

Milborne Message 25/10/19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

Autumn is definitely here now and as the leaves change colour and the clocks go back, half term is also upon us. We have had a very busy half term, right up to the end with the basketball tournament at St Mary's School yesterday, the Harvest Festival in church, and the Harvest Workshop for Reception class at school this morning.

Milborne came 2nd in the tournament and the children all had a great time, learning new skills and meeting new people. The children showed real team spirit and were a credit to the school and to you. Thank you to Fran Porter for organising and driving the mini bus for us.



Congratulations to **Mrs Gough** who has been appointed as a KS1 moderator for Dorset. She will do this on the days she is not with us. This means that we have a moderator working for county in both EYFS -Miss Wittman, and now in KS1 too. This is a great reflection on the ability of our staff for rigorous judgement and moderation of and expectations and standards.

We have also today received a letter from Dorset Council informing us that they deem us to be a Category 1 school, meaning that we have shown again that we have consistently good outcomes for children.

I would like to set up a **Marathon for Kids Club** in school initially for children in **Year 3 and Year 4** after half term during the lunch break. We will start a bit earlier than usual so hopefully it won't impact too much on lunch. This involves the children adding up miles they complete in school until they have covered the distance of a marathon. There is a data consent form attached to the newsletter. If this is something your child would be interested in taking part in, please complete and return it to school. More information can be found on their website www.kidsrunfree.co.uk

There have been some significant changes in Education both nationally and for us at Milborne First School and I would like to share some of these with you. To this end, I would like to invite you to a meeting at school on **Friday 29th November at 2pm**. I hope you will be able to join me then, but I will send out a summary in the newsletter following the meeting.

We are using **Tapestry** to send you personalised information about your child in school, usually in the form of a photo and message. Please make sure you are accessing these and it would be great if you can add home photos of learning and experiences too. If you have any problems accessing Tapestry, please contact the office.

OE afternoon and Fit Friday - On a Wednesday children need to come to school in their school uniform and then in the afternoon children will change into their outdoor school PE kit as they would normally for PE and on FiT Friday the children can come to school already dressed in their school PE kit.

Please could I ask that children wear either indoor **school PE kit** or outdoor **school PE kit** for both. I have also noticed, but not said anything to the children yet, that a range of jumpers, tights and footwear that are not **school uniform** being worn into school. Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct attire, and help them to be proud of their school and take pride in their personal presentation. Thank you for your support.



The **School Council** pictured above (and Lucas) have decided on the charities this year including Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day, Crazy socks and Red Nose days. **Children in need** is coming up first (15th November) and the children will be invited to wear something spotty and contribute £2 per child to Children in Need.

Next half term the School Council will be looking at the feedback they are given and reviewing that along with reviewing how children can support safeguarding in school. More information to follow.

We are looking forward to our INSET Day on 4th November when we will be gathering with DASP schools to listen to Mary Myatt, an excellent and informative speaker, followed by a series of workshops. We will then come back to our own school and continue to work on developing the curriculum.

Wishing you all a lovely half term,

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **TREES 4 DORSET - YEAR 3** - On Tuesday 5th November, the Year 3 Trees 4 Dorset session will be Leaf classification and decomposition and wormery. Please could all Year 3's be dressed appropriately to be outside and have wellies/waterproofs/hats/gloves as essential and then normal shoes to be worn inside to avoid bringing in mud.
- **OPEN Morning** - We will be holding another Open Morning on Friday 8th November, starting at 9:15 till 10:30am. Please let friends and family know who might wish to send their child to Milborne in September 2020.
- **School Photos** - Please ensure you have placed your order either online or by handing the photo envelope with full payment into the office by or on Tuesday, **5th November**.
- **CHRISTMAS CARD orders** - please ensure that if you have placed an online order that ALL originals have been returned to the school office by or on Tuesday, **5th November**. These will be sent off for the online orders to be processed in time to be returned back to school.
- **SWIMMING - YEAR 3** will be swimming after half term starting on Monday, 11th November until the 9th December. Please could parents let Miss Wittman know as soon as possible their child's level of swimming (*eg how many meters they have swum, confident in deep water, unfortunately the colour badge means different things in each swimming club*) and if they are currently having lessons or if they have never swam before.

As this is the first time the Year 3s will be swimming with school we need swimming helpers, at least 3 parents who are willing to be in the water assisting Miss Wittman and any children who might need support. If there are parents who cannot commit to every week, Miss Wittman is happy to set up a rota with dates that you can do.

If we do not have enough helpers in the pool then unfortunately the swimming session will have to be cancelled. We meet at the Milton Abbey pool at 1:30 and finish at 2:30. If transport is difficult there is the possibility of travelling with us on minibus to and from school but please let Miss Wittman know.

- **COOKING CLUB (Year 2 / Year 3 & Year 4 only)** - Mrs Dutton will be trialing a cooking club next term on a Tuesday after school, 3pm until 5pm. This will be starting on 5th November for 7 weeks. Please book in and pay via Libacura. There will be limited spaces, so please ensure that you have booked and paid by next Friday so ingredients can be bought for the first session and this will guarantee your child's space in cooking club. If your child is attending Cooking Club but you still need Afterschool care until 5:30pm then please book the 3-5:30 option in the Cooking Club section. At present there are only 3 children booked in for Cooking.

The usual afterschool clubs are also still available eg 3-4pm and 3-5:30pm. Please book as normal via Libacura. Thank you.

- **Friends of School** - The next meeting will be the AGM on the **8th November 2019 @ 1:30pm**.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** - Please follow the link to the latest information:-
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/octoberfisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>
- **Messy Church** - Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **TABLE TOP SALE** - Please see the attached information for the BABY/KIDS Table Top Sale being held in the Bryanston Village Hall.
- **ADMISSION Consultation:-** Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 with effect from **Monday 14th October 2019 to Friday 22nd November 2019**. Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation.aspx>. Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk **by Friday 22nd November 2019**. Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to The People Scrutiny Committee prior to the determination deadline on 28th February 2020.
- **Speech and Language Review:-** Dorset CCG are working with BCP and Dorset Councils in carrying out an initial review of existing Children's Speech and Language Communication Needs Services across Dorset. We have created a short on-line survey (link below) which we hope as many service users will give their views and feedback on their experiences. The deadline for responses is the **end of 31st October**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SpeechandLanguageServiceReview>

Key Dates:-

- **28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM Break**
- 4th Nov - INSET Day (no children at school)
- 5th Nov - Children back to school
- 5th Nov - YEAR 3 - Trees 4 Dorset visit
- 8th Nov - OPEN Morning (9:15 - 10am)
- 8th Nov - FoS AGM (1:30 - 3:00 pm)
- 13th Nov - School Nurse Drop-in session (9:00 - 9:15)
- 15th Nov - Children in Need day (Wear something Spotty £2 donation)
- 19th Nov - Raccoons Class assembly (9:00 - 9:30)
- 22nd Nov - Reception Stay and Play Maths session (9:00 - 10:00)
- 29th Nov - Whole School Parent Meeting run by Mrs Hunt (School Hall 2:00 - 3:00pm)
- 4th Dec - Friends of School Christmas Lunch & Party
- 13th Dec - Christmas Jumper day
- 16th Dec - Reception Christmas Play
- 17th Dec - Robins (Y1 & Y2) Christmas Play
- 18th Dec - Raccoons (Y3 & Y4) Christmas Play
- 18th Dec - Carol Service @ Church (2:15pm - 3:00pm)
- 20th Dec - Last Day of Term (**1:15pm Close**)
- **21st Dec - 5th Jan - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**
- 6th Jan - Children back to school