



## Piddle Valley CE First School

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**Trust** in each other, **Respect** one another,  
**Shine** for yourself!

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### Newsletter

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#### Note from Mrs Moore

Another fabulous week from the Piddle Valley Children! Art club was a hit! The children made animals/dinosaurs from paper plates! In football club, they have been working on their football skills, ready for the KS1 tournament. The children had a lovely time making pancakes in the afterschool club! Gloop was gooey and a very big hit! Slime for next week!

I just want to say a big thank you to all of you for your support in bringing the children into school, on time and looking so presentable! A lovely comment was made to me by the new Executive Head at the Wessex MAT about how lovely the children were and how settled they seemed.

We now have a new Instagram account! Please see the opposite for details.

Have a lovely weekend!

#### Whole School News / PTFA Update

**Facebook:** Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, and new Instagram page, **piddle\_valley\_ceschool\_dorset**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

**Attendance:** Overall school attendance for this week: **92.06%**

**Reminder: We are a nut free school. Please DO NOT send your child into school with anything containing nuts.**



**Class News and other bits**

## Forest Class

We have had another fun week in Forest Class this week. The children have been talking about starting school and we read the story 'The Colour Monster goes to School' which they've enjoyed drawing in Drawing Club.

We have been reflecting on our class charter and thinking of ways we can look after our environment.

In Maths, we have introduced 'Subitising' which is the ability to look at a small set of objects and instantly know how many there are without counting them. They have done really well at this.

In PE, we have had our new coach in and we have been looking at ball skills with our hands and feet.

In book bags today the Reception children have a picture book with no words in. Please can you look at this and discuss the events in the story. We have also sent out the weekly sheets for phonics looking at the sounds we have covered in class. This is optional to complete but it would really support the children to retain the sounds we have looked at.

Thank you to the parents who have emailed in a family photo to the office already. It links in well with what we are meaning about and they are displayed in the classroom for the children to look at. If you still need to send yours please email it to [office@piddevalley.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@piddevalley.dorset.sch.uk).

## Ocean Class

The children in Ocean Class this week have had a very busy week as they have been settling into their new timetable for the term. In English, we have planned and written our 'Summer Holiday Recounts'. We learnt how to use time connectives and have all drawn pictures for each part of our recount which helped us when we were talking about our summer holidays.



A vibrant yellow poster for 'AFTER SCHOOL CLUB'. The title 'AFTER SCHOOL CLUB' is written in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below the title, it says 'STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024'. A blue arrow points to a purple box containing the text 'BOOKINGS MADE VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY'. Another blue arrow points to a pink box with '4.30PM, 5.00PM, 5.30PM PICK UP TIME OPTIONS'. At the bottom, a green box says 'CONTACT: OFFICE@PIDDEVALLEY.DORSET.SCH.UK'. The poster is decorated with various colorful icons like a sun, stars, flowers, and hands. The school logo is in the bottom left corner.



A poster for 'PARENT AND TODDLER COFFEE MORNING'. The title is in large, bold, blue and green letters. Below it, it says 'EVERYONE WELCOME!' in orange. A small image of a coffee cup is on the left. To the right, it says 'JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, A CHAT, MEET OTHER PARENTS AND A CHANCE TO VIEW OUR SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL'. Below that, it lists 'NEXT DATES: WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER 9.15AM - 10.45AM'. At the bottom, it provides the school's name, address, and contact email. The poster is decorated with colorful stars and handprints. The school logo is in the top left corner.

In maths we have been busy learning about numbers to 10 and 100. We have started to learn how to 'explore' problem questions in maths following the Maths No Problem approach.

I will be sending reading records home today with a new book. We encourage children to read at least 3 times at home per week to help with their decoding and language comprehension, and are very grateful for any support you can give your child with their reading at home.

We are very lucky this year as Ocean Class will be joining The Big Brush Club. I know that the daily toothbrushing was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by the children in Forest Class last year, so we are very excited that we are able to offer it to Ocean Class too! I will be sending letters home about The Big Brush Club next week, with the aim of starting the toothbrushing in the next few weeks.

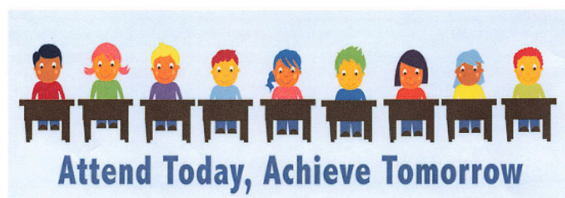
Have a lovely weekend!

### Attendance Facts (Primary)



#### Days off school add up to lost learning!

100% attendance	0 weeks of missed learning	Best chance of success.	
96% attendance	1 week 3 days of missed learning	Well Done!	
95% attendance	2 weeks of missed learning	Poor attendance	
92% attendance	3 weeks 1 day of missed learning	Worrying!	
91% attendance	3 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Very Poor attendance	
75% attendance	9 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Extremely concerning!	



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### Amazon Class

The children have started their learning this week and have risen to the challenge. The children are reading 'The Firework Maker's Daughter', which they are enjoying. The Year 4s have been doing numbers to 10,000 and Year 3 are doing numbers to 1000. They have been doing maths journaling really well, often sharing their ideas with the class. We are doing 'Electricity' in science. The children have a bit of science homework this week too. We are doing 'Weather and Climate' in geography and have been understanding how they are different. The children have worked well in PE. The children have been given homework this

week and it is not due to be returned until Thursday to give everybody time to complete it. The children also have their reading books so they can also read to you at home.

The class have finished their week off with a lovely Forest School session.

Have a lovely weekend!

### Dates for your Diary

#### **Wednesday 2nd October**

Parent and Toddler Coffee morning

#### **Thursday 17th October**

World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow

#### **Tuesday 15th October**

Flu Immunisations

#### **Wednesday 16th October**

Wessex Wild (in school) - Forest Class  
Literacy Festival - Amazon Class

#### **Thursday 17th October**

Literacy Festival - Ocean Class

**Thursday 24th Oct/ Friday 25th Oct**  
Inset Days

**Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov**  
Half Term

#### **Tuesday 5th November**

Ocean Class trip to Hen House Farm

### Clubs

#### **Sports Leaders (Lunchtimes)**

Monday 12.30-1.00

#### **Sports Club**

Monday 3.15-4.15 (charges apply)  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

#### **Art Club**

Monday 3.15-4.15

#### **Woodwork Club**

Thursday 3.15-4.15

#### **Gardening club (Lunchtimes)**

Friday 12.30-1.00

#### **Forest School Club**

Friday 3.15-4.15 (Charges apply)  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

#### **Breakfast Club**

Open every day from 8.00am  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

#### **After School Club**

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

