

## **Milborne Message - 4th February 2022**

Dear Families,

I'm determined to start a newsletter without using the 'C' word, but it has not gone away. Please make sure you continue to be vigilant, as you have been, and we will all try to minimise the impact. (I'll try harder next week!)

As you know we are continuing to aim for better, more interesting vocabulary from our children, so I particularly like this week's challenge. Please get on board and encourage the children to see words as fun and to play with them. It's lovely to see the children enjoying thinking about word use and I love reading their poems, which they have continued to write after the unit is finished which is real learning at its very best.

I'm sure many of you have been busy on a daily Wordle and enjoyed playing around with sounds and possibilities.

If you haven't tried it yet why not give it a go (before you have to pay for the pleasure!) Let your child see you enjoying word challenges and word fun. Perhaps, try it together.

<https://www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle/>

### **This Week's Skills Challenge: Aiming High**



**Aim to learn the meaning of a new word every day this week and use the new words when you are talking and writing.**

Doing this will help you develop a rich and interesting vocabulary.

Where might you look for the new words? Who might be able to make suggestions for you to try and include in your spoken and written words?

Challenge your family to do the same. Take a couple of minutes each day to see if you can guess each other's new words.

Make a list or create a special family dictionary, adding the new words and their meanings as the week goes on.

**Red Nose Day - 18th March:-** Please follow this link to show your support:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday22-milborne-st-andrew>



## 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.**

### Year 4 Times Tables Statutory Testing:-

Statutory times tables testing will take place for the year 4 children in June 2022. This is something that has been happening for the last few years. You don't need to worry about these but encouraging regular, short bursts of practice on TTRockstars; Doodle Tables and 1 minute Maths will significantly help your child in the test but more importantly, for the rest of their lives.

#### Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

1. Excellent practice — and no distractions.
2. A clear, intuitive process that children pick up straight away.
3. No login or internet access needed. Just download and play.
4. Enjoyable and motivating... How many can they get correct in one minute?
5. Helpful hints match those used in class.
6. Brilliant for building number fluency and confidence.
7. It's FREE!



### **School Trips coming up:-**

**Robins:-** Rescheduled Shire Hall Trip - **15th February 2022**. Please let the school office know if you are able to help/not help any longer. Thank you.

**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.

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

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

### **Incredible Years Programme**

This is a superb programme and I would encourage you to look at the information attached. I was lucky enough to be able to do one of these as a teacher many years ago when they were starting and it was really empowering. I would love a world where every parent was able to access this. If you would be interested in this, please talk to me further.

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*Sharon Staddon*

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

**15th Feb - ROBINS** - rescheduled Shire Hall class trip

**16th Feb - Y4 Parents Hooke Court Parent info meeting @ 4pm**

**18th Feb - ROBINS Class Assembly @ 2pm**

**18th Feb - 25th Feb - Half Term Break**

**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:-**

- **Messy Church** - Dewlish Village Hall, Sunday 6th February. Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **Families Dorset Magazine:-**  
Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Dorset Magazine](#) for you to share with your parents. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including winter boredom busters, Chinese New Year craft projects, DIY board games, parenting advice and loads more.
- **Dorset Magazine -**

[https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@c\\_vZcSslJf9APWBK4m1AXLtK1O3n7JJlUSUXydfEUS7x5wF2IEWszv3DeiKAT-b2GnzjSasTUw8a2yc5kG2LQvAX0vc6ydp6kCvM-xtAfdk-bHvq.html](https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@c_vZcSslJf9APWBK4m1AXLtK1O3n7JJlUSUXydfEUS7x5wF2IEWszv3DeiKAT-b2GnzjSasTUw8a2yc5kG2LQvAX0vc6ydp6kCvM-xtAfdk-bHvq.html)

- **Dorset SEND** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3125989?e=5ad5011868>

- **Family Information Service:-**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/december-fis-newsletter-3125813?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-january-2022?e=5ad5011868>