



Piddle Valley CE First School

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Newsletter

11.10.2024

Note from Mrs Moore

Well done to all children for a lovely exciting week! You may not be aware, but I am also English Lead for Piddle Valley school. I have seen some amazing work from children who find writing a bit of a challenge. It's so lovely to see children showing such pride in their work and their achievements! Please encourage them at home with any of their independent writing and drawing masterpieces!!

Just a reminder to bring in any food for the church for our Harvest contribution. Harvest festival will be held in school on Monday 21st October.

Our open classroom event is on Tuesday 22nd October. I will hold a short meeting in the hall at 3pm for any parents who are available, then you may move to your child's classrooms to see a brief introduction to literacy in their classrooms. You will then be free to have a look around the classroom, your child's books and of course, come and see the lovely new outside area in EYFS! We anticipate the open afternoon to finish by 3.45pm.

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/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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As you may know, we have a Facebook and Instagram page for the school. Please share our posts as much as you can to help raise the profile of the school! We are only little but we have such fantastic opportunities and facilities for children and we need your help to celebrate that! Please see the poster below with the dates of our next Parent and Toddler coffee mornings.

Just a reminder that the parish council will be helping to clear the river ready for the winter. I will be there on the Football Field on Saturday 19th October at 10.00am if anyone is available the help would be appreciated. (Make sure to bring your wellies!)

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.

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.

Woodwork Club: Any old bits of wood would be very useful-Thank you.

Attendance: Overall school attendance for this week: **88.24%**

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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Forest Class

This week in Forest Class we have been learning about Harvest. We have been practicing our Harvest song for the assembly in a couple of weeks. We have also made our very own 'Betty O'Barley' from the story 'The Scarecrows Wedding' By Julia Donaldson. We drew and wrote about different parts of the story in Drawing Club.

In Maths we have been looking at composition of the number for and subitising (being able to count without physically counting!). The children have been exploring different patterns 4 cubes can make.

We enjoyed wearing Yellow as part of the Young Minds awareness day. We took part in discussions about talking to friends, family and people at school when you need help.

Next week we are exploring Autumn. If you go on an autumn stroll this weekend please could you collect some autumnal things you find and you can share with your friends next week. Also any photos, paintings or drawings would be appreciated too. Have a lovely weekend!

Ocean Class



School Council



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This week in Ocean Class we have been exploring the impact of adjectives in our sentences to make them more exciting! I have heard lots of children using fantastic vocabulary to describe everyday items which has been amazing.

We also started our new topic in maths - pictograms! We are using our place value knowledge to organise data. We started this by organising pictures of different dogs into different categories based on their breeds.

As a reminder, as the weather gets colder please could you ensure that your child has a coat at school to wear at playtime.

We also have collected a box of unnamed jumpers and cardigans within the classroom, so if your child is missing a jumper please could you let me know so that I can return it.

Have a lovely weekend!

The School Council will be having their first meeting this afternoon, so watch this space for updates!





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Amazon Class

What another great week we have had in Amazon Class.

This week the children created some lovely English stories which are now up on display. Maths has been trickier this week as the year 4s are doing mental maths addition and are learning new strategies. The Year 3 have started to count in fours and eights and are beginning to notice patterns.

We have started to make preparations for our Harvest Festival which the children are looking forward to.

The children also really enjoyed the rock assembly this morning, listening to all of the instruments that make up a rock band.

Have a lovely weekend!!



Rock Steady came to our school to show us what instruments you would need to have in a rock band! Registration forms will be emailed separately for anyone interested in being part of the Piddle Rock Band!:) Online registration forms to be completed by Tuesday 22nd October.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 15th October

Flu Immunisations (R - yr4)

Please complete the online consent

Clubs

Sports Leaders (Lunchtimes)

Monday 12.30-1.00



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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 assembly at school 9.00am

Tuesday 22nd October

Open Classrooms 3.00-3.45pm.

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 willing participants from Amazon Class will be attending a tag rugby tournament at Dorchester Rugby Club.

Football Club

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

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)

Last week of specific after school clubs week beginning 14th October.

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)

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Wraparound care are available everyday.



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Friday 8th November

5 willing participants from Ocean Class will be attending a football tournament at Sherborne Prep

Monday 11th November

Remembrance Day

Tuesday 19th November

Parents evenings 3.30-6.30 (More details to follow)

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

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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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