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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all enjoyed a good Easter break with your families and friends and enjoyed the beautiful weather over the Easter weekend! It was a nice opportunity for the children to have a rest and it was good to see them all return on Tuesday.

As Julie May will continue to be absent from school due to on-going treatment we are delighted that Ben Lees-Smith will continue to teach in Oak Class until the end of this summer term. Ben has settled well into our school community and has provided excellent continuity for the children in Oak Class.

Kate Brake and her Eco Committee were pleased to welcome our Eco Assessor, Patricia Zimmerman, earlier this month to assess our work to develop our environmental awareness in school. I am thrilled to inform you all that we have been awarded 'Green Flag' status and will be able to fly our flag once again. The dedication and commitment of Kate Brake and her committee of children has been wonderful and, as a school, we are all proud of the work we are doing to protect and sustain our environment for the future.

Our School Association members put on a super Easter event at the end of March. It was lovely to see so many families and staff participating and enjoying the social occasion! Thank you to Jodie Philpott and her team for all of their preparation and efforts on the day. We hope that you will support our 'Fab Fridays' during the summer term, where ice lollies will be on sale after school in our main playground beginning this Friday.

There now follows further information.

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner

2019 National Curriculum Tests

This term sees children in Year 2 undergo National Curriculum tests in reading and maths. These form a small part in the way we assess your child's progress and we aim to make them as stress free as possible. There will shortly be information on the Key Stage 1 tests for parents on our website under 'latest news' www.charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Additionally, children in Year 1 will be taking their national phonics screening test in June, following half term. Your child's achievements will be shared with you later this term. If you have any concerns please talk with myself or your child's class teacher.

Key Stage 2 PE

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Chislett from Premier Sport as a tennis coach for our Key Stage 2 pupils this half term. All Year 3 and 4 children will have the opportunity to participate in weekly tennis lessons. In addition, Miss Chislett will run an after-school tennis club for 4 weeks on Wednesdays for Year 3 and 4 starting on Wednesday 1st May from 3pm-4pm. Please click on the link below to book:

<https://family.premier-education.com/courses/venue/st-marys-cofe-first-school-charminster/id/19786>

Class Termly Letters

The class termly letters will be sent out next week, they will include any voluntary contributions, and our preferred method of payment is via the School Gateway.

Coats

Please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day during this current period of changeable weather. We do encourage outdoor play daily even on cooler, wetter days.

Crisp Packet Recycling

Our Eco committee are keen to develop our recycling in school and have signed us up for the crisp packet recycling scheme run by Terracycle. Please see their website for further information and encourage your child(ren) to recycle their crisp packets in school.

<https://www.terracycle.com>

Cricket Opportunities

Dorchester Cricket Club have asked us to let you know about these opportunities:

"We are excited to announce that cricket training and matches are getting under way this term and all boys and girls from Charminster School are very welcome. Along with the All Stars on Saturday mornings for 5 to 8yr olds where registration is completed in a couple of minutes on line by visiting the All Stars website and typing in Dorchester CC we are also offering opportunities for U9s, U11s & U13s in Sunday mornings from 10 until 1130.

This will all take place at Dorchester Recreation Ground with qualified coaches with the very best facilities and events, festivals, BBQ's are organised throughout the summer and starts on Sunday 5th May.

For further information please contact Simon Joslin on 01305 262850 or alternatively just turn up and give it a go!"

Clubs

We are pleased to offer the following clubs this term. All clubs run by our school staff are available to book online through our school Gateway. There are maximum numbers set for each club and once this is reached no further bookings will be taken.

*The Year 3 and 4 Tennis Club is available to book and pay for through the Premier Sport Website. Please see the link above in order to book this club.

**Golf Club will be run by Mr Kent along with several Golf Professionals from Came Down Golf Club, there will be a fee of £7.50 for the 3 sessions which should be paid to Mr Kent at the first session.

Club	Day and Time	Year	Leader	Dates
After-School Clubs				
Cooking *minimum £1.00 per week donation towards ingredients	Mondays 3pm-4pm	Year 1	Ben Lees-Smith	13 th , 20 th May 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th June
Gardening	Monday 3-4pm	Year 3	Kate Brake Mandy Joslin	13 th , 20 th May 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th June
**Golf	Tuesday 3-4pm	Year 4	Andy Kent	7 th , 14 th May 4 th June
Community Choir	Thursday 3-4pm	Years 3 and 4	Jane Joy	9 th , 16 th , 23 rd May 6 th , 13 th , 21 st June
*Tennis	Wednesday 3pm-4pm	Years 3 and 4	Emily Chislett	1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd May
Art	Wednesday 3pm-4pm	Years 2, 3 and 4	Mandy Joslin	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd May 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th June
Sewing	Wednesday 3pm-4pm	Years 2, 3 and 4	Carol Jerrard	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd May 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th June
Computer	Monday 3pm- 4pm	Year 3 and 4	Lisa Thornicroft	13 th , 20 th May 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th June
Lunchtime Club				
Computer	Wednesday Lunchtime 12.30-1pm	Year 2	Mel Laval	8 th , 15 th , 22 nd May 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th June

***In addition, "Footie 4 Dorset" will be running a football club for years 3 and 4 on Wednesdays after school, starting from Wednesday 5th June, Lee Cuff will send out more information about this in due course.

Future Dates

30 Apr	Full Governing Body Meeting (4)
30 Apr	Ash Class - T@SM - visit to church
1 - 24 May	Year 2 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
2 May	Class Assembly - Willow 9.00am
6 May	BANK HOLIDAY - no school
9 May	Class Assembly - Oak 9.00am - parents welcome!
16 May	Class Assembly - Linden 9.00am - parents welcome!
21 May	Class Photographs
23 May	Class Assembly - Rowan 9.00am - parents welcome!
23 May	New Parents' Afternoon Tea 2.15-3.30pm
24 May	Jigsaw Assembly - Ash 9.00am - parents welcome
27-31 May	Half Term