

## **Milborne Message - 18th February 2022**

Dear Families,

Hope you are all well and keeping safe. It was a very abrupt end to the term, which is a shame. The children were so despondent when they found out and some were quite upset. Post Lockdown, an unexpected day away from school no longer holds the same appeal for them.

We have, however, managed to squeeze a lot into it. **Tom Daley** was certainly one of the highlights and it was lovely that he took some time out to talk to the children. I listened to him being interviewed and it really was a tremendous challenge for him to achieve. I hope he has motivated your children to challenge themselves and to never give up. What an inspiration and role model. Thank you to those who joined us. Definitely worth the wait!



Robins' class enjoyed their trip to Shire Hall and it was lovely to hear the positive feedback from parents and staff alike. See the message below from Shire Hall after the trip:

*'It was absolutely lovely to see you yesterday for The Harry Parker session. Everyone was so impressed by how well all the children did, they are great ambassadors for your school, and budding lawyers and actors!'*

Raccoons wowed the 'Water Man' from Wessex Water with their knowledge and questions and learned even more. I think all the toilet talk helped to motivate some of them!

Staff had an extended staff meeting this morning and we are all busy doing statutory training. Thank goodness we are set up to do it online. An unexpected day out of class has been well used.

This week's challenge should inspire you to work together creatively.

**This Week's Skills Challenge: Teamwork**



## Work together in your family team to build the tallest tower you can.

You can use anything you like to build your tower safely.

It must be free standing (not leaning against anything or fixed to anything to keep it upright).

You could use blocks, other toys, empty cereal boxes, cushions - anything really!

Work as a team to try out different ideas and remember to measure your towers.

What is the tallest tower your family team can build together?

### Reflection Questions

**Getting Started:** When do you find it easier (or more difficult) to work with others in a positive way?

**Intermediate:** Have you helped make decisions with others?

**Advanced:** How can you encourage others to help out too?

**Mastery:** What is an 'unhelpful conflict'? How can you avoid this when working with others?

### Teamwork

**Red** Nose Day - 18th March 2022. Don't forget you are able to purchase your Red Noses from the school off at morning Drop-off.

The link to make your online donation to wear 'something red' to School on Friday the 18th is:-  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday22-milborne-st-andre>

**CHOIR** - Starting from next term, if you would like your child to attend Choir, please could parents **consent and book** them into the Thursday sessions via the Schoolcomms app which will be available from the 28th February. This way Mrs Tudge and the school will know how many and who we are expecting in the club on any given Thursday. There will be no Choir on the 4th March and 7th April, the last day of term before the Easter break.

The Choir sessions are straight after school until 4pm and collection is from the main school entrance.





### **Free visit to Dorset Museum**

If any of your pupils would like to visit with their families, please let them know we have **Free Monthly Openings** at Dorset Museum 5pm – 7pm, the next dates are **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February** and **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**.

### **Relaxed evening for those with sensory difficulties**

Dorset Museum are also delighted to be hosting an autism friendly opening for families at Dorset Museum. Come and join us on **22<sup>nd</sup> February 4.30pm – 6pm**. Perfect for children with sensory difficulties. Enjoy quiet galleries and relaxed activities. Best for children aged five to 15. Siblings are welcome. Booking is essential. Attached poster.

Link here to book: [After-hours relaxed opening - Dorset Museum](#)



**Milborne School Community Meeting 8th March 2022 @ 4pm**

**You are warmly invited to join the staff and governors for an MSA school community meeting.**



After such valuable feedback from our October meeting we are getting closer to being able to share with you our vision for the future for our wonderful school and all the families that make it such a special place. **Everyone is welcome. Please save the date.**

**School Trips coming up:-**

**Raccoons** - Bristol Museum - Raccoon Class will visit We The Curious - Bristol's fantastic science and arts centre - on **Friday 11th March 2022**. The cost of travel to Bristol has been subsidised by a local STEM foundation organisation to enable our children to experience this amazing place and inspire the scientists of the future - your children! It will be a longer day than the usual school day but it will be well worth the trip and includes a visit to the planetarium. Children will need to be in school for 7:50am ready to depart around 8am. Please consent and pay your donation for this trip via the schoolcomms (gateway) app, by 7th March 2022.

**Rabbits** - 11th March - Wessex Wild - consent via Schoolcomms - details will follow

**Robins** - 28th April - Wessex Wild - consent via Schoolcomms - details will follow

## **Do you struggle to keep your home warm in winter?**

If you need help to keep your home warm and reduce your energy bills, Dorset's Local Energy Advice Partnership (LEAP) could help. LEAP supports eligible residents with free energy advice, energy saving devices and access to other improvements like heating upgrades and insulation.

You could be eligible if you:

- receive certain support – benefits, allowances or tax credits
- have a health condition (e.g. Asthma), long-term illness or disability
- are on a low income
- receive child benefit

The funding to help reduce your energy bills and warm your homes will end soon, contact Ridgewater Energy at [info@ridgewaterenergy.co.uk](mailto:info@ridgewaterenergy.co.uk) or call on **01202 612726** to find out how we can help you this winter.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term, whatever you do! Make sure you take those fab photos of your child reading and share them with us too.

Yours sincerely,

*Sharon Staddon*

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Headteacher

### **Dates For Your Diary:-**

**28th Feb - INSET DAY** (no children in School)  
**1st Mar** - School Reopens - children back in school  
**3rd Mar** - World Book Day  
**8th Mar** - Logo/Values Meeting (4pm - 5pm)  
**11th Mar - RACCOONS** - Bristol Museum trip (consent/pay via schoolcomms)  
**11th Mar - RABBITS** - Wessex Wild trip (consent via schoolcomms)  
**18th Mar** - Red Nose Day (*Red Nose items will be available to purchase from the School Office*)  
**30th Mar - 1st April** - Year 4 Hooke Court Residential Trip  
**7th April** - Egg Decoration Competition/Egg rolling  
**7th April** - End of Term (**Pick up 1:15pm**)  
**8th April - INSET DAY** (no children in school)  
**11th April - 22nd April** - EASTER Holidays  
**25th April** - School Reopens - children back to school

### **EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-**

- **Families Dorset Magazine:-**  
Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Dorset Magazine](#)
- **Dorset Magazine -**  
[https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@gz9EB8mcJ8IB431w5S1YccstF4G8FyX5L0FOsUucRRABY3u6cj3wJFRMIhRiEGJZHMWey\\_tliwaDvRt1HTjlyTvGXb487-z9aAi k5RTBrfGszRhB.html](https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@gz9EB8mcJ8IB431w5S1YccstF4G8FyX5L0FOsUucRRABY3u6cj3wJFRMIhRiEGJZHMWey_tliwaDvRt1HTjlyTvGXb487-z9aAi k5RTBrfGszRhB.html)
- **Dorset SEND -** <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3126372?e=5ad5011868>
- **Family Information Service:-**  
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/feb-fis-newsletter-3126344?e=5ad5011868>
- **Health and Activity:-**  
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/make-2020-your-year-to-get-active-3126017?e=5ad5011868>
- **Dorset's Countryside -**  
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-e-newsletter-february-2022?e=5ad5011868>