



Piddle Valley CE First School

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Newsletter 18.10.2024

Note from Mrs Moore

Hello Families,

This will be the last Newsletter for Autumn term 1. I cannot believe we are here already! Where has the time gone?

Letters have gone home about the shoebox appeal. Please can you bring in any shoeboxes made up with £4 donation by Monday 18th November so they can be distributed to families in need.

Harvest festival foods are looking low this year. Please, if you have anything you can spare, packed and tinned food, please do donate it. On the Harvest note, please join us for our Harvest Festival on Monday 21st October, in the school hall at 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you!

Also open classroom on Tuesday 22nd October at 3pm. I won't keep you too long in the hall, a quick intro into what English looks like at Piddle Valley, then you are free to explore the classroom and our new outside area! In the classrooms, there will be sign up sheets for

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](https://www.instagram.com/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/5A05YRnV/A2307/fac ebook>

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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parents evening. Please sign up for a slot between 3.30 and 6.30pm on Tuesday 19th November.

New afterschool clubs.

There will be new clubs to sign up for after half term. Look out for a new business enterprise club with Mrs Nelson!

Also, a new film night in afterschool club that starts after half term! - Choice of films will be communicated after half term.

Thank you for a successful Autumn term 1. In regards to attendance, we are doing better than the Summer term, but we still need to keep going, getting your children into school as much as possible. You will be receiving a document in the first week after half term with a breakdown of your child's attendance for Autumn term 1. If you would like to discuss it further, please talk to your child's class teacher.

Have an amazing half term! If you are going trick or treating, please be safe and stay together, and enjoy any fireworks or apple bobbing that might be available!

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.

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 unwanted kitchen utensils (plastic or metal), dressing up clothing no longer used or Barbies we would really appreciate the donation. .

Attendance: Overall school attendance for this week: **87.66%**

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



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Class News and other bits

Forest Class

We have had a wonderful week exploring Autumn. The children have explored Autumn objects by doing leaf rubbings, using them to create loose part pictures and printing with broccoli. We also used hammers and golf tees and tapped them into the pumpkins....hours of fun!

We have read and explored the story 'The Leaf Thief' which discusses seasonal change in autumn time.

In Maths we have been matching and sorting colours in pre-school and in Reception we have been comparing quantities.

Thank you to the children who brought in some autumn treasures. We have loved looking at them, drawing and using them in our learning.

We are looking forward to open classroom on Tuesday 22nd October, 3pm-330pm.. We have lots of incredible work to show you!

Please could you ensure your child has a labelled coat and water bottle in school.





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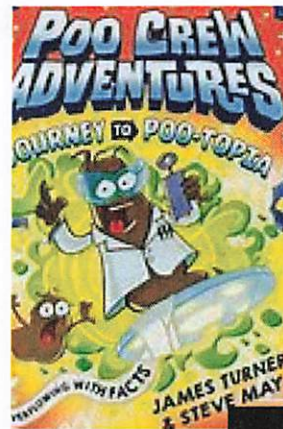
Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class visited the Thomas Hardy School for the annual Literacy Festival. We listened to authors James Turner & Steve May talk about their book 'Poo Crew Adventures: Journey to Poo-topia'. We learnt lots of interesting new facts about the digestive system and had a go at drawing one of the characters - Professor Poo!

We are very excited to show off some of the fantastic work we have done this half term in our open classroom next week.

We are also looking forward to performing our song at the Harvest Festival. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a lovely weekend and a fabulous half term when it arrives!





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Amazon Class

Amazon Class continues to work hard. This week they made a firework and then wrote instructions to explain the process.

They continue to enjoy their science topic of 'Electricity' investigating conductors and insulators.

They have also been making final preparations for their Harvest festival.

This week they had a visit to Thomas Hardy School to work with the author Jack Meggitt-Phillips, which they really enjoyed and some have even bought the book to read.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the half term holiday!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 19th October
River clearance. 10.00am start.

Monday 21st October
Harvest Festival assembly at school 9.00am

Tuesday 22nd October
Open Classrooms 3.00-3.45pm.

Clubs

After School Clubs finished for this half a term.
The clubs below are still available to book.

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



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Thursday 24th Oct/ Friday 25th Oct
Inset Days

Monday 28th Oct - Friday 1st Nov
Half Term

Monday 4th November
Children return to school.

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

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

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

Monday 11th November
Remembrance Day

Friday 15th November
Adults only - PTFA Silent Disco at Piddlehinton
Village Hall - 7.00pm - 11.30pm
Pre Purchased tickets only
(friendsofpiddlevalley@outlook.com)

(Bookings made via School Gateway)

SILENT DISCO

15 NOVEMBER
7.00-11.30
PIDDLHINTON VILLAGE
HALL



BAR
AND
SNACKS

TICKETS £10.00

TO BOOK TICKETS EMAIL
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BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
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Tuesday 19th November
Parents evenings 3.30-6.30

Wednesday 20th November
Toddler Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th December
Pantomime in school (Funded by the PTFA)

Wednesday 11th December
Toddler Coffee Morning

Thursday 19th December
Last day of term

**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 20TH NOVEMBER
WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
9.15AM - 10.45AM

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