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NEWSLETTER 11 Summer Term 2019

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Dear Parents,

Hot Meals 2019 – 2020

It was brilliant to see so many of you at the food tasting this week. I hope you found the food as delicious as the staff did and that you are as excited as we are about working with Forerunner next year. We are in the process of setting up accounts so you can access the online ordering system ahead of the September start and hope that this will take place next week.



Pirates of the Curry Bean

Year 3 and 4 excelled themselves this week performing their show, Pirates of the Curry Bean. The audiences were enthralled by the quality of the acting and the hilarity of the jokes. It was brilliant to see children from across key stage 2 working together to pull off such an outstanding show. A huge thank you to all of the staff involved and a massive well done to all the players!

Thank you all for coming and for the many kind donations in our retiring collection, which has raised £177 for Julia's House. Your generosity is always humbling and gratefully received.

School Disco

Don't forget that the Friends' Disco is tonight from 5.30 – 7.00 pm (prompt). Just a reminder that this year, snacks and drinks will be provided and therefore a £2 entrance fee will be charged per child to cover the cost. I would like to remind children that this is a disco and not an opportunity to come and play football! Thank you.

Collecting your children

As we head into the last days of the year, can I please remind parents to inform the school if another adult is collecting your child. We are unable to release children to other adults unless we have been informed by parents directly. Thank you for your understanding at this very busy time of year.

Drop-off Zone

There have been a number of volunteers who have given their time regularly throughout the year to help at the drop-off zone in the mornings. A massive thank you goes to our wonderful helpers who have braved wind, rain and sunshine to see the children safely into school: Mr Wong (Bryony Yr2), Mrs Cassidy (Bethany Yr2), Mrs Rixon (Thomas Yr3, Alice Yr1) and Mr Scouse.

As usual, we will once again be asking for volunteers for next year. It would be brilliant if we could have them in place before September and if you feel that you would be able to offer just a few minutes one morning a week, please let the office know.

Informal Parents Evening

The staff are looking forward to seeing you this Wednesday for our parent evening. The staff will be available between 4pm and 6pm and it is very much a 'drop in' system. Children's books will be available for you to look at also. This year, in order to support the children, we will be holding the children's books in school through the first half term in September and will be able to send them home at the October half term.

As always, should you require a formal meeting with the teacher, please contact the school and an appointment can be arranged.



Sports Assembly

A reminder that on Thursday 18th July at 2pm we have a Sports Assembly to celebrate the achievements of children in Years 3 and 4 who have represented our school or exhibited particular achievement in sport. You are welcome to join us.

Leavers' Service

The Leavers' Service will take place on Friday 19th July at 9.10 am in the School Hall. Parents and grandparents of our leavers are welcome to the Service and are invited to stay to enjoy a small party afterwards. We would be grateful for small donations of food and drink. Please ensure that the children have their recorders in school.

Medicines

If you have left any medicines (Calpol/Piriton etc.) for your child, in the school office this year, we would be grateful if you would collect it before the end of Friday. Thank you.

Guitar Tuition

Mr. Nuttall has had great success with the young guitarists in his charge this year. He has some vacancies next year for children in Years 3 and 4. Please ask in the office for further details if your child is interested. I know Mr. Nuttall will do his very best to accommodate all interested children, but numbers may be limited.

Summer Reading Challenge

As we near the end of a successful year in which the children have made such good progress with their reading, we would like to encourage every single child to take up the **Hampreston Book Bingo Challenge** which will be sent home in the next few days. The challenge encourages children to read a wide variety of genres and even some funny places to read in! How many rows can your child tick off? Can anyone get a full house? All entrants who return their Bingo card in the first week of September will receive a certificate. Alongside this, don't forget that the Dorset Library Service are running their annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year the theme is SPACE! Visit your library to get started and each book read will be rewarded with a sticker. If the six book challenge is met, a medal and certificate is awarded.

JP Morgan

During the INSET days next week, we have been lucky enough to secure a number of willing volunteers from JP Morgan to help with some jobs around the school site. In order to help them – and to make the best of them for the day – we are asking if any parents could lend or donate gardening tools, paint brushes or dust sheets to the school. Many hands make light work and we hope to be able to fill those hands with the right equipment. If you are able to help, please let me know.

Staff news

As we come to the end of the year, I have some staff news to share with you. Mrs Le Rossignol our wonderful music specialist, is retiring at the end of this academic year. We are extremely sad to see her go as she has been such a significant part of the life of the school, but wish her well for a restful retirement.

Not too restful though, as we have managed to convince her to continue offering her recorder tuition for current year 3 children. This will be in the form of an external peripatetic lesson and a letter from Mrs Le Rossignol will accompany this letter.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Meadwell, who has taken a post at Yarrells as a HLTA in her journey to becoming a teacher. Mrs Meadwell has worked incredibly hard with a number of children across the school over the years and her enthusiasm and sense of humour will be missed. We wish her all the best in this next stage of her journey and hope that she will come back and visit us soon. This does mean that we will be looking for a suitable candidate to replace her and we will be exploring our options over the summer in order to move forwards with recruitment in September.

This week we welcomed Mr Lubbock to the school as our new caretaker. He has begun to settle in and we are thrilled to have him joining us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Williams
Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Summer Term	
Wednesday 17 th July	Informal Parent's Evening
Thursday 18 th July	Sports Assembly @ 2pm
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Service 9:15am Break up @ 3pm
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	

Academic Year 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019	Monday 2nd September - INSET
	Tuesday 3 rd September – School Opens
	<i>Half Term w/b: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November</i>
	Friday 20 th December – Last Day
Spring Term 2020	Monday 6 th January – School Opens
	<i>Half Term w/b: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February</i>
	Friday 3 rd April – Last Day
Summer Term 2020	Monday 20 th April – School Opens
	<i>Half Term w/b: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May</i>
	Friday 17 th July – Last Day
	Monday 20th July - INSET

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