for a planned ROAD CLOSURE.

The work involves closing a section of West Bourton Road, from just past Brickyard Lane in the north to just before the A303 flyover in the south. Wessex Water will be using a technique where they make small excavations to minimise inconvenience. A diversion, using New Road and the B3081 will be in place and these alternative routes will be clearly signposted.

Please see road closure and diversion route for further details.

The work itself will begin **Monday 11 April 2022**. They expect it to be completed by **Friday 27 May 2022** so the main restrictions will be in place after the school Easter Holiday. Access will be limited and therefore we are asking parents to park further away from the school site and walk to school.

Please **DO NOT** park on the brow of the hill next to the Church to ensure access to the blue gate is safe for all our children. Access around school will be maintained for residents, although it may be restricted at times so our suggestion is to avoid using Church Track and the West Bourton Road at drop off and pick up times to enable access for residents only.



Forest School Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to come along and support our weekly Forest School sessions. If you are able to help out even just for one afternoon, please let us know. Ms Rankin has some lovely activities planned for next term but without additional adult volunteers we may need to rethink the activities.

SATs

Next term sees the standardised testing of our Year 2 children and Year 6 children. The Year 2 children will be completing a range of SATs tests throughout the month of May where as our year 6 children will sit theirs during the week beginning 9th May along with every other Year 6 pupils across the country. If you have any questions about the Year 2 or Year 6 SATs, please contact us.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 23rd May – 27th May 2022

The staff have been busy planning a special Platinum Jubilee Activity Week. We will be holding a “playground tea party” along with other activities throughout the week. If you have any red, white or blue fabric, ribbon or wool you no longer need we would be grateful of donations for craft activities throughout the week.

Dates for your Diary

25 th April	First day of Summer Term
27 th April	Yr3/4 Tri Golf Festival @ Port Regis School
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
4 th May	Life Education van visit
	Yr2 Multi-Skills Festival @ Gillingham School
w/c 9 th May	KS2 SATs
9 th May	Governors Meeting
17 th May	Yr3/4 Tennis Festival @ Port Regis School
19 th May	Class Photographs
23 rd –27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
30th May – 3rd June – Summer Half Term	
6 th June	School Closed
29 th June	Yr6 to Okehampton
6 th July	Yr4/5 to Leeson House
21 st July	Last day of Summer Term



BADMINTON TRIALS

Dorset Badminton Association and Community Badminton are holding **BADMINTON TRIALS** for County Squads & Community Sessions on:

SATURDAY 21st MAY

Where:
LeAF Academy, Duck Lane Bournemouth (use entrance marked AFC Bournemouth)

Time:
11am-12pm - Ages 7-10
12pm-1pm - Ages 11-13
1pm-2pm - Ages 14-16

ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Book your place online today:

<https://bookwhen.com/cb-dorset>



For information please contact us at:
hello@communitybadminton.org
dorset.communitybadminton.org

After School Clubs

This week we have sent home information on after school clubs from Prime Sports and PH Sports

Please make bookings online if you would like your child to attend any of these clubs, running them will be dependent on numbers.

Mere CC and Kilmington & Stourton CC are excited to announce that the All Stars Programme is open for registration.

A fun 8-week summer activity programme for children aged 5-8 years old!
A place to learn new skills and meet new friends playing a fun new sport and activities!
Every child that registers receives a great personalised kit bundle when signing up!
Including a bat, ball, bag and t-shirt!

Join us at: Mere Cricket Club, Duddy Manor Field, Springfield Road, Mere, BA12 6EW
Session dates: Every Saturday from May 14th - July 2nd, 10-11am

For more information or to register please contact your Lead Activator: Bridis Skipworth
Email: merewells@gmail.com Phone: 07500 938688

Register online at:
<https://iecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/83152ee0-a6f7-44a0-8ead-3fa42e065711>

KIDS IN THE WILD

IS YOUR CHILD 9-11 YEARS OLD?

DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO HAVE THE ULTIMATE SUMMERTIME ADVENTURE?
ARE YOU FED UP WITH SEEING THEM INSIDE ON SCREENS?
DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD BENEFIT FROM TIME SPENT IN THE WILDERNESS?

Channel 4 and the producers of *Junior Bake Off* are making a brand-new series and are looking for children aged 9-11 to spend two weeks camping in nature this summer.

By encouraging independence outdoors, we will explore the relationships and skills children develop when put to the test.

VISIT WWW.APPLYFORTHEWILD.CO.UK
OR EMAIL KIDSINTHEWILD@LOVEPRODUCTIONS.CO.UK

<https://loveproductions.co.uk/contributerprivacynote>



THE INAUGURAL CHILDREN'S FOSSIL COMPETITION 2022!
PRINCIPALLY SPONSORED BY PETROSTRAT

HAVE YOU EVER FOUND A FOSSIL?
ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 5-16 AND LIVE IN THE UK?

MAYBE YOU HAVE A COLLECTION OF FOSSILS?
WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR FOSSIL DISPLAYED IN A MUSEUM?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS A BIG YES!

THEN... THE ETCHES COLLECTION - MUSEUM OF JURASSIC MARINE LIFE HAS A VERY EXCITING COMPETITION STARTING ON MARCH 28TH, 2022

This competition is for children to earn the chance to display their fossil finds alongside the collection on display at The Etches Collection - Museum of Jurassic Marine Life.

The competition has two age ranges: 5-10 and 11-16. There are 6 winners in total, 3 from each age range.

The competition will be open to all UK residents between 5 and 16 years old. Must have parent/guardian consent.

Every child who enters the competition will receive a personal annual pass to the museum. (Valid from September 1st 2022 - September 1st 2023.)

The competition window is open from Monday, March 28th, 2022 through Friday, August 5th, 2022, where the children will have time to submit their entry form along with a writers paper, presentation or video explaining where the fossil was discovered, what it is and why they believe it should be on display at the museum. No fossils are to be submitted at this stage in the process.

We wholeheartedly encourage families to lend their support to a child's entry into the competition, especially in relation to the technical/digital support, such as email and creating viewable files. Please visit the web address below for all the details on how to enter the competition.

www.theetchescollection.org/fossilcomp

The Friends of Wincanton Community Hospital

EASTER FUN DAY & AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 16th April 2022
Wincanton Community Hospital
2 pm to 5 pm

An Afternoon of fun Activities for all, Skittles, Bouncy Castle, Entertainment & Do come with your Easter Bonnet and enter the Parade

or just come and join us for Afternoon Tea

Easter Egg Hunt 2 pm – 3.30 pm
Afternoon Tea served 3.30 pm to 5 pm

Family Ticket for 4 (2 Adults/2 Children) £10
Individual Ticket £3.50
All includes Egg Hunt and Afternoon Tea
Afternoon Tea Only £2

Tickets Available before the event and on the day from Wincanton Community Hospital