



The Buzz this week ...

Welcome back – we hope you all had a wonderful break.

It was lovely to see so many of our Year 4 parents come into school Thursday morning to see the children's Rock Band work. It was clear that the children had really immersed themselves into this topic. Well done to all.

A selection of pupils from year 3 & 4 were given the exciting opportunity to participate in Quiksticks Hockey at The Purbeck School. Great fun was had by all and it was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to expand their hockey skills.

Next Thursday is our celebration of World Book Day and we shall be expecting everyone to be dressed up as their favourite character from a book or story. There are lots of exciting things planned across the week.

Lastly just a polite request in light of the new guidance surrounding the Coronavirus please can we encourage the children to maintain a good standard of hygiene by ensuring regular handwashing etc. Thank you.

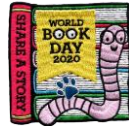
We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



Travelling Book Co will be in school:

Mon 9th – Thu 12th March, parents are welcome to bring their child/ren along to school from 3.15pm till 4pm on those days.

Book week tokens are accepted. Book vouchers will be coming home shortly. Please come along as the school will receive rewards which we can spend on our fabulous library.



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March



This is an exciting opportunity for everyone in school to celebrate the world of reading; we invite the children and staff to take part by dressing up as their favourite book character.

To finish the day parents are invited to come into school at 2.45pm for an opportunity to share the day's events and read with their child/ren.

Parents/Teacher Consultations:



Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th March

Year 1,2, 3 & 5 - You will be able to book your appointment with your child's teacher from Friday 28th February 2020 via ParentMail.

Reception, Year 4 & 6 - Please call the school office 01929 462744 to book a consultation.

If you are unable to use ParentMail please also call the school office who can book your appointment for you.

(Please note Dorchester class has an extra evening on 12th March)

Key Dates:

5th March – World Book Day – Dress up Day – **2.45pm** Parents invited into class to share the day's events and to read with their child/ren.

9th – 12th March – Book fair – in school – 3.15pm – 4pm

9th & 10th March – Parents Evening

10th, 11th, 12th March – Proposed Bikeability course Year 5&6



Bikeability

Due to lack of uptake we had to cancel the Bikeability course. Level 1 and 2 needs 6 children to run. As an Academy we feel this is such a vital skill to have, so we have managed to secure funding from Dorset Council to cover costs for Level 1 and 2 of the Bikeability course. This is open to Years 5 & 6, they need a roadworthy bike and a cycle helmet. We really hope you will encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity. The proposed dates are: Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th March. Please put names down in the office or write a note to your child's class teacher. Many Thanks



Lunch Boxes

- Please remember that we are a 'nut free' school, therefore please can we ask that children do not bring into school any foods or snacks that contain nuts in any form including:
- Peanut butter
- Nutella (chocolate spreads without nuts are fine.)
- We do have children in school that have nut allergies so it is very important that they do not come into contact with any products that contain nuts.



Get loads of easy-to-prepare ideas your kids will love, as well as tips on what else to put in their lunchbox.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Dorchester Science Festival

The **Family Science Fair**, part of the Dorchester Science Festival, will be held on Sunday the 15 March from 1pm-5pm. Due to the popularity of this event last year, admittance this year will be by ticket only. Tickets are FREE and can be obtained by going to the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre in person to collect (this is located in the Dorchester Library, Charles Street, DT1 1EE). There will be 2 time slots available – from 1pm-3pm and from 3pm-5pm. **Tickets will be available from 15 Feb on a first come first served basis – keep an eye on the Facebook page for updates.**

www.facebook.com/DorchesterScienceFestival

In addition, the bug and exotic animal handling activity with World-Life will also require a ticket – which can be obtained when you collect a ticket for the Family Science Fair

Coronavirus – updated government guidance issued

The government has issued new guidance for all UK citizens who are returning to the UK from specific areas affected by COVID-19: specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea as designated by the government of the Republic of South Korea and the Hubei province.

If you have recently returned from any of these areas you are advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days and call 111 for NHS advice and guidance, even if you are not displaying any symptoms of the virus.

If you travelled to any of these affected areas during half term please advise the school asap.

The below links has further government guidance including information on countries affected, maps and procedures to follow.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>