

## **Milborne Message - 5th November 2021**

### **Message from Sharon Staddon**

**Dear Families,**

Welcome back. Hope you all had a lovely half term. Thank you for all the wonderful autumnal and Halloween **reading** photos. I cannot say often enough how important it is to spend time sitting down with your child reading, even if they can read competently. It really can affect their long term academic outcomes and future opportunities.

Thank you for following our guidance regarding **COVID** by wearing masks and keeping apart. Please make sure that your children stay with you as some children have been ahead of their parents and have been pushing past other children.

It was lovely to see and hear the children taking part in their **Choir Club** yesterday. Currently all girls though, so it would be fantastic to get some boys there too. It looked like great fun and they really enjoyed it. Thank you Mrs Tudge for organising and leading the sessions.

On **5th November** Rabbits parents were invited to an **OE Stay & Play** session.

Rabbit parents joined their child in an afternoon (1pm to 3pm) of outdoor learning. Some children from Raccoons helped to organise the activities and lead the sessions.

Thank you to Miss Wittman for organising and leading the session, especially as she was feeling so poorly.

This will be repeated in the Spring term for Robins and the Summer term for Raccoons.

**OPEN Morning:-** We are holding our 'Open Morning' session on **WEDNESDAY 10th November** 9:30am till 10:30am for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2022. Please spread the word, it would be lovely to meet our future parents.

**Advance Notice:-** as the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** falls during the May Half Term school holiday, we have been given an extra day off in lieu. This will be taken at the end of the summer term, meaning that we will now finish on **Thursday 21st July**.

**Top Tip:-** I learned something new today. Apparently a sparkler is 10 times hotter than a very hot oven and 20 times hotter than boiling water. Treat them with respect and care.

Why not take a look at the Fire Safety Story. See the link below.

[DWFire Story Time: Bonfire Night](#)

On Sunday 14th November we are representing the school at the **Milborne Remembrance Service**. Everyone is welcome. There will be coffee and cakes too afterwards.

Some of the children have volunteered to take part. If your child has done this you will receive a separate message.

The service in the church starts at 10.50am. Those who aren't actively participating can go to the church. Children representing the school should meet at the village hall at 10.30am to walk to the Jubilee Stone at 10.45. Mrs Cheeseman and I will both be there too.

The children will have lots of good tips about firework and bonfire safety after their visit from the Fire Service today. Please follow this link:- <https://sway.office.com/9VxoxaTfRKl8bWld?ref=Link> to help you understand the safety messages the children have received today. Within the link there is an online questionnaire for the parents/carers to do with their child. Each form returned will (with parental permission) be entered into a prize draw for a £50 book token for school and a VIP trip to a fire station for their child.

Enjoy the weekend. I hope you have fun and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon  
Headteacher

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

**9th Nov** - Raccoons - Dorchester Museum Visit (Packed lunch required)

**10th Nov** - OPEN Morning - New parents

**19th Nov** - Children in Need Day

**6th Dec** - Christmas Play costumes to be in school

**7th Dec** - Play Rehearsal

**10th Dec** - FoS Christmas lunch/party

**10th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day

**13th Dec** - Christmas Play (2pm)

**14th Dec** - Christmas Play (9:30am)

**15th Dec** - Food Links Christmas Lunch

**16th Dec** - Carol Service (2pm @ Church - children to go home after)

**17th Dec** - Celebration Assembly (9am - INVITE Only)

**17th Dec** - Last Day of School - **pick-up @ 1:15pm**

### **EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-**

- **MESSY Church** - Please see the attached flyer for more information of the Messy Church session being held in the Tolpuddle Village Hall on Sunday @ 4pm.
- **National Sleep Helpline - The Sleep Charity** - Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **Dorset SEND** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3124434?e=5ad5011868>
- **Family Information Service** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/october-fis-newsletter-3124362?e=5ad5011868>