

Dear Parents,

We had a lovely end of term and it was very Spring like. Thank you to FOS for all the eggs for the winning prizes and the egg rolling. They are much appreciated.



Egg rolling and Egg Decoration competition:-

Wow! We have had some amazing creations to judge this year. The judging was done by a panel of adults which included our new Teaching Students who will be starting with us after the Easter Break. Well Done everyone!

The decorated egg winners were:-

Rabbits = Winter and Stanley

Robins = Ava and Erin

Raccoons = Sam and Evie

The furthest distance rolled by each year group was achieved by:-

Rabbits = Harvey

Robins = Frankie and George Q

Raccoons = Theo and Maisy H

Our **Mug Awards** this term went to:

Devon and Hadley

Frankie and Hatty

Nayte and Max

Harry and Freya

Jasper and Evie

Well done to all of you for all your hard work.

Parking and Scooters

We have unfortunately had a phone call from one of our neighbours with a number of complaints. The complaints included:- after being picked up children are racing each other up and down the pavements with no regard for parked cars and residents property; recently a child had fallen off their scooter and scratched the bumper of a parked car; yesterday a car driving down the road had to break rather sharply to avoid hitting a child who looked to be about to cross the road and a 'lady driver' had parked part way across his drive way thereby blocking access when there was plenty of room to park further on down the road without blocking access. Yesterday if an emergency vehicle required access this would not have been possible because parked cars did not leave enough access room.

Please could we ask parents to be aware of what your child is doing after being picked up and to park considerately. Also just to remind parents that parking is also available down at the pub car park.

CONTACT Tracing:

The Department for Education has had to place some requirements on schools to continue with 'contract tracing' if it becomes necessary during the Easter break. It is therefore important that all parents are aware of the following:

- For the first 6 days after school ends (that's up until 7th April), if a child tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours** of being in school (during 2nd and/or 3rd of April), parents and carers should contact the school. The school will then assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation as the child may have been infectious whilst in school.
- If a child tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms **more than** 48 hours since being in school (that's from 4th April onwards), it is not necessary to contact the school. Instead, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- From 8th April onwards, schools have no role to play in contact tracing for the remainder of the holiday and therefore should not be contacted.

If you do need to contact the school between 2nd or 7th April to notify them of a positive test case, or if they need to contact you to advise self-isolation, then this is how that will happen:

- Parents should tell us about a child's positive test by emailing the school at s.hunt@milborne.dorset.sch.uk
- This email address will be checked once a day at **11am**
- We will advise any families of the need to self-isolate via a text message and/or letter via email which will read:

'We have heard that your child is a close contact of a positive test case. Your child is therefore required to self-isolate until [date]'.

Where children are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first six days of the Easter break (ie after the 7th April), you do not need to let school know until the first day back on the 19th April 2021.

Food Links The new menu is now available to order from online. This menu will take you up until 11th June. Please don't forget to order any hot school meals for your child but also ensure if they would like a hot school meal on the first week back, meals have been ordered as well. Food links send enough food for what has been ordered, therefore there is generally never any spare for 'forgotten' meals.

Playground competition by Fun Active Play. They recently ran a competition on their Facebook page where parents and teachers could nominate a chosen school to receive a free 60m Active Trail playground marking worth £795. Unfortunately, our school didn't win this time, but we did receive a number of entries, which shows we have some lovely, caring teachers and parents. There will be another competition at the beginning of each month, the next on **1st April**, so be sure to like their Facebook page [@funactiveplay](#) and try again. The more entries our school receives, the higher the chance of winning!

Parent Questionnaires closing date is **25th April 2021**. The link to use is <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Q3FQA0/> Your answers will help the Governors and Staff to make any necessary changes where needed, and should only take around 15 minutes to complete.

Schoolcomms (Gateway) and SIMS Parent Lite Please could I ask all parents, if you haven't already done so, to take the time over Easter to please activate their Schoolcomms (Gateway) and SIMS Parent Lite accounts. I have attached a reminder on how to activate schoolcomms. An email invite will have been sent to all parents with a link to activate their account in February in preparation for full school reopening - please check your 'junk mail' or 'spam' folders. Thank you.

Mad4Animals will be paying us a visit on the 28th April. Please could consent and pay your parent contribution for your child to be able to attend this session. This will need to be completed **by 23rd April**. Thank you. Photos will be taken and shared via the usual methods.

Hooke Court the payment facility is open and available via Schoolcomms (Gateway). Thank you to those parents who have already made some payments towards the Year 4 Residential trip. Please could Full payment be made **by 2nd July 2021**. We have been in contact with The Bridge Education Trust to see whether (like in the past) they are able to help individual parents with the cost of this trip. We are yet to receive confirmation on whether they will be able to help support parents this year or not, but if you are struggling to fund this trip then please do contact myself or Mrs Hosford. It would be a shame if your child missed this trip due to funding.

Wild Art Club There is 1 space left on Wild Art Club which will be starting on the 20th April. Please see the previous email sent with the necessary forms and covid protocol Mrs Spratt will be following.

Tennis Club - I am happy to report that the Tennis after school club is now full. This will start on Monday 19th April (first day back after the Easter Break).

Parents can get rapid COVID-19 testing. Since schools re-opened on 8 March, secondary school and college students have taken part in initial lateral flow device (LFD) testing at their school or college. They have now been given home test kits to continue testing themselves at home.

These tests are for those who show no COVID-19 symptoms.

If you are the parent of a child in nursery, primary, secondary school or college, or you are part of an associated support bubble, you can also get tested:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at one of Dorset's [community test sites](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site ([check for your local area](#))
- [by ordering a home test kit online](#)

Get a PCR test if you have symptoms. If you have [access to rapid lateral flow testing](#), please remember that these tests should only be used on people without COVID-19 symptoms.

If you or your child develop any symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss/change of taste or smell), you still need to [book a PCR test online](#) or by calling 119.

You must self-isolate if you have symptoms and get a PCR test. A negative lateral flow test does not mean you can stop self-isolating if you have symptoms.

As children returned to school this term we planned for difficulties and knew the children would need time to adapt to their circumstances and the changes they have been through. We have also been more lenient than usual for the same reasons. After Easter, we will be reverting to our previous systems. We will, therefore, be re establishing rules and expectations on their return.

This applies to uniforms too. The children should be wearing their main school uniform or their PE/OE kit. Although most children come in ready to learn in the right clothing there are still a few who wear non uniform t-shirts and jumpers. These small things all make a difference to how a child gets on in school and is something you can help them to do well, giving them both a pride in themselves and in their school. Please also label clothing clearly so we can return it to the right people if it goes missing.

Hope you all have a relaxing Easter Break and enjoy the sunny weather even if it is going to be a bit chilly.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt

External information:-

- **Dorset Fire and Rescue:-** As the Easter holidays approach, along with Easter craft activities by Firefighter Paul for younger children to enjoy, Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service are focusing on road safety.
With the lockdown restrictions being lifted slightly and more vehicles on the roads, combined with more children being out and about in the holidays it is important that everyone remembers how to stay safe using the roads. To entertain and help children with their road safety, we have created a webpage with short videos, information and activities for children, with a “webquest” challenge. Taking part in the “webquest” the children search for the answers within the webpage with a prize for a winning entry.
Please follow the link below to the webpage and have a go at the fun activities available.
[Dorset & Wiltshire Fire Service | Easter Fun 2021 \(dwfire.org.uk\)](https://www.dwfire.org.uk/easter-fun-2021)
- **GO FUND ME:-** A pupil of Milborne First School is fundraising for *The Little Princess Trust*. Please follow the link to read her story and make a donation if you would like to. Thank you.
<https://gofund.me/ba60d42e>
- **Dorset for You - Easter in Dorset:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/easter-in-dorset-3122786>
If you are on a low income or are in receipt of Income Support and JobSeekers Allowance, please follow this link below. In order to access these activities, children and young people do need to be registered and to receive a passcode by email/text message. Families can register

online: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/easter-in-dorset> or by calling: 01305 221090

- **Families Dorset e-Magazine link:-** Here's **the LINK to our new Mar/Apr Easter issue** for sharing with your parent community, or click on the link below
https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesdorset_17_marapr2021?fr=sYmQ4MTMyODM2NTk
- **Dorset Family Information Service newsletter:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/march-fis-newsletter-3142069?e=5ad5011868>
- **Enjoying Dorset's Countryside:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-e-newsletter-march-2021?e=5ad5011868>
- **Bridport Arts - The Selfish Giant (online event):-**
<https://arts-mail.co.uk/1GK7-7AXR4-609E4F5508F535A7M743UY1A0BBA6DC6396573/cr.aspx>