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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are all settling into 2022 and enjoying school life! The teachers have been busy planning trips, visits and clubs for the children as part of our curriculum as we hope to move into some sort of normality and learn alongside Covid. We continue to have a small number of Covid cases in school and we will always work hard to inform you if your child has been identified as a 'close contact' as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping us informed of cases in your family.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Leanne Branch, Mrs Norah Whiffen and Mrs Vickie Lawford as regular volunteer helpers in school in Ash, Linden and Beech Classes. Our volunteers will support children in developing and practising their reading. Thank you for all of the efforts you put in at home to hearing your child read every day and recording it in their Reading Records. It makes such a difference to children's reading progress if they read regularly at home alongside the phonics, reading and grammar lessons which take place in school.

We currently have excellent tutors in school working with small groups of children in Years 2, 3 and 4 in order to support writing development. Mrs Warner-Lee and Mrs Bateson have worked in our school before supporting children's learning in maths last summer term. We are really fortunate to have such an excellent team of teachers working with our children.

We have been delighted to welcome Sean Fitzgerald from the Dorset Cricket Board this half term. Sean is in school every Friday morning running cricket sessions for our Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2) I really enjoyed joining in with a session last week in the winter sunshine! Our new Forest School group have just had their first session last week and are making the most of the great outdoors whilst getting to know each other!

The calendar has been updated to include trips and visits planned for this academic year. Upcoming future dates can be found below the clubs for this term. Currently our advice remains the same from Public Health Dorset regarding whole-school gatherings which means that calendar events will be subject to constant review as currently under our risk assessment we are unable to gather as a whole school.

Let's enjoy the sunshine this week!

Yours sincerely

Clubs

We would like to offer some extra-curricular Clubs this term. The following clubs can be booked via our School Gateway App. Please note that all clubs are limited in numbers and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please try to choose one club for your child to ensure that as many children as possible are able to have a go at a club, thank you for your support with this. Thank you to teachers and volunteers for taking time to run clubs for the children. Please be aware clubs may be cancelled if teacher absence occurs. We will let you know as soon as possible if this is the case.

Club	Year Group	Day	Dates	Teacher
Small-World	Year 1	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar	Mrs Beale
Junk Modelling	Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	26 th Jan. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th Feb. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd Mar.	Mrs Joslin
Gardening	Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd 30 th Mar.	Vickie Lawford Revd. Leila
Gardening	Year 1 & 2	Thursday	3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th 31 st , Mar.	Vickie Lawford Revd. Leila
Multi-Sport	Year 1 & 2	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar.	Mr Holt
**Gymnastics	Y. 2, 3, 4	Wednesday	12 th , 19 th , 26 th Jan. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th Feb.	Miss Finney
Lego	Year 3	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar.	Mrs Brake
Board Games	Year 3	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar.	Miss Thornicroft
Sewing	Year 4	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar.	Mrs Garner
Choir	Year 3 & 4	Thursday	27 th Jan, 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th Feb. 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th Mar.	Mrs Joy
* Tchouckball	Year 3 & 4	Monday	24 th , 31 st Jan. 7 th , 14 th Feb. 7 th , 14 th , 21 st Mar.	Mr Kent

*Come and learn a new sport with Mr Kent on Mondays!

*Premier Sport are running the gymnastics club which already started on 12th January.

Future Dates:

17 Jan	Wessex Wild - Bear Hunt Visit - Willow
19 Jan	Wessex Wild - Bear Hunt Visit - Oak
21 Jan	Flu Vaccinations - all year groups
24 Jan	Wessex Wild - 'Chick to Egg' session - Beech
25 Jan	Wessex Wild - 'Chick to Egg' session - Maple
26 Jan	Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue - Fire Safety Sessions - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children
1 Feb	M & M Productions - Aladdin Pantomime- whole-school
4 Feb	Eco Uniform Sale 8.30-8.50am - Hall
8 Feb	Safer Internet Day
11 Feb	Dorset County Museum Trip - Singing with composer, Geoff Edge, and Gallery Tour - Year 4
18 Feb	Break -Up
21-25 Feb	Half Term
28 Feb	Staff Training Day
1 Mar	Children return to school
3 Mar	World Book Day
3 Mar	Stone Age- Iron Age - Saxons- Farming in the Past - Year 4 Workshops
4 Mar	Individual and Sibling Photographs -CHANGE OF DATE
4 Mar	Stone Age- Iron Age - Saxons- Farming in the Past - Year 3 Workshops
7-11 Mar	Parent/Teacher Consultations
10 Mar	Year 3 and 4 Trip to New Barn Field Centre - Stone Age Experience
10 Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting (3)
17 Mar	Class Assembly - Maple - 9.00am
18 Mar	Comic Relief
24 Mar	Class Assembly - Linden - 9.00am
28-30 Mar	Hooke Court - Year 4 Residential Visit
5 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting (4)
7 Apr	Easter Service 9.00am and 2pm -School Hall
7 Apr	Last Day of Term for children
8 Apr	Staff Training Day
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25 Apr	Children return to school
3 - 24 May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
2 May	BANK HOLIDAY - no school
9 May	Trip to the Farm - Tincton - Wessex Wild - Willow Class
10 May	Trip to the Farm - Tincton - Wessex Wild - Oak Class
12 May	Class Group Photographs
18 May	Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Trip - Poole Lighthouse - Year 4
19 May	Trip to the Farm - Green-Fingered Farming Day - Year 3
20 May	Trip to the Farm - Green-Fingered Farming Day - Year 4
23 May (TBC)	Trip to the Farm - The Story of your Lunchbox - Beech Class
24 May (TBC)	Trip to the Farm - The Story of your lunchbox - Maple Class
26 May	New Parents' Afternoon Tea 2.15-3.30pm
30 May-3 June	Half Term