



Piddle Valley CE First School

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Note from Mrs Moore

Another exciting week at Piddle Valley!

Thank you to all who have bought donations of food. It is very much appreciated!

Please come to our Harvest festival which will be held at school on Monday 21st October at 9am. The children have been working hard on presenting you with songs/poems/prayers to celebrate this time of year.

The new outdoor area in EYFS is finished! Please visit our Facebook/Instagram page to see any photos. You will be welcome to look during our open classroom near the end of term.

Some parents have expressed that they would like to speak to their child's teacher in the morning regarding any issues that may have occurred over night. As we understand this is important for them to know this, teachers are now expected to be in the classroom supervising the children doing their early bird activities. I have asked the adults who are at the door to have a pen and notepad ready to write down any concerns or messages you may have and deliver

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/5A05YRnV/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



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them to the teacher personally. You can also leave a message with Lorraine or myself and we can relay any messages to them as well. If you do need a more formal appointment with your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment through the office or see the teacher to book an appointment at the end of the day.

Next Thursday 10th October we will be having a 'Hello Yellow' day in support of Young Minds charity for World Mental Health Day. We would really appreciate any donation you are able to give via our Just Giving page-

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vicki-nelson-1727901780?utm_medium=proxy_fundraising&utm_content=vicki-nelson-1727901780&utm_source=copylink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Children may wear their home clothes, with the focus of anything yellow!!

Please continue to support the school by making sure children's attendance is consistent!

We all hope you have a lovely weekend.

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.

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: **87.10%**

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



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Attendance Facts (Primary)

'AAA'
Aiming High for
Awesome Attendance



1 DAY ABSENT
PER WEEK
= 2 MONTHS OF
LOST LEARNING!



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!	



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

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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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Class News and other bits



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Forest Class

We have had an exciting week in Forest Class. We have been exploring our brand new outside area. We feel so lucky!

In Drawing Club we have listened to the story Elmer by David McKee and made up our own adventures! The children have started to label their own pictures which is great! We can't wait to show you when you come in and see our learning in a few weeks time.

In Maths we have been making a picnic for The Three Bears and looking at matching objects and amounts correctly. We have also explored the number four in different arrays and verbalising basic understanding of addition.



In RE we have been looking at God's creation and the question this week was 'Is a jellyfish made of jelly?'



Reception Children - We have been sending home reading books and phonics practice. Please let us know how they are getting on at home. It really supports their learning in school. For reading if you can record this in their reading records we know to change their books. We have a folder in school to collect their finished





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Phonics practice.

Reminder - with the arrival of the autumn months please could you make sure your child is sent into school with a labelled coat.



Ocean Class

This week in Ocean Class we have been reading 'The Enourmous Turnip'. We have been exploring our new outside area to help us innovate the story to make it more autumnal.. We have been using some fantastic vocabulary in our writing and have been focussing on forming sentences.

Thank you all for making lots of effort to read with your children at home. As a reminder, once your child has read a minimum of 3 times at home we will change their home book. Please do continue to read as much as you can as we will be moving onto learning new digraphs and trigraphs after half term.

Amazon Class

The children are really engaging with their learning. In English they are now creating their own stories using pictures to inspire their imagination.

In maths we have started a new chapter in



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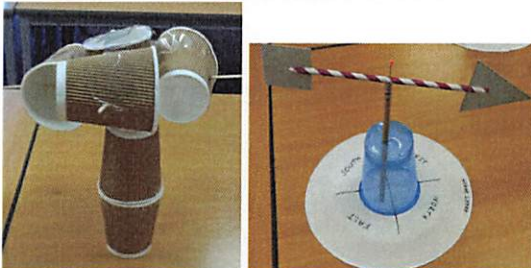
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addition and subtraction. They are using lots of resources to find and represent their answers.

In humanities they are enjoying the 'Climate and weather' topic. Some children have enjoyed making their own weathervanes and anemometers.

Well done everybody.

Have a lovely weekend.



School Council

Welcome to our new school council. They put themselves forward to be representatives of their classes and were nominated by their fellow peers. Badges will be given out next week!





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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10th October
World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow

Tuesday 15th October
Flu Immunisations (R - yr4)
Please complete the online consent

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 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

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

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

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)



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Hen House Kitchen

Thursday 7th November

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

Friday 8th November

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

Tuesday 19th November

Parents evenings 3.30-6.30 (More details to follow)

Tuesday 10th December

Pantomime in school (Funded by the PTFA)

Thursday 19th December

Last day of term