

End of term

My last newsletter contained news of my retirement at the end of the school year in July. Thank you to everyone who has passed on their good wishes. Some of you may know I have family in New Zealand and, now with the recent arrival of a baby, my wife and I are going to visit over Christmas. This means I won't be in school for the last week of term - something that I know I am going to miss. It's always a really enjoyable week in school with nativities, meals, jumpers and general festive fun so I know everyone will be having a great time. I will be watching from afar (isn't our school website great!) and will be back in time for the start of the new school term.

This is therefore my last newsletter of the year. Happy Christmas everyone!

Reception and KS1 Nativity

I was relieved to be able to watch the dress rehearsal of the Twinkly Nativity this week - I didn't want to miss the show! It is absolutely fantastic and I know parents will love it. Good luck to everyone for their performances next week.

Bike Bus

The Bike Bus continues to go from strength to strength and is proving an enjoyable addition to the school week. I wanted to remind you that the Bike Bus aims to travel every Friday, (mostly) regardless of the weather, leaving at 8.20 from the cycle path by Chafey's Roundabout. The Bus itself is run by Jon Gammidge and he maintains a WhatsApp group to notify parents every week about the running of the Bus. I'd like to thank Jon for all his hard work 'driving' the Bus and the parents who regularly ride along. We would encourage as many of you as possible to join the WhatsApp group (leave your details at the office) and jump on the Bus every Friday. The more the merrier!

Parking at school

A constant problem outside school is parking, especially at the end of the day. I am in regular receipt of complaints from residents about poor parking (I've had yet another letter today!) and I do have sympathy with those who have drives blocked or don't like the grass verges being used by cars. The residents also make the point that it is unnecessary to park on pavements and that this can damage the surface for pedestrians (it's also illegal).

Please, to help us keep the peace with our neighbours, could you avoid:

- parking across driveways and on pavements
- parking on our yellow school markings
- parking on any grass

Thank you.

A message from Mrs Trimmer, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

Please find attached some resources for your school and your families to support autistic children and young people at Christmas time.

There are also LOTS of links here to useful resources from the National Autistic Society.

[Preparing for Christmas: autism resources](#)

End of term reminders

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| KS1 Nativity performance | Monday 11th December at 2.00pm <i>FOSS refreshments from 1.30pm</i> |
| KS1 Nativity performance | Tuesday 12th December at 9am <i>FOSS refreshments from 10am</i> |
| Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day | Wednesday 13th December |
| Mental Health Support Team coffee morning | Thursday 14th December from 8.45-10am <i>Come along and chat to the team - all welcome</i> |
| Last day of term - and non-uniform day | Friday 15th December |
| First day of Spring Term 2024 | Tuesday 2nd January at 8.45am |

That's it for 2023! Best wishes for a happy holiday everyone.

Paul Mason

Other messages for our parents and carers



Mini Professors
Holiday Camp
(5-10 years)


Tuesday 19th December
9am-3.30pm £30

Join us in our beautiful themed WOW Centre @ Spark, Southill



- Weekly Pre School Classes
- Saturday Science 3-7 years
- Science Parties including venue
- Nursery & Schools programme

Book: www.miniprofessors.com/weymouth



Parenting Skills and Strategies

Parenting Skills and Strategies is an advice session for parents to gain practical and friendly support around any aspect of looking after children aged 2-19 or family life. Parenting Skills and Strategies is bookable for face-to-face sessions held locally.

Parent/carer advice **by booked appointment only**
call 01305 762400

| Tuesday | | |
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| Bincombe Valley Children's Centre | 11am - 1pm | 9 th January 13 th February 12 th March |
| Thursday | | |
| The Mulberry Children's Centre | 9am - 11am | 4 th January 1 st February 7 th March |
| | 1pm - 3pm | 18 th January 15 th February 21 st March |

To book please contact Chesil Locality Team:
01305 762400
chesillocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

Your FACE



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Professional Support for Parents

Your local GPs have funded FACE to deliver these new, online, weekly (every Weds 18:30-20:30) sessions covering a wide range of commonly faced issues such as Anxiety, ADHD, Depression, Drug awareness and much more.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
for more info email info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk






20th, 21st & 27th December from 9:30am

Based at Weymouth College, Dorset DT4 7LQ

Xmas HAF Club 5 - 14 yrs

4 days of action pack fun!
With multi-sports activities (football, hockey, cricket, rounders, dodgeball and more).
Lots of Christmas arts & crafts, nutritional education workshops, games and more!...
Hot healthy meals for every child included!

Have your HAF reference code ready to book...

FREE TO CHILDREN RECEIVING BENEFIT RELATED FSM (Free school meals).
Funded through Dorset Council by the Department of Education

BOOK NOW!



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ELF WORKSHOP

At the North Pole, our year-round Christmas preparations involve dedicated work and occasional challenges. This year, we're running behind schedule, so become a trainee elf and help us! Discover elf secrets, crafting, and more, and earn an official North Pole Certificate from our Chief Elf upon completing the workshop.

Sunday 3 December 2023
Sunday 10 December 2023
Sunday 17 December 2023
Thursday 21 December 2023
Friday 22 December 2023
Saturday 23 December 2023

Timed Sessions:
 11:30am - 12:30pm | 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Tickets available at the Museum shop or online
 Children £12 (suitable for children aged 4 - 10) | Adults £3
 Includes a tea /coffee and a mince pie!

Dorset Museum & Art Gallery
 dorsetmuseum.org

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Christmas Holiday Sports Camp

We are pleased to announce that we are going to be running a Christmas holidays sports camp. A perfect opportunity for your child to participate in a range of sports and multi skills. The camp will be run inside at The Wey Valley Tennis Centre at Wey Valley School and involve a mix of tennis, multi skills and some other sports. There will be coaching, individual and team skills and lots of games!

Date - Wednesday 20th December The camp will run from 9-12pm and the cost is £15 for the session. The camp is aimed for children from aged 4 up to 14. If you would like to book your son or daughter in, please email or send me a text which includes: Child's name Age Contact number Any medical conditions we need to be aware of and if we have photo consent.

Payments can be made via bacs or cash.
 metennis@outlook.com 07540625887

FREE WORKSHOPS
 NOV/DEC

CHRISTMAS ORIGAMI
 This workshop will involve exploring different ideas and learning techniques to create festive origami. The workshop will introduce you to simple and more complex origami where you could create Rudolph bookmarks, Christmas cards and gift boxes.
 Date: 7th December
 Time: 1st session - 10:00am - 2:00pm/2nd session - 2:00pm - 6:00pm
 Venue: 52 St Mary Street, Weymouth, DT4 8BJ

BASIC BAKING
 Come along for a session of pre-Christmas baking! You will bake biscuits and make a tray bake cake to take home to impress your family and friends!
 Date: 30th November
 Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Venue: 52 St Mary Street, Weymouth, DT4 8BJ

SELF EMPLOYMENT
 Thinking about a business idea? Have a hobby you want to make money from as a side hustle? Whatever stage your small business is at, you are welcome along to our FREE Self Employment workshop (includes lunch!).
 Date: 27th November
 Time: 10:00am - 4:00pm
 Venue: 52 St Mary Street, Weymouth, DT4 8BJ

NAILS TO SPARKLE
 Learn how to perform a professional manicure and create nails that sparkle in time for Christmas!
 Date: 6th December
 Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Venue: 52 St Mary Street, Weymouth, DT4 8BJ

MAGICAL MATHS
 Join us and 'Fish Upon a Star' for a FREE Christmas activity session. Whilst the children enjoy games and storytime with a princess, parents take part in a related session looking at how to engage children in numeracy learning in fun and interesting ways at home - e.g. learning games and activities to boost numeracy confidence.
 Date: 10th December
 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
 Venue: 52 St Mary Street, Weymouth, DT4 8BJ

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 MULTIPLY

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