

11th October 2019

Newsletter 4 Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents,

Our 'Ancient Adventure' Learning Adventure continued this week, with children moving on to explore the Iron Age. The children have utilised our Iron Age roundhouse, discovering a range of clues about Iron Age life and taking part in different learning activities. Over the next two weeks, children will consolidate their knowledge of the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age, making comparisons and identifying key changes between the periods.

Thank you for your recent attendance at the Early Years Foundation Stage Information Session. Your support is appreciated.

Harvest Celebration

A reminder that over the next couple of weeks, the children are taking part in our Harvest Celebration activities including a special Harvest assembly. On different days throughout the fortnight, each year group will be baking cakes and biscuits in school, which will then be offered for sale at the end of the day, to raise money for this year's chosen charity, SEPIA [Supporting Educational Projects in Africa]. The charity helps to raise money for a range of projects to support the education of children and young people in Africa, including the construction of new classrooms, enhancing the facilities within schools [including sanitation and clean water provision], bursaries to support children to stay in education and funding to support teacher education. By raising money for SEPIA, we aim to support the education of children in Africa, whilst also providing learning opportunities for our own children. The remaining cake sales will be on the following days and times:

- Friday 11th October 3.00 pm Year 3
- Tuesday 15th October 3.00 pm Early Years Foundation Stage
- Wednesday 16th October 3.00 pm Year 2
- Thursday 17th October 3.00 pm Year 4

If you are able to donate cakes, biscuits or other fresh produce that can be sold, we would be very grateful. We hope you can support this worthwhile cause.

NSPCC Assembly

Next week, as part of our PSHE [Personal, Social and Health Education] programme of learning, the NSPCC will be leading a whole school assembly that will give the children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries. The NSPCC's work in schools helps to encourage conversations about staying safe and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. This includes 'Talk PANTS' which uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

Year 1 Phonics

A reminder that on the 17th October, at 6.00pm, there is a meeting for parents with children in Year 1, to discuss the government phonic screening programme. This will be an opportunity to find out more about the assessments that will take place in June 2020 and how you can best support your child. All parents with children in Year 1 are welcome to attend, however we would appreciate it if children are not brought with you on this occasion. We look forward to seeing you next week.

Universal Infant Free School Meals [Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2]

Chartwells, the catering company, have created a new packed lunch menu for the winter period. Please see online for details. Parents with children in Foundation, Year 1 or Year 2 and who wish to order a free packed lunch for their child, should use Chartwells online ordering system. Please note the on-line ordering system requires parents to order their child's meals up until the cut off time of midnight on Sunday – 7 days before the full week in which the meals are to be served. It is recommended that parents complete their child's order for the whole term.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Our forthcoming Parent Teacher Consultations are being held on Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October between 4.00 pm – 7.00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Appointments are now available via ParentMail. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Flu immunisation

You may be aware NHS England is recommending nationally, that all children participate in the 2019 - 20 Flu Immunisation Programme. Members from the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Monday 4th November to deliver the immunisation, which is given to the children in the form of a nasal spray. Information from NHS England about the programme will be forwarded in due touch. If you have any questions or you would like more information about the programme, please ring the School Nursing Team on 01425 891162.

Individual & Sibling photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 5th November to take sibling and individual photographs. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform, including a school sweatshirt and if you wish, you may send a comb/brush in with your child.

Parent Governor Vacancy

A vacancy on the governing body for a parent governor has recently arisen. If you are interested in becoming a governor and feel you have the relevant skills, experience and qualities, please contact Mrs Daly in the school office for further information. The closing date for all applications is Friday 25th October. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Linz for her continued support and work during her time as a governor and we wish her well for the future.

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming events and meetings over the remaining half term.

A reminder that on Friday 25th October there will be a staff training day and that the half term break commences on Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Mahon
Headteacher