

## Milborne Message 20/09/19

### Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,



6 Word Challenge Result:

Well Done to Ben and his Dad for coming up with the winner:  
'Barren cliffs meeting sea into distance'

The limit of 6 words forced people to think carefully about the words they use, which is why it is a really beneficial exercise when thinking about vocabulary, as we are. Ben was able to explain what barren meant really clearly, and I hope this has helped to broaden the range of his vocab and a reminder to all of us too.

Last week **Raccoons** dressed as lots of characters from **Roald Dahl** books. They looked great and had a fantastic day.



**Last reminder: Gary Wilson speaker 24th September 6-7pm at St Marys Puddletown for Parents - Engaging boys.**

#### GARY WILSON

Gary Wilson is one of the country's leading experts on raising boys' achievement. He is a freelance education consultant, speaker, trainer, author and former teacher of twenty-seven years. Gary has advised and delivered training in over a thousand schools and over thirty LAs across the UK.

You can contact Gary about his services, read testimonials about his work and find links to resources for sale via this website.



**"An inspiration!  
Gary Wilson's  
energy and skill  
was the  
highlight of my  
day."**

*- Delegates at 'Breaking  
the Cycle' Conference,  
Birmingham*

Thank you to those who have signed the school diaries. If you haven't done this then please do so soon.  
( pgs 6,11,148 )

We will be working on diary skills in school, using them both as a resource, an organisational tool, and also recording books read and key events.

Thank you too for the vouchers that have already been collected from Aldi. Keep them coming!

We are almost ready to launch our Milborne **Facebook and Instagram** pages so watch this space.

We have changed the arrangement slightly this year for parent consultations. Reception class will be held earlier than the other classes and the appointments for these will go live on Monday. There will then another appointment in December. This way we hope to be able to give much valued information about the early days, settling in, friendships and so which is what you really want to know at this point!

If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to support learning during the afternoon with OE (usually Wednesday but some Thursdays), please get in touch with me. We would need this to be a regular commitment even if that is monthly or every other week.

We also need resources. If you have or know where we could get, wood cut offs, nails, screws, planks of wood, then please contact us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, it seems the sun will be with us for a while longer.  
Happy bucket filling!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Hunt".

Sharon Hunt



## **Key information**

- **Sickness** - Please could we remind parents that if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they will need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last time they were sick/had watery loose stool. This is strict guidance from the Public Health Agency, Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other childcare settings. As you may be aware, in school some children's health may not be as robust as others, so we would appreciate parents help in preventing any spread of any D&V bug that might be doing the rounds at any time. Thank you.
- **Data Collection sheets** - Thank you to those parents who have already returned their forms. Please could any outstanding forms be returned to the office, even if there is no change as this just confirms that we have current and up to date contact details for any illness or emergency. Please double check we have the correct information, especially telephone numbers and 'Authorised Pick-up' information. Thank you.
- **Photo & Video Consent forms** - Thank you to those parents who have already returned their forms, but please could any outstanding forms be returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.
- **DoodleMATHS:-** Please encourage your child to complete one or more activities and collect their stars in DoodleMaths for 14 consecutive days from **Monday 23rd September to Sunday 6th October**. The school have signed up to their 14 day challenge to promote healthy learning habits in class by taking part in the 14 Day Challenge, where we encourage daily Doodling and **win a bundle of goodies worth £50!\***
- **Breakfast and After School club Policy** - Please follow the link to the policy on our website. [https://www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk/website/extended\\_school\\_policy/423700](https://www.milborne.dorset.sch.uk/website/extended_school_policy/423700)
- **Parent Consultations** -  
**Reception Parent Consultations** will be on 1st; 2nd and 3rd October. Booking is available via 'Parents Evening' on the eSchools Dashboard. Booking will open on Monday.  
**Robins and Raccoons Parent Consultations** - These are on Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October and booking will open on Monday 7th October via 'Parents Evening' on the eSchools Dashboard.
- **SEN Parent Consultations** - This year Miss Wittman will be holding consultations for parents of our SEN Children on the 15th and 17th October. Booking for these sessions will open on Monday 30th September. Please do not book into these sessions if your child is not on the register. These appointments will be monitored and removed if incorrect.

## **EXTERNAL Information:-**

- Hungry Little Minds - This new campaign supports the school, by giving some great ideas for home learning and on improving home learning environments. Check it out at [www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk](http://www.hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk)
- Family Information Service - please see the link to their latest newsletter <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/septemberisnewsletter?e=5ad5011868>
- Dorset AONB - You can find the full list of events on our website: <https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/landscapes-for-life-festival/>, but the specific details of the free Forest School event are below:  
**Forest School; Forest Bathing and Whittling - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

*Immerse yourself in Bonsley Wood with the forest school session for young and old alike. Find out more about hazel coppice and have a go at traditional activities such as whittling butter knives and tongs... and there is bound to be a camp fire and cuppa too! Suitable for all, including families with children age 7+. Morning or afternoon sessions Near Durweston, Blandford Forum*  
More information and booking (essential): <https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/events/forest-school/>

**Key Dates:-**

- 26th Sept - Author, Tim Laycok visit (Children to bring £ if wish to buy any books)
- 27th Sept - Parent Forum (9am)
- 27th Sept - Volunteer Induction (10am)
- 27th Sept - Reception Class meeting (2:15pm to 3pm)
- 1st - 3rd Oct - RECEPTION only - Parent Consultations (booking opens 21st Sept @ 6am)
- 9th Oct - OPEN morning (New Potential parent visit)
- 10th Oct - Year 2 Tag Rugby Festival (Invite only)
- 11th Oct - Year 4 Science Workshop @ St Mary's (All Yr 4's)
- 14th Oct - Individual School Photos (8:10am - non school going sibling session)
- 15th & 17th Oct - **SEN Only** Parent Consultations with Miss Wittman (booking open 30th Sept @ 6am)
- 15th Oct - Parent Consultation (booking opens on 7th Oct @ 6am)
- 17th Oct - Parent Consultation (booking opens on 7th Oct @ 6am)
- 24th Oct - Year 4 Basketball Festival (Invite only)
- 24th Oct - Harvest Festival @ Church (2:15pm start)
- 25th Oct - Reception Harvest Workshop (9am)
- **28th Oct - 1st Nov - HALF TERM Break**
- 4th Nov - INSET Day (no children at school)
- 5th Nov - Children back to school