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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all settling into 2023 and enjoying school life. It has been great fun to welcome M&M Productions with their 'Beauty and the Beast' pantomime this morning. Our thanks go to our School Association for funding this opportunity for all children to enjoy.

We have been delighted to welcome Mrs Jenna White and Mrs Tina Pantling to our staff team. Jenna and Tina will support the children in their roles as lunchtime supervisors and as Stay and Play staff. Stay and Play Club will re-open on Tuesdays from next Tuesday 31st January and School Gateway is now open for bookings from 3pm-6pm.

We will say a sad farewell to Mrs Becci Gardiner at the end of this half term as she leaves us to spend more time with her family. Becci has been dedicated to her role supporting children with SEND (Special Educational Needs) for many years. We will all miss her warmth, kindness and sense of humour. Miss Shell Morris, who has already been working as a part-time teaching assistant in Maple Class, will take on these additional hours supporting the children.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 children are all looking forward to their Roman Trips this Thursday and next Tuesday. This promises to be a great first-hand way for the children to enjoy learning about an important period in our history.

The NEU has provided formal confirmation that there will be four days of industrial strike action on 1 February, 2, 15 and 16 March 2023. I can confirm that we will be open on Wednesday 1st February as we should have sufficient teachers in school. **However, due to uncertainty across the Dorchester area our DASP Year 4 concert date has had to change from Wednesday 15th March to Tuesday 28th February at 6pm, we hope that you and your child can still make it!** We would expect that all children will attend this performance.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner



Worms

We have had a few reported cases of worms in our younger children. Please follow this NHS link for further advice if you are concerned: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/worms-in-humans/>

Future Dates:

26 Jan	Class Assembly -Maple- 9.00am
26 Jan	Year 4 Romans' Trip - Dorset County Museum and Roman Townhouse
31 Jan	Year 3 Romans' Trip - Dorset County Museum and Roman Townhouse
2 Feb	Class Assembly - Willow - 9.00am
6 Feb	Hooke Court Residential Trip - Information Meeting - 6pm - NEW DATE
7 Feb	Safer Internet Day
9 Feb	Class Assembly - Ash - 9.00am
9 Feb	Last day of school for children
10 Feb	Staff Training Day - no school for children
13-17 Feb	Half Term
20 Feb	Children return to school
23 Feb	Class Assembly - Linden - 9.00am
28 Feb	DASP Year 4 Concert 6.30pm - NEW DATE
2 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Individual and Sibling Photographs
6-9 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
7 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting (3)
9 Mar	Class Assembly - Beech - 9.00am
17 Mar	Comic Relief
23 Mar	Easter Service 9.00am -School Hall Easter Service 2.00pm -School Hall
27-29 Mar	Hooke Court - Year 4 Residential Visit
31 Mar	Last Day of Term for children