

Milborne Message 22/11/19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

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.

Thank you to everyone who has been sharing children's experiences and learning on **Tapestry**. It has been great to see what they have been doing and to be able to use these as a prompt for further discussion. If you have any problems accessing Tapestry, please contact the office.

A reminder that all children need to have a **named water bottle** in school. This enables them to access reasonable quantities of water in a hygienic way and also teaches them about keeping hydrated and about looking after their personal property.


As you are aware we have been working on removing and replacing the **play equipment** outside. Thanks to the support of a group of parents, this appears to be coming to fruition and I feel we are much closer to getting it done. Thank you to all of those who have been, and those who are still actively involved in this. Watch this space.

Staff attended the second part of **Gary Wilson's training** to learn some practical ways to support boys in our classrooms and at home. Having listened to Gary speak and reading I have done, it seems to me that the greatest gift we can give to boys is that of independence. We need to speak to boys the way we do to girls and have the same expectations of them. Apparently, we don't!

Due to a larger class we have added a second **Christmas Performance in Raccoons**. This will be on Thursday 19th December at 9.30. This is to accommodate the larger parent numbers and number restrictions in the hall. Parents will only be able to attend one performance and as usual there will be two tickets per family, in the first instance. More details will follow on when tickets will be available to collect from the School Office. All performances will be filmed and DVD's will be available to purchase through FoS.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,



Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **After School Club - Spring term** - In January we have the opportunity for the Action Van to run an afterschool club on a Thursday afternoon 3 till 4pm. Before we confirm the booking, please could we have a 'show of hands' and preference of either 'Tag Rugby' or 'Hockey'. The club will only be open to Year 1 - Year 4 initially, and the cost will be £5.50 per session. Please could parents let the School Office know either via email, eSchool message or direct whether your child would be going and their preference of activity. Thank you.
- **Flu Immunisation consent** - Please see previous message sent on Tuesday 19th November with the necessary attachments. If you haven't already done so, please complete the online form confirming whether you would like your child to have the flu immunisation or not. Thank you.
- **The Sun Newspaper** - The Sun are running a book promotion for all schools and Milborne have registered for this. The token collect period to collect 3,500 tokens is from tomorrow **Saturday, November 23 – Saturday, January 18, 2020**.
So please ask any friends and family who buy The Sun newspaper to please keep the tokens printed daily. All tokens will need to be handed into the School Office so they can be registered on our 'Token Tally' each week.
- **WESSEX FM card competition** - please see the attached link to the Wessex FM Christmas Card competition if you child would like to submit a design. The closing date is Sunday 24th November.
<https://mailchi.mp/df49bfa81d7f/christmas-card-3952825?e=ed600d95e5>
- **Trees4Dorset 2020 Calendar** - Please go to their website. www.treesofdorset.co.uk if you would like to purchase one of their calendars.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- **St Andrews Church, Milborne** - Please see the attached invite/flyer regarding their Christingle Service on 15th December 2019.
- **Dorset Council Recycling news** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter and information:-
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/recycle-for-dorset-august-2019-newsletter-3118937?e=5ad5011868>
- **Dorset Police Road Safety Campaign** - for their blogs please click on
<https://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/blog>

It's Getting Darker! Be safe, Be seen!

When out and about during these dull days and as the months get darker. It's important to be seen by drivers as human eyesight struggles when we are in changing light conditions especially as it darkens. Wear something fluorescent, or reflective that breaks your body shape, that means you are 3 times more likely to stand out against the dark environment than just wearing white. Fluorescent material is effective outside during the daytime as it reacts the ultra-violet light. Reflective material works in the dark as it has a special surface to reflect lights such as street lighting or vehicle headlights. A combined approach by all road users for greater awareness of each other would reduce risk on our roads. Drivers to use dipped headlights to light the way ahead will be reflected if vulnerable road users are using hi-viz and reflective items or garments. Being a road aware community can save lives and is a great safety lesson for children and young adults.

- **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter and information:- <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/novemberfisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>

Key Dates:-

- 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 (Wear Christmas Jumper for £2 donation)
Friends of School - Carols around the Village (4:30pm - 6:00pm)
- 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