

Milborne Message 15/11/19

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

I was really pleased with the take up for our **Marathon for Kids Club** in school . The children were very keen and I look forward to working with them to build everyone's stamina and fitness over time.

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.



Well Done! to Nayte, Bea, Finley and Sophia, our Multiskills team. We came 3rd in the event. Great Achievement.

Thank you to all the children who came dressed in SPOTS or STRIPES today in support of **Children in need**. We will let you know the total raised in next week's news.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely,

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Key information

- **RACCOONS** - Raccoons have their class assembly and then 'open morning' on **Tuesday 19th November**. The Assembly will be 9:00am and then straight after parents are invited back to the classroom.
- **The Sun Newspaper** - The Sun are running a book promotion for all schools and Milborne have registered for this.

THE PROMOTION

What is the promotion? The Sun is offering primary schools in England, Wales and Northern Ireland the chance to claim a set of free Collins Big Cat books for schools worth over £600. Once successfully registered, each school must collect **3,500 tokens** which are printed in The Sun every day from **Saturday, November 23 2019 – Saturday, January 18 2020**. Only schools can register but the tokens can be collected by anybody to help the schools.

How long is the promotion running for? The token collect period to collect 3,500 tokens is from Saturday, November 23 – Saturday, January 18, 2020.

So please ask any friends and family who buy The Sun newspaper to keep the tokens printed daily. Please hand any tokens 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.
<https://mailchi.mp/df49bfa81d7f/christmas-card-3952825?e=ed600d95e5>
- **Trees4Dorset 2020 Calendar** - Please see the attached pictures of the front and back covers of the Trees for Dorset 2020 Calendar. Proceeds from the sale of this calendar will go towards the educational sessions and tree planting sessions they carry out in the schools. For more details on how purchase and the cost of one of these beautiful calendars, please go to their website. www.treesofdorset.co.uk.
- **Cool Milk Competition - Grab the crayons and let's get crafty.** We're inviting children to design this year's Cool Milk Christmas card for their chance to have their artwork immortalised in print to share with family and friends - **and win some great prizes.**

We'd love to see your colourful creations that involve milk in some way. You can use any medium you like, as long as you include milk in a fun, festive way. [Here](#) is last year's top 10 gallery if you need a little inspiration.

What's on offer?

1st prize: the triumphant design will be professionally printed as Cool Milk's official 2019 Christmas card. We'll also send the winning pupil some copies of their own to share out among friends and family, and they'll receive a £50 Amazon gift card, and a FREE trip to [the LEGOLAND® Windsor Resort](#) for their class in 2020.

Runners-up: Two schools will receive a £25 Amazon voucher each (one per setting).

To enter, print off the form attached, and get creative. Once completed, post the entry forms back to FREEPOST Cool Milk (no further address needed) or email them to marketing@coolmilk.com as a

scanned colour PDF by **Wednesday 27th November**. Remember, the winning design will be professionally printed, so entries that are not fully visible will sadly not be able to be considered.

EXTERNAL Information:-

- **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.

- **Dorchester Family Partnership Zone** - Please see the attached Newsletter for news and dates of next events.
- **Dorset Self Help Management Service** - Please see the attached for more information and contact details.
- **THE COAT BANK:-** Please see the attached of where you can go for a Coat.
- **FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE** - Please follow the link to the latest information:- <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/octoberfisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>
- **ADMISSION Consultation:-** Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2021/2022 with effect from **Monday 14th October 2019 to Friday 22nd November 2019**. Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation.aspx>. Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by **Friday 22nd November 2019**. Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to The People Scrutiny Committee prior to the determination deadline on 28th February 2020.

Key Dates:-

- 19th Nov - **Raccoons Class assembly** (9:00 - 9:30)
- 22nd Nov - Reception Stay and Play Maths session (9:00 - 10:00)
- 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)
- 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