



Newsletter 16

8th January, 2016

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. The first week of 2016 has been a really enjoyable one (if a little bit of a shock to the system!). It has been lovely seeing the children so delighted to be back together and they have quickly settled back into the groove of having fun and learning with one another. 2016 will see many of the plans and schemes we have been working on coming to fruition and I cannot wait to share these with you over the coming weeks and months.

Playground Piano Plea... The playground piano has been a big hit - I have loved seeing and hearing the children playing by ear, composing tunes, playing duets and looking inside at the workings, all for the fun of it. It sits in a spot that most of the time is sheltered from the rain, however a particularly misty few days in the Autumn meant that moisture has damaged the keyboard irreversibly. I am really disappointed, as we were all geared up to decorate it and make it more weather-resistant. However, having learnt lessons from this, I am keen to replace it and try again. So, if you know of anyone who has an upright piano they no longer want I would be really grateful if you could ask them to get in touch with me. Recent experience has shown how very well used and much loved it will be in its new home.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Andy Bowman

Change to pick up arrangements..... If you have a change to your usual pick up arrangements, please could you send in a note or speak to your child's teacher in advance. The reason for this is to avoid too many interruptions to the class during lessons.

We do appreciate that occasionally last minute changes can't be helped, but if we could keep these messages to a minimum during the school day we would be very grateful. Thank you for your understanding.

School Dinners..... Please see below the payment due for school dinners for Term 3 for Key Stage 2 pupils.

January – 20 days = £40.00
February – 10 days = £20.00
Term 3 total = £60

Please make your payment via ParentPay. If you have any queries, please see the office.

Clubs.....All clubs start back next week. Monday & Wednesday Chess Clubs will both take place in the room opposite the hall and Thursday after school French Club will also take place in this room. So please collect your child from there.

Online Safety Training for Parents & Carers – Wednesday 13th January 5pm – 6pm....

Keeping our children safe online is a growing concern and the issues are changing continuously. Please do join us for what should be an enlightening and helpful evening. It is critical that parents are as well informed as possible in this ever changing landscape, therefore we would encourage everyone to come along to this meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

If you are able to attend please return the slip on the attached letter to the school office by Monday 11th January.

We look forward to seeing you.

Miss Downing, Computing Leader



PTA News.....

PTA Meeting – 12th January

You are warmly invited to the PTA Meeting next Tuesday 12 Jan, 7pm in the staff room. See you there!

Ragbag - Textile Recycling

We have a new partner for the textile recycling bank, which is situated outside the school hall, in between the shed and the glass corridor. It is now open again and accepting donations, just in time for that New Year clear out!

With thanks for your support

Angela

Diary dates reminder.....

Coming up in January

- 12th PTA Meeting
- 13th Online Safety Session 5pm

Coming up in February.....

- 2nd - Newbarn Meeting 6pm
- 11th – Storybox Theatre
- 12th – End of Term 3
- 22nd – Beginning of Term 4

Coming up in March

- 1st – Y1 Parent Phonic Check Information Meeting 2.30pm
- 2nd – 8th – Book Fair
- 4th - World Book Day & Dress Up
- 8th - Y2 Assessment Eve 6pm-7pm
- 15th – Y6 Assessment Eve 6-7pm
- 24th – Easter Service
- 25th-28th – Easter Weekend (school closed Friday & Monday)
- 30th and 31st Parent Consultations

Coming up in April

- 1st – End of Term 4
- 2nd-17th – School Holidays
- 18th - Beginning of Term 5
- 22nd-25th Year 4 Residential Visit to New Barn, Dorchester.
- 29th – Inset Day

Cake tins and food containers.....If you brought any containers in with food for the Christmas parties, please could you pop into the foyer as soon as possible to collect them. Unfortunately due to lack of storage space we will have to dispose of any uncollected items.

Thank you for all your generous food contributions!

Staff Car Park....Just a little reminder that the car park is only for staff use, so please could we remind parents & carers not to use it when dropping off and picking up the children.

We do appreciate that parking around the school is difficult, but your co-operation is much appreciated.

