

Milborne Message 11/10/19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

Ever thought of doing something different? Fancy a career in teaching ? Then the following might be of interest.

Teacher Training Information Evening - A drop-in information evening for those interested in training to teach in Dorset.

Are you thinking about kick-starting an exciting new career in teaching? If so, our drop-in evening is a great way to find out about teacher training opportunities in Dorset for both primary and secondary School Direct routes into teaching. You can find out about the training offered by 2 teaching alliances in Dorset - the Teaching Alliance of Dorset Special Schools and Dorset Teaching School Alliance. Both alliances have a good track record of success in teacher training.

You will be able to:

- discuss the different teacher training options available, to help you decide which would best suit you
- meet representatives from our alliances that deliver teacher training in this area, and find out about our courses and entry requirements
- receive advice on submitting a successful UCAS application

Date: 17 October 2019, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Location: Thomas Hardy School, Queens Avenue, Dorchester, South West, DT1 2ET

At Milborne, we are delighted to be able to facilitate those who have already made this choice and we have been very fortunate over the years to have had students of excellent calibre join us.

From Monday we will have a **PGCE student**, Trevyn Barlow, from Southampton University working alongside our staff in Year 3/4 class.

As part of our **raising aspiration** work I would like to hold a career assembly. If you think you would like to come and talk briefly about the work you do please let either Mrs Hosford or myself know.

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. 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.

OE afternoon and Fit Friday The children are increasingly coming into school already dressed for both these activities. On a Wednesday afternoon children change into this as they would normally for PE and on FiT Friday the children can come in to school wearing their PE clothes. 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.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **Parent Consultations** - Booking closes on Monday for Whole School Parent Consultations. If you are having difficulties in making an appointment, please contact the school office. IF you would like to speak to Miss Wittman in her SENCo capacity, before or after your Parent Consultation with the Class Teacher, then please speak to the Office or Miss Wittman to book this appointment direct.
- **School Photos** - These are being done on Monday 14th October. The Sibling session (this is non-school and school going siblings) will start from 8:10am.
- **OPEN Morning** - Thank you to Friends of School for the help with Tea, Coffee and Cakes.
- **Friends of School** - The next meeting will be the AGM on the **8th November 2019 @ 1:30pm**.
- **FOOTBALL FRIDAY** - During lunchtime play all children are able to play football. If your child would like to play, then they will need shin pads and football boots in school for them to change into at lunchtime. They will not be able to take part unless they wear shin pads and boots.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- **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:-

- 14th Oct - Individual School Photos (8:10am - non **AND** school going sibling session)
- 15th Oct - Parent Consultation (booking closes on 14th Oct)
- 17th Oct - Parent Consultation (booking closes on 14th Oct)
- 24th Oct - Year 4 Basketball Festival (Invite only)
- 24th Oct - Harvest Festival @ Church (2:15pm start)
- 25th Oct - Reception Harvest Workshop (9am)
- **28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM Break**
- 4th Nov - INSET Day (no children at school)
- 5th Nov - Children back to school
- 15th Nov - Children in Need day