



## Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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### Newsletter 27.09.2024

#### Note from Mrs Moore

I can't believe we have nearly seen the end of September already! There has been a lovely 'Autumnal buzz' at school this week. I have heard some lovely Harvest songs in assembly and children creating 'Pumpkin Soup'.

Unfortunately we are unable to venture to the church for our Harvest Festival this year, but we can still play our part! We are collecting donations of food items to give to the church so it can be distributed to those who are in need. We will start collecting on Monday, so anything you can spare would be much appreciated!

All teachers have now sent home the new curriculum maps for your children's class. These will tell you what the children are studying in each area of learning. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you have any questions/queries.

Our new EYFS outdoor area is nearly finished!!

#### 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.

#### Easy Fundraising -

*Please sign up to **#easyfundraising** and help Piddle Valley CE First School, raise free donations with all your favourite online purchases! Every time you use the easyfundraising website or app to shop online with over 7,500 websites including big names like Expedia, Just Eat, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Uswitch, eBay etc, we'll get a donation. It won't cost you a penny and it will really make a difference to us. Thank you!*

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/s1y2ub/ca/5AO5YRnV/A2307/facebook>

The lovely construction team are just putting the finishing touches to it and then we will be good to go! You all will be able to walk down to Forest Class during Open Classroom next month to have a peak!

Thank you all for working so hard at keeping your children's attendance so high. Just a reminder that we are open from 8.30am to walk into classes for early bird activities and the gate shuts at 8.45am. Children walk into assembly at 8.50am.

Please come and support our coffee morning next week!! Even if you have a friend who has a little one and your children are here at school, bring them along to enjoy a coffee/tea /biscuit and a chat!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

### **Asda Cashpot for Schools -**

*By customers using the Asda Rewards app from 2nd September until 30th November, Asda will be donating 0.5% of customer total spends to their chosen primary school. This does not affect the Customers cashpot but is an additional donation by Asda to support local communities. Once opted in and a school selected, Asda will add £1 to the chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started. Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.*

**Forest School request:** If anyone has any old tyres, logs or guttering pipes that could be used in forest school, we would be really grateful.

**Woodwork Club:** We will be designing our projects this week and start constructing next week. Any old bits of wood would be very useful-Thank you.

**Attendance:** Overall school attendance for this week: **91.23%**

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

### Forest Class

Another busy week in Forest Class. This week we have been reading the story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donaldson in Drawing Club. We have drawn our own animals in the forest as well as label them with the initial sounds we can hear in the words. In Maths we have been looking at 1:1 correspondence when counting on doing this by counting drum beats, claps and other actions. The focus is saying a number name for each thing. They did so well!



In RE we talked about God being a VIP to Christians and we painted and talked about VIPs in our lives. The children enjoyed painting these and they are on display for all to see in the corridor.



**Reception Children** - please ensure your book bag comes to school every day. We have also issued reading books to some who are starting to blend. Please make sure you write in the reading record to let us know how you are getting on at home. Also please return the books at the end of every week so we can swap it for you to take a new one home.

### Ocean Class

We have had fun week in Ocean Class. In Maths we continue to explore numbers to 100 and comparing numbers within 10 to familiarise ourselves with new resources.



We continue to explore the story 'Pumpkin Soup' where we wrote about our favourite character from the story. The children have been encouraged to write independently and start to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In RE we read the story 'Jonah and the Whale' where we acted out the story using the

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024

BOOKINGS MADE VIA SCHOOL GATEWAY

4.30PM, 5.00PM, 5.30PM  
PICK UP TIME OPTIONS

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**PARENT AND TODDLER COFFEE MORNING**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

JOIN US FOR A COFFEE, A CHAT,  
MEET OTHER PARENTS AND A  
CHANCE TO VIEW OUR  
SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL

NEXT DATES:  
**WEDNESDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER**  
**WEDNESDAY 2ND OCTOBER**  
**9.15AM - 10.45AM**

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parachute in the hall! We talked about the moral of the story which was focussed on listening and repenting for our sins.

**Reminder** - please ensure you return the letter for Literacy Festival ASAP as we are arranging transport.

**Amazon Class**

Another successful week in Amazon class this week. The children are really settled and comfortable with their new friends and routines.

This week in English we have been working together to create our own version of the story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter'. The children have been sharing ideas.

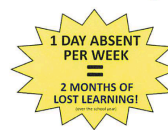
Maths has been tricky this week with rounding numbers to ten, hundreds and thousands, but the children have persevered and are becoming more confident.

The children have also been practicing songs in preparation for the Harvest Festival in a few weeks.

Have a lovely weekend!

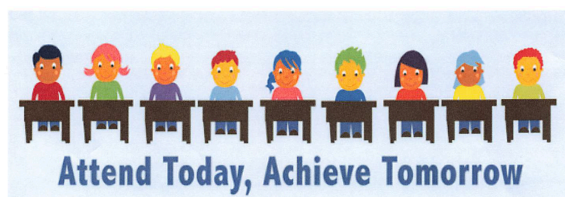
Reminder: The weather is changing so children do need to bring jumpers/ cardigans and coats to school each day. Thank you.

**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 Worrying!	
92% attendance	3 weeks 1 day of missed learning		
91% attendance	3 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Very Poor attendance	
75% attendance	9 weeks 2 days of missed learning	Extremely concerning!	



**Dates for your Diary**

**Wednesday 2nd October**  
Parent and Toddler Coffee morning

**Thursday 10th October**  
World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow

**Clubs**

**Sports Leaders (Lunchtimes)**  
Monday 12.30-1.00

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

**Tuesday 15th October**  
Flu Immunisations (R - yr4)  
Please complete online consent

**Wednesday 16th October**  
Wessex Wild (in school) - Forest Class  
Literacy Festival (Thomas Hardy) - Amazon  
Class

**Thursday 17th October**  
Literacy Festival (Thomas Hardy) - Ocean  
Class

**Monday 21st October**  
Harvest Festival (More info to follow)

**Tuesday 22nd October**  
Open Classrooms 3.00-3.30pm.

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

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

**Tuesday 5th November**  
Ocean Class trip to Travellers Rest Farm - The  
Hen House Kitchen

**Thursday 7th November**  
10 willing participants from Amazon Class will  
be attending a tag rugby tournament at  
Dorchester Rugby Club. TBC

**Friday 8th November**  
5 willing participants from Ocean Class will be  
attending a football tournament at Sherborne  
Prep

**Thursday 19th December**  
Last day of term

**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)