



# Piddle Valley CE First School

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## Newsletter

08.11.2024

### Note from Mrs Moore

Well, where did that week go??

We all hope you had an amazing half term. I'm sure for most of you, it was a much needed break!

I would just like to start off by saying a big Thank you to all the families that helped with the river clearance the weekend before half term. It was a tough job, especially for the little ones who joined in, as the water was over their wellies! Hopefully we have made a difference to the flooding that is expected every year!

There has been an excited buzz around school this week! Our Reception children featured on the front page of the Dorset Echo! Ocean class have been on a trip to the farm. Some children from Amazon class have been to a rugby festival and some children from Ocean class have been to a football festival at Sherborne Prep!

New topics are underway, details of this term's curriculum for your child's class will be available

### Whole School News / PTFA Update

#### PTFA

Please bring in glass jars to school to decorate for the lantern walk!

**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/fac ebook>

#### Asda Cashpot for Schools -

*By customers using the Asda Rewards app from*



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soon.

Please sign up for parents' evening (if you haven't already!)

As you are aware, we have some lovely clubs this term on offer. Please sign up for them via School Gateway/Office. We do have a sports club on again this term. This will be a multi-sports club, letting children have a taste of all different kinds of sports! The first one of the term is free! Please let Lorraine know in the Office if you are interested!

We hope you all loved the Harvest Festival and Open Classroom! We loved seeing the children's faces and how proud they were of their achievements in class.

Have an amazing Weekend!



*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.*

**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: **86.73%**

**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 LOVED being in school again this week.

We have learned about the festival Diwali. We explored the celebration through making Diya Lamps using clay, made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice and watched videos. We also learned about the history of Bonfire Night.



In Drawing Club we discussed how we celebrated this as a family and labelled our pictures. We also danced like fireworks using ribbons. It was so much fun!

Preschool Maths - We have explored the Number 1. We showed our understanding of one and not one! They did a fabulous job!

Reception Maths - We have been looking at comparing numbers to 5 and writing the number 5.



Thank you for sharing the photos and activities you did over half term. They have enjoyed sharing what they got up to. It's a lovely way

# SILENT DISCO

15 NOVEMBER  
7.00-11.30

PIDDLEHINTON VILLAGE  
HALL

BAR  
AND  
SNACKS

TICKETS £10.00

TO BOOK TICKETS EMAIL  
[FRIENDSOFPIDDLEVALLEY@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:FRIENDSOFPIDDLEVALLEY@OUTLOOK.COM) OR  
WHATS APP 07984207466  
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT  
OVER 18 ONLY



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for them to share home and school and speak from their experiences.

## Ocean Class

What a fantastic first week back we have had in Ocean Class.

On Tuesday we went on our class trip to Travellers Rest Farm, where we learnt all about how much of our food comes on a journey from 'farm to fork'. We learnt about the crops that were growing at the farm and used the wheat that was harvested to make our own bread rolls. We enjoyed eating these with our soup that we made from locally sourced vegetables.

We went on a trailer ride to see the farm animals, and enjoyed feeding the sheep toast!

We have been writing a recount of our trip in our English lessons, and it has been lovely to write about some of the fun memories of the day.

Have a lovely weekend!

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

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### Amazon Class

Amazon Class have returned after a well deserved break, very refreshed. They have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot in English. In maths they are finishing addition and subtraction.

This term they will be learning about changing states of matter in Science and Stone Age to Iron Age in History. Both are great topics that I hope they will enjoy too.

We had a Tag Rugby tournament yesterday and as you can see from the picture they look very professional in their school kit.

They were very successful at this tournament and they should be very proud of themselves.

They won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. Overall, they scored about 15 tries in total. They worked great together as a team, helping each other move further up the field to score the tries.

Well done Amazon team.

The rest of the class joined an assembly about manta rays and learnt more about them and their habitats, creating a chronological report to show the Tag Rugby team.

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### Dates for your Diary

#### **Monday 11th November**

Remembrance Day  
(Poppy's available from the office)

#### **Tuesday 12th November**

Odd Socks Day

#### **Wednesday 13th November**

PTFA Lantern Walk. Children can stay at school until 4.15pm to make lanterns. Parents to pick up/supervise their child walking with their lantern. Sparklers available!

#### **Friday 15th November**

Children in need - Wear Pyjamas to school!  
(<https://www.justgiving.com/page/piddle-valley-first-school-1729511275256>)

#### **Friday 15th November**

Adults only - PTFA Silent Disco at Piddlehinton Village Hall - 7.00pm - 11.30pm  
Pre Purchased tickets only  
([friendsofpiddlevalley@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofpiddlevalley@outlook.com))

#### **Tuesday 19th November**

Parents evenings 3.30-6.30  
(Please book via your teacher)

#### **Wednesday 20th November**

Toddler Coffee Morning

### Clubs

#### **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)

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

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm  
Free taster session on 11.11.24  
(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  
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### **Tuesday 10th December**

Pantomime in school (Funded by the PTFA)

### **Wednesday 11th December**

Toddler Coffee Morning

### **Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Jumper Day

### **Thursday 19th December**

Last day of term