

Milborne Message 06.03.2020

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

Phew -What a busy couple of weeks it's been and it doesn't look like easing up for March at all!

As you know at the end of last week I attended further Trauma Informed Schools training and look forward to sharing my new learning on **23rd April**

On Monday all the children in school enjoyed a trip to **Dorchester library**. The children really enjoyed learning more about how the library works, listening to stories, choosing books and finding out all about non fiction. They also had the opportunity to sign up and get a membership card if they didn't already have one. Dorchester library is a lovely, well stocked setting with friendly, helpful staff, some of whom the children are familiar with both from their visit and from visits to assemblies in school.

Thank you to Natalie Dennis for organising and FOS for funding the trip. Please remember to return any borrowed books and hopefully you will visit the library again soon.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to be visited by **Nick Butter** probably better known as **Marathon Man**. What a fantastic story he had to share with us. He is such an inspiration to children and adults alike. I have been thinking about some of the things he said and things he did and still can't really get my head around them so I'm sure the children found it difficult. He has run a marathon in 196 countries, sometimes in horrendous conditions and really ill. (22 blisters on his foot whilst running in the desert, running in three marathons with a kidney infection, completing the last 40 miles on crutches with a broken ankle and many more) Ask your children. He also made many friends, had his views and values challenged, and is now determined to inspire others to get active. He got the children active completing the bleep test. This is a very challenging test if you haven't tried it and they did really well. I am looking forward to reading his book in August when it comes out. He has also said he would like to visit us again in September and share his book with us. This would be really inspirational especially for the boys who find writing difficult (as he did).



On Wednesday evening after all that Year 3 and Year 4 performed in the **DASP music concert**.

This is a culmination of a year's work across DASP and it was lovely to hear the children from each school sing but also to hear them collectively. This is a great opportunity and something special for our children to be able to sing together as part of a larger group to such a big audience. They were amazing. I had an email from Jane Joy (Compare for the evening) saying as much:

Would you please pass on my congratulations to your Year 3/4 children for their part in the Concert this evening. They were wonderful.

I couldn't help but be drawn to their faces bringing the meaning of the words from their hearts.

Please thank Abbie for introducing the song so beautifully.

Thursday was World Book Day. A very wet day but the photos say it all.



As you know we are using **Doodle** app to support English and Maths. This has made a significant difference to many children and we have invited Doodle in to teach us more about it and to help you to help your child get the most out of it. There is a parents workshop on **12th March** at 2:15. Please confirm via Schoolcomms you attendance.

Today Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed a walk around the village. Thankfully it dried up for this.



School Council - **Comic relief** This is next **Friday, 13th March** and we will be carrying on from Nick Butter with a Bleep test challenge for Sports Relief. If your child would like to enter the class challenge then please bring in £1 which will go towards this cause.

I would also like to congratulate Miss Jenna Wittman. She has officially received her accreditation as SENCO. This has been a lot of hard work and is well deserved. Well Done Miss Wittman!

If you haven't already completed your **parent questionnaire** could you please do so by **Monday 9th March** -Thank you

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt

Key information

- **RACCOONS Parents** - Irish Dance Workshop Reminder - Please could parents, who have not already done so, make a contribution towards the costs of this event. Thank you.
- **ROBINS & RACCOONS OE** - This is a gentle reminder that on either a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon depending upon when Adrian is available (the dates are on the website), your child will need their outdoor school PE kit, waterproof outerwear such as trousers and coats and most importantly their wellington boots. As the weather is a little unpredictable of late, we also recommend a hat, gloves and scarf just in case.
- **NITS** - Please could we ask that parents regularly check (once or twice a week) for Nits and treat accordingly straight away. For more information please follow this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/head-lice-pediculosis>

Key Dates:-

- 12th March - **DOODLE Parent Workshop** (2:15 - 2:45 - **confirm attendance on Schoolcomms**)
- 13th March - Comic Relief Red Nose day (Class Bleep test challenge = £1 entry per child)
- 19th March - Irish Dancing Workshop (Raccoons only)
- 20th March - School Council Sale (raising money for Koalas)
- 24th March - Parent Consultations
- 26th March - Parent Consultations
- 3rd April - Egg rolling / Egg Decoration judging morning (Only 1 egg to be decorated)
- 3rd April - **LAST DAY OF TERM** (pick-up @ **1:15pm**)
- 6th April to 17th April - Easter School Holidays
- 20th April - First Day back for children
- 22nd to 24th April - Hooke Court Residential Trip (Year 4's)
- 23rd April - Parent Feedback session with Mrs Hunt (9am till 10am)
- 27th April - Year 4 Orienteering @ St Mary's Middle School (Yr 4's only)
- 5th May - Year 4 Bluebell Walk (Trees4Dorset) (Packed Lunch required)
- 8th May - VE BANK Holiday (no children in school)
- 13th May - Kingston Maurward Cow Maths trip (Raccoons only)
- 18th May - 22nd May - WALK to School Week
- 18th May - Reception Multi-skills festival @ St Mary's Middle School
- 15th May - 29th May - HALF TERM BREAK
- 1st June - First Day back for Children
- 2nd July - TRANSFER Day (Y4 parents to take and collect children from Middle School)
- 5th July - DASP Summer Festival @ Weymouth Pavilion (3pm onwards)
- 6th July - **SPORTS Day** (1:00 till 3:00pm)
- 9th July - Music Festival Day (PM - time to be confirmed)
- 13th July - Reserve Sports Day (1:00 till 3:00pm)
- 16th July - Celebration Assembly (2:00pm till 3:00pm)
- 17th July - Year 4 Leavers Assembly (9:00am till 10:30pm)
- 17th July - LAST DAY OF TERM (pick up @ 1:15pm)

Wider Community Information:-

- **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter and information:- <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/february-fis-newsletter?e=5ad5011868>
- **Baby & Toddler Groups** - Please visit www.playandbloom.co.uk for more information.
- **Dorset Council, Activity and Health Team** - Please see the link to their latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/make-2020-your-year-to-get-active?e=5ad5011868>
- **Dorset Council Health** - Please follow the link to the latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/youre-invited-for-an-nhs-health-check?e=5ad5011868>
- **Helen Eaton February Autism Newsletter** - Please follow this link to the latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/a7814fe9ed1d/february-autism-newsletter?e=f091d37836>
- **ACTIVATE - Coast & Greenspace Newsletter** - Please follow this link to the latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/make-2020-your-year-to-get-active-3119537?e=5ad5011868>