



The Buzz this week ...

It's beginning to look allot like Christmas...

Children throughout the school are busy getting into the Christmas spirit and many of them were telling me that they already have their Christmas trees up at home! How wonderful! You will have received our Christmas Flyer of Events which starts this week and will help us all to spread some Christmas cheer as we countdown to Christmas.

Filming is underway for 'Lights, camera, action, and you'll see the results soon!

The children also had an existing visitor join them this week. Elvis!... Elvis is a therapy dog; he belongs to Kate Redman (CEO for South Coast). Elvis had a tour of the school and met some of our children; it was amazing how much calm and joy a dog can bring to a school, we all look forward to further visits as we welcome a new member to our team!

Please can I remind parents that the measures we have in place at the beginning and end of the day are for everybody. Please make sure that you join the queueing system to drop off and collect your child. This way we can ensure safety and that everybody is social distanced. Please can I also ask you to wear face coverings when waiting and on the school premises. Whilst this is not law, it is important that we all take responsibility as members of our community to keep staff, children and each other safe. These arrangements are likely to be in place for a considerable time and it is important that we all respect them and get used to them. Thank you.



Children's Christmas Dinner

This year the children's Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 17th December 2020**. To book a Christmas dinner for your child please go on-line at: <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> or call the Chartwells office on 01202 691038 by **Sunday 6th December 2020**.

Don't forget, with Christmas around the corner we have:

Mini Illuminated Mark Making Boards

FOR SALE

Are you looking for a fun, educational gift to give your little one this Christmas?

Do you want to support their early mark making and writing skills in an enjoyable way?

**Look no further.....
Only £15.00 per set!**

(See Facebook for more details)



Please 'Like' and get all notifications for our Facebook page, which is a great tool for us to share urgent information as well as email. Find us at [Facebook Page](#)

Key Dates :

- Thursday 17th December** – Christmas Jumper Day – Mufti - £1 Donation
- Thursday 17th December** – Christmas Dinner day
- Friday 18th December** – Christmas Party day – **Non-school uniform day**
Early closing from 1.30pm Last day of term
- Monday 4th January** – Pupils return to school
- Monday 22nd February** – School closed; staff training day

Pupil Premium (Reception to Year 6)

As you are already aware, every child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal under the Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) scheme. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to improve pupils' readiness to learn. However, in addition to this, the Government provides money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called **Pupil Premium**. Just registering your child for Pupil Premium (known as Free School Meals) means that we will get extra funding to support the quality of the education and learning opportunities that we provide for your child.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. **This will include food vouchers over the forthcoming Christmas period and February half term.**

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Pupil Premium (known as Free School Meals) if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, please complete the application on The “Dorset for You” website by following the link www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals

Road Safety



Supervising children on the way to and home from school: Please ensure you keep a careful watch on your child/children when walking to and from school and not let them run too far ahead of you. Please can we remind parents and children to use the school crossing patrol point that has been provided to cross King George V Road. We have been made aware of some recent near misses! At these times there are more cars on the road, not only as some parents need to drive to school, but taxis, staff and nearby neighbours may be leaving or returning. The children are short and not always easy to see especially when they appear suddenly, if running. Remember that the school car parks are only for staff use, unless you have been given permission, due to a particular need to access them. Please also think about where you stop to let your own children in or out of your car—does it cause a hazard for other children? We all need to work together to ensure the children's safety. Thank you.



READING SUPERHEROES.

Every week we will be celebrating our

These are our super readers who are reading and quizzing the most in their class for that week. Every week we will be acknowledging the Top Readers in every class as well as the class who has read and quizzed the most. Remember it's not HOW many books you have read, it is how accurately you have read them. If a quiz is not passed, no words are awarded. To be the TOP of your class you need to be reading and passing quizzes. Happy reading everyone! Here's our challenge: to get the WHOLE school to have read a million words in 1 week! Let's do it!

Top KS2 Class: Dorcheser 146,686 

Top KS1 Class: Tyneham 4,647 

Top reader in Moreton Honey - 593

Top reader in Studland Lucas- 2368

Top reader in Tyneham Brauley- 1917

Top reader in Weymouth Jessica- 21904

Top reader in Poole Esme- 8,658

Top reader in Kimmeridge Ruby - 3,354

Top reader in Dorchester Belle- 25,093

Top reader in Swanage Maegan- 21,084

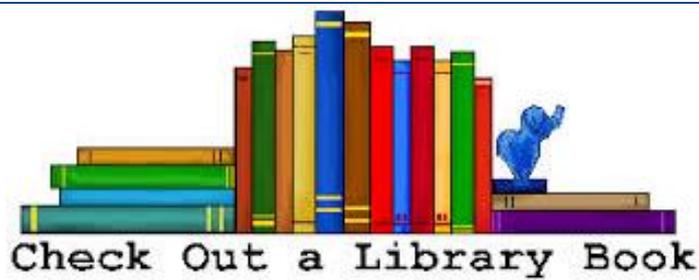
Top reader in Wareham Evie - 66,279 

Whole school word count 388,329

"If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

- Roald Dahl



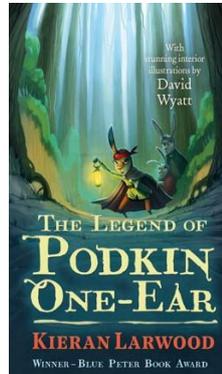


Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood (book 1)

Reading level: 5.5

You don't have to be brave or powerful to

Three young sibling rabbits are on the run have killed and enslaved their clan. Podkin, always been spoiled, but now he must act brother run for their lives. Facing danger friends in their search for safety, until at last they are ready to fight back against the Gorm.



do great things.

from the villainous Gorm tribe who once destined to be clan leader, has bravely as he, his older sister, and baby around every corner, the three collect

Listen to the first chapter here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CSqFOkK83k>



Calling All Reading Heroes - Winter Mini Challenge Starts 1st December!

This winter The Reading Agency has teamed up with the award-winning publisher Knights Of to run an “Everyone Is A Hero Challenge” to celebrate heroes in all their forms!

Start your Challenge by visiting www.wintermini.org.uk If you took part in the Summer Reading Challenge you can use your existing account. If you need to create an account there’s a new streamlined sign-up where parents can add multiple children easily! We hope it will make a real difference to new users.

To take part, children simply read three or more books - these can be any books of their choice. Every time they finish a book, they add it to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review. Reaching their online reading goal will unlock a virtual badge and a special *Everyone Is A Hero* certificate to print off and keep! We'll also have a whole host of fun activities, videos and reading recommendations, plus an exciting competition.

As part of the Winter Mini Challenge, The Reading Agency are inviting people across the country to nominate their Reading Heroes on social media. You can post a picture, share a story about them, or even record a video about them! Just make sure to get their permission first!

When you post, please remember to tag @readingagency in the post and use the hashtags #WMC2020 and #ReadingHero so they can find the posts. At the end of the Challenge, they will compile a list of all the entries and enter them into a prize draw – and the winning hero will receive the Winter Mini Challenge booklist bundle!

Your reading hero can be an individual or a group – whether that's a teacher, a library, a reading group, a friend, a carer or a family member. It's up to you! The Reading Agency just want to hear about how people have supported each other with reading this year – whether that's by helping you to improve your literacy, encouraging you to enjoy reading or recommending you some great books!

