



## Piddle Valley CE First School

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### Newsletter

22.11.2024

#### Note from Mrs Moore

WOW! What a crazy few days!

We hope you all enjoyed the snow on Thursday. I left my house to come to school in the rain and entered Dorchester in a snow blizzard! We hope everyone stayed safe at home. One member of our staff was stuck in the snow for 4 hours!

We now have some dates for Christmas activities that will be coming up for the children to enjoy in December, so please look out for those.

Here are some pictures of the snow and children enjoying the snow today!



#### 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>

#### 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



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**After School Club request:** Please could we ask for any empty toilet/kitchen rolls or general junk modeling materials to be sent in for us to be able to use for craft activities. Thank you!

**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.

**Forest Class request** - If you have any boxes, cardboard tubes and things for junk modelling we would love them for a project we are doing next week.

**Attendance:** Overall school attendance for this week: **83.90%**

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

Class News and other bits



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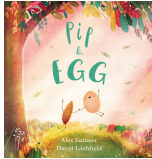
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### Forest Class

This week we have been super busy in Forest Class. We have been reading a book called 'Pip and Egg' and in Drawing club we have enjoyed drawing different parts of the story. The children have started to annotate their drawings.



We have loved exploring the ice in the mornings too. Mrs Hodgman and Miss Haskell have frozen some toys for us to rescue! It was so much fun watching it melt.



In Maths we have started to learn a new concept - part-whole. We looked at things that we could take apart and things that are whole.

We will revisit this concept and apply it to numbers.

In RE we named and sorted the Nativity figures. We discussed Jesus as a baby and all the incredible things he did as an adult. We read the story where it was announced that baby Jesus was born. The children have enjoyed playing with the nativity scene and characters as it is now in the classroom.



Thank you for coming in to discuss your child's progress in school. It was a great time to say

# Christmas Craft Party

Wednesday 4th December

3.15pm - 4.15pm

In the school hall

**FREE EVENT**

(Parental supervision required)



All PVFS children and families welcome.  
Come and make some festive crafts together.  
(Refreshments will be available to purchase)



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how proud of them we are as well as some areas to develop. They really are doing a fabulous job!

### Ocean Class

I hope everyone enjoyed the snow day on Thursday! I have enjoyed listening to the children talk about the different things they have made out of snow!

This week in maths we have been continuing to develop our addition skills. We have been using our knowledge on number bonds to 10 and 100 to help us add both one and two digit numbers. We have been using our resources, such as counters and cubes, to show what numbers look like in part part whole models.

We are exploring materials in science and this week we discussed why different materials are used for different purposes. We enjoyed talking about why certain objects cannot be made from certain materials - for example, that wellies cannot be made from glass!

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!







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## Amazon Class

An eventful week at school this week with parents evening and snow days.

Thank you all for coming to parents evening, it was lovely to see you all to discuss the great achievements of the children.

The children started to create information to go on to their newspaper reports and have started working on their timestables in maths.

The children had a great day today in Forest School.

Have a lovely weekend!



## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 4th December**  
PTFA Craft Event 3.15 - 4.15  
(Parental supervision required)

## Clubs

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



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### **Monday 9th December**

Whole school trip - Journey to the Stable

### **Tuesday 10th December**

Pantomime in school (Funded by the PTFA)

### **Wednesday 11th December**

Toddler Christmas Coffee Morning

### **Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

### **Tuesday 17th December**

Local Food Links Christmas Lunch  
(Please log on to order)

### **Wednesday 18th December**

Piddle Valley Christmas Play (Afternoon and Evening showings - times tbc)

### **Thursday 19th December**

Last day of term

### **After School Club**

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

### **Sports Club (Multi-Sports)**

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

### **Mrs Nelson's Junior Apprentice Club**

Thursdays 3.15 - 4.15pm  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

### **Forest School Club**

Fridays 3.15 - 4.15  
(Bookings made via School Gateway)

### **Sports Leaders Club - Lunchtimes**

Mondays 12.30 - 1pm  
(No need to book, just let the teacher know you would like to join)

### **Gardening Club - Lunchtimes**

Fridays 12.30 - 1pm  
(No need to book, just let the teacher know you would like to join)