



## Piddle Valley CE First School

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

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### Newsletter 20.09.2024

#### Note from Mrs Moore

Another busy week at Piddle Valley! It was lovely to walk around our lovely school this week and see so many of the children trying their best with every aspect of school life! Our three new school values- Trust, Respect, Shine was definitely evident through the classes! We welcomed Reverend Stephen back for collective worship after the Summer Holidays. It was lovely to see the children listening and taking on the underlying morals of his bible story!

We would like to welcome you all into school for our regular open classrooms! Please see the date below. The classrooms will be open from 3.00 until 3.30pm.

The after school clubs have really started to take off! In our regular after school club they have made slime this week, which the children found fascinating! Football club was teaching the children about passing and dribbling and trying to pass the ball to the feet of your

#### 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/faceb ook>

friend. Forest School after school club still has space for lots of children. Please do support the clubs as much as possible as we do need a certain number of children partaking to be able to continue running the clubs next term.

I hope you all have a fantastic 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.*

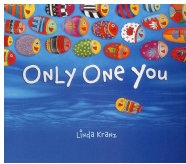
**Forest School request:** If anyone has any old tyres, logs or guttering pipes that could be used in forest school, we would be really grateful.

**Attendance:** Overall school attendance for this week: **90.68%**

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

### Forest Class

We have had the best week! This week we have been reading the story 'Only One You' by Linda Kranz. It celebrates our uniqueness and what makes us 'us'. The children also enjoyed using the glitter to create a fish from the story.



In Maths we have explored the number 'three' and looked at the composition of the number as well as matching numbers and representing them.



We have also enjoyed 'What's in the Box' in phonics when introducing new sounds. Remember to keep practicing them at home with the sheets sent out on Fridays. This will really support the learning in school too. Our mark making activities are on the Instagram and Facebook pages mentioned above.

Next week we are reading the story 'Monkey Puzzle' by Julia Donalson. We will be painting our mums if you are able to send in a photograph this would be really helpful!

### Ocean Class

This week Ocean Class have been enjoying exploring all of our new wider curriculum topics! In geography we have been looking at the world and our school. We have been looking at what ariel maps are and making our own ariel view messy maps of our classroom.

We have also been exploring materials in science and have started our art unit, which is all about monochromatic line drawings.

We have sent home some letters about the Big Brush Club. If you would like your child to

**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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participate please could you return the permissions as soon as possible.

Have a lovely weekend

**Amazon Class**

Amazon Class has settled into their learning and are working well with each other. This week the children have been looking at number patterns in maths using manipulatives independently.

In science they had the opportunity to learn about circuits and investigate what a circuit needs to work and how to make a simple circuit.

They have been enjoying the good weather playing football with staff, looking after the little ones and generally being really helpful around the school.

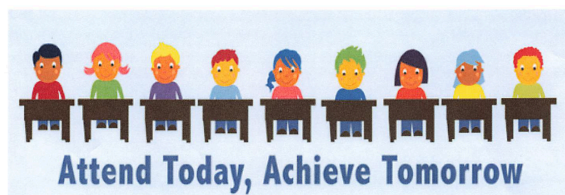
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**Attendance Facts (Primary)**



**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!	



**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

**Clubs**

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

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

**Art Club**  
Monday 3.15-4.15

**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

**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

**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)

