



Milborne Message - 06.05.22

Dear Families,

I'm sure you are looking forward to the weekend. It looks like it is going to be a sunny one!

The work on the playground is now complete and I think you'll agree it was worth the wait. The children are all very excited and I'm hoping we can get out on it this afternoon, to explore. Thank you for your patience for changing arrangements at pick up and drop off while this was being done.



I am now able to give you an update on the Headteacher post. The advert went live yesterday evening on Dorset for You and other places. There has been a lot of work going on behind the

scenes, between Governors and both Trusts to get this right. Governors and Trust staff will be shortlisting and interviewing shortly and I hope to be able to introduce you to the new School Lead soon.

It has been great to listen to the Ukulele lessons. The children are making such good progress in a short amount of time.

The children who joined Mrs Hewish and I on Knoll Beach had a wonderful time learning more about the beach habitat. A very big thank you to the National Trust for looking after us all so well.

A reminder that **Clare Williams** will be at school to talk about **Trauma Informed Practice** on **Thursday 12th May at 1.30 pm**. Please let me know if you are planning to come. If you gave me your name for the previous date there is no need to do this. I will assume you are still coming unless I hear from you.

Do you know if your child qualifies for free school meals?

If you're feeling the financial squeeze, check if your child could receive a free daily lunch at school. This could save you up to £450 per year per child.

<https://dorsetcouncil.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c39535cf4f9d1ca66af8d2b44&id=d18adede39&e=5ad5011868>

Dorset Council's Children's Services are welcomed Ofsted from Monday, as they carry out a Pilot Inspection of SEND Local Area Services. Inspectors will be working with Dorset from Monday 25 April to Friday 13 May.

We are one of six councils invited to take part in a Pilot Inspection with Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission to develop a new area SEND Inspection framework. This framework will focus on the impact of area SEND arrangements on children and young people and their families. This is a change from the current approach which focuses on how well an area has implemented the government's 2014 SEND reforms.

Children's Services have prepared for the visit and welcome the opportunity to show how they are working with families and stakeholders like Dorset Parent Carer Council to improve services, support and outcomes. This is a chance to show what has been achieved so far and what is still being done to further strengthen services.

From providers and practitioners, Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that you provide to children and young people and how it has helped them. We would also like to understand how you work with other agencies to ensure the children and young people receive the correct support. You can do this by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YourViewsPracDorset/>

From parents and carers, Ofsted would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives and how it has helped you and your child. This survey is for parents/carers of children

and young people aged 0-25. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YourViewsPandCDorset/>

It can be difficult to find good clubs and activities for children but the website below helps direct you some:

The website 'All4KidsUK' is a great search engine for clubs and activities.

The link below takes you to CYP Holiday Activities in Dorset.

<https://all4kidsuk.com/holiday-clubs-and-courses-childrens/dorset>

Local Food Links:- Short story competition. The closing date is Sunday 15th May. Thank you for your support. Please see the information sent last week for more information..

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

Dates For Your Diary:-

12th May -Trauma Informed Schools talk by Clare Williams

13th May - Pyjamarama Day - Children come to school in their PJs (£1 donation = Book Trust)

27th May - RACCOONS class assembly (2pm in school Hall)

30th May - 3rd June - May Half Term Break

EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-

- Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Dorset Magazine](#) This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father's Day gift ideas, family adventures at home and much more.
- Holiday activities - **1610** - please see the attached information.
- **Dorset Magazine** -
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- **Dorset SEND** -
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/notification-of-dorset-area-send-pilot-inspection?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-april-2022?e=5ad5011868>