

17th April 2018

Newsletter 15 Summer Term 2018



Dear Parents

I hope you have had a good Easter holiday and I welcome you all back to a new summer term.

This half term, the children will be continuing our exciting Learning Adventure, 'A Child's World'. Before the Easter break, the Learning Adventure provided many rich themes for learning, linked to aspects of children's lives in different parts of our world, including RE, geography and PSHE. During this next phase, children will be exploring the experiences of children across different periods of history. They will also explore the theme of children's rights and continue to explore learning linked to cultural diversity and representations through storytelling.

As part of the Learning Adventure, the school will be working with the storyteller and puppeteer Tony Gee to develop a unique and exciting performance. This week, all children will take part in story building workshops to generate ideas for a whole school story, which will represent the idea of 'A Child's World'. Once the story has been created from the children's ideas, Tony and his team will return in a couple of weeks to support the children to turn the story into a puppet show, which will involve each child taking part in a workshop to create their own puppet. We look forward to welcoming parents to attend the performance of the children's story and further details will follow shortly.

Next week on Tuesday 24th April, the children will be participating in skipping workshops providing the children with an opportunity to develop their skills in a variety of different skipping activities. There will be an opportunity for parents to purchase skipping ropes [Solar Skips] at a cost of £6.00 at the end of the school day. In addition, you can view more information about the different skipping activities at www.dantheskippingman.com.

School Uniform

A reminder, that if you are purchasing new items for the summer term, the children wear the following items:

- Grey trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress as appropriate
[trousers should be grey school type/tailored trousers and not fashion or casual trousers / leggings]
- White shirt, blouse or polo shirt [white & red polo shirts with the school logo are available]
- Red school sweatshirt with logo [no cardigans please]
- Red and white striped or checked summer dress
- Black, grey, white or red socks or tights as appropriate
- Black flat sensible school shoes [no trainers, pumps or slip on shoes to be worn please]

Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled to prevent them from getting lost around the school. In addition, small plain silver or gold stud earrings are the only jewellery allowed. Hair accessories, such as hairbands, should be in appropriate school colours. Thank you for your continued support of the uniform guidelines.

School Uniform Award

If your child does qualify for a free school meal [due to income] and the award is granted by the Local Authority, the Governing Body of Rushcombe First School has agreed that those children who are in receipt of a free school meal award will also be eligible to receive a one off annual school uniform award. This will include the following: one Rushcombe First School sweatshirt, one Rushcombe PE t-shirt, one pair of red shorts and one Rushcombe book bag. This is approximately to the value of £24.00. The items can be claimed once at any time during each academic year.

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Assessments

In the summer term, our teachers summarise the children's progress and achievements throughout the year, and towards the end of the term you will receive your child's annual report. Children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will complete some assessments in May and June to contribute to the teacher's overall assessment of your child's development. There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, assessments and report at our next parent teacher consultations later in the summer term.

Please can we remind parents that it is important that children attend school during assessment periods. Leave of absence requests will not be authorised during this time.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

During the summer term there will be a range of interesting and enjoyable opportunities for children to become involved in during the school day, in after school clubs and at special events. Further information for different year groups will be sent home next week. Specialist music lessons for Years 3 and 4 will continue throughout the term.

Sun Protection and Water Bottles

With the beginning of the summer term, we hope that there will be plenty of sunny days ahead and the children will be able to make good use of the field and outside areas. Please make sure your child has a sun-hat to wear and a water bottle in school for the coming months. Sun hats and water bottles can be purchased from the school office. We recommend you apply sun lotion to your child/ren before school. Further protective sun screen can be applied during the day by the children. School staff will apply skin cream for children under medical direction. We have been notified by the school nurse that some sun lotions contain nut products. We would appreciate if you could not use these products at school, as we have some children who have severe allergic reactions to nuts. The children will be told not to share sun lotion with other children. A reminder, that water bottles should contain water only rather than fizzy drinks, squashes or juices. Thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

PE Kits

A reminder, that all children should have their PE kit in school every day to participate fully in the PE curriculum. With the commencement of the summer term, please could you ensure your child has plain black plimsolls/trainers in school to use for outdoors PE. The school also has a supply of PE bags in school which are available from the office for £5.00. We would appreciate that the children do not use large back packs as they can be difficult to store in the cloakrooms and on the cloak pegs.

School Nurse Drop-In Session

The school nurse, Mrs Larue will be in school on Wednesday 25th April from 2.30 pm to 3.00 pm. If you have any queries about the health and development of your child, please feel free to come and have a chat with her. Entry will be via the main office / reception area.

E-Safety Information Sessions

On Thursday 10th May, Dorset Police [Safer Communities Team] will be leading a session with Year 2 children on the safe use of Information Technology. During the day, there will also be a session for parents from 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm in the school. Entry will be via the main office / reception area. All parents are welcome to attend this session however we would appreciate it if younger/older siblings are not brought with you on this occasion as the content may be unsuitable. To help us with arrangements, please complete the slip overleaf indicating if you are able to attend and how many seats you require. Please return it to school by Friday 4th May. We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Class Assemblies

All parents with children in Foundation are invited to attend their child's class assembly: Oak class assembly will be on Tuesday 15th May and Ash class assembly will be on Thursday 17th May. Both assemblies will take place in the school hall at 2.45 pm and entry will be through the office/reception area.

A reminder that parents are able to take photos/videos of their child during school events but it is recommended that images that include other children should not be uploaded onto social media websites unless permission is sought from their parents. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 7th May

Wednesday 9th May

Thursday 10th May

Tuesday 15th May

Thursday 17th May

Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June

Monday 11th June

Wednesday 13th June

Wednesday 20th June

Wednesday 27th June

Monday 2nd July

Tuesday 3rd July

Thursday 5th July

Friday 6th July

Friday 13th July

Tuesday 24th July

Tuesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th July

May Bank Holiday – school closed

Learning Adventure Puppet Show [details to follow]

E-Safety Parent Information Session: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Oak Class Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm in the school hall

Ash Class Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm in the school hall

Summer Half Term Holiday

Class Photographs

Foundation Stage Sports Afternoon

Key Stage 1 [Year 1 & 2] Sports Afternoon

Key Stage 2 [Year 3 & 4] Sports Afternoon

Annual Reports Home to Parents

Parent Consultations: 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm

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Transfer Day [Year 4 children visiting their new middle schools]

Summer Fair [details to follow]

Year 4 Leavers Concert [details to follow]

Year 4 Leavers Disco: 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Last day of summer term – school closes at 1.00 pm

Dates for your diaries for the next academic year 2018/19:

Monday 3rd September

School closed for staff training

Tuesday 4th September

Autumn term commences for the children

Friday 19th October

School closed for staff training

Monday 7th January 2019

School closed for staff training

Tuesday 23rd April

School closed for staff training

There is one additional staff training day to be confirmed.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher

Enc School Term Calendar for 2018/19

E-SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION SESSION – THURSDAY 10TH MAY, 2.00 PM – 3.00 PM

Child's Name:.....

Class: Chestnut / Willow

I / we will be attending the E-Safety Information Session and will require number of seats.

Signed: Date:

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL

School term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools
for the academic year 2018/2019

The School Year

Autumn Term 2018

	September	October	November	December
Monday	3*	10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29*	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19# 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	7 14 21# 28
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29

Spring Term 2019

	January	February	March	April
Monday	7*	4 11 18 25*	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	1	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23* 30
Wednesday	2	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	3	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4	1 8 15# 22	1 8 15 22 29	5# 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

Summer Term 2019

	May	June	July	August
Monday	6 13 20 27	3* 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23# 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24# 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

Bank and Public Holidays 2018/2019

Christmas Day	25 December	Easter Monday	22 April
Boxing Day Holiday	26 December	May Day Holiday	6 May
New Year's Day	1 January	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May
Good Friday	19 April	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August

 INSET

School Holidays 

Bank Holidays 

* First day after break

#Last day before break

The pattern of school terms and holidays will vary slightly from school to school since 5 of the 195 days are to be used for staff development. It is therefore advisable to contact schools direct for confirmation of their term dates.