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Dear Parents and Carers,

Achievements

Congratulations to Isabella (Ravens Class) and her partner Nathan who took part in the Blackpool Dance Festival and danced through to the quarter finals in their Quickstep and 4-Dance Latin couples competitions. Then on the last day they got all the way through to the finals in both their team match and their Waltz couples competition. Their team came fourth out of 13 national teams and as a couple they came third in their Waltz out of 38 couples who had qualified from across the country.

Congratulations to Oliver Hey and Oliver Brown who are in this year's football team. They have been selected to move up to the older group after Christmas. Well done!

School Dates

As per the school calendar on the website the 4th January is an inset day therefore, the children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

Can I just remind you to check the school calendar for details of all inset days, school events and school holidays. These dates are usually set before the start of the new academic year and are generally available on the school diary from June onwards.

Clubs

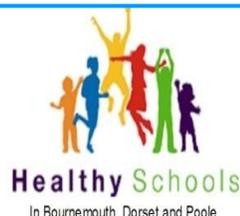
Letters confirming the children's choices for clubs were sent out last week. The new clubs will start on the week beginning 11 January 2016 with the exception of the Fun Science club which starts on the 6 January.

Key Stage Two Melbury House Concert

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the above, this was a fantastic event and all who attended commented on how well the children performed. The school and FOSSA raised an amazing £1315.20 which will be put towards new outside play equipment. Thank you for helping us to achieve this!

Reminder - Christmas Service

Just a quick note to let you know that this year's Christmas Service will be at 9.15 am on Wednesday 16 December at St Osmund's Church in Evershot.



School Lunches

The new menus have now been sent out with a covering letter explaining that you should all be able to order your meals online. If you do not have access to a computer then we have a spare computer in the office which you are able to use.

Reminder - Whole School Christmas Meal Wednesday 16 December

Two years ago The Acorn provided a whole school Christmas Lunch which was a lovely opportunity for the whole school to eat together. As this was such a success we have decided to provide a Christmas Lunch from Local Food Links for all of the children for Wednesday 16 December therefore, there is no need to bring a packed lunch or order a meal for this day.

Reminder - Harry Potter Creative Writing Day

On Thursday 17 December the whole school will be taking part in a creative writing day with lots of fun activities to assist in developing writing skills. If possible please could the children come dressed in normal school clothes with a cape and/or a wizard/witches hat. The children will all be given Harry Potter badges to wear during the day.

Reminder - Fossa Rock and Roll Christmas Disco

Reminder - Fossa have arranged the above event to take place straight after school on Thursday 17 December until 5.00pm. **Children should be accompanied by an adult**, the entry is £2.50 (including nibbles and drinks). There will be someone available to create Victory Hair Rolls for £2.00 and extra goodies will be on sale so please bring some pocket money.

For those children who usually use school transport please let the office know if your child will not be using school transport on Thursday!

Reminder - Parents Invitation to Achievements' Assembly and End of Term Lunch

As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend this term's Achievements' Assembly and Shared Christmas Lunch on the last day of this term.

This is also Christmas Jumper Day so we are happy for the children to wear home school clothes preferably with a Christmas Jumper!

The Achievements' Assembly will take place in the school hall at 11.00 am and after a brief interlude the food for the lunch will be set up in the hall. Children will then be able to help themselves to a buffet style lunch and then return to classrooms to eat. After all children have collected their food, parents will be invited to help themselves to anything left over.

We are asking each child to bring in a plate of food for this lunch and below is a list of foods we hope each child will be able to provide.

Reception - Fruit and Crudités e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes

Year 1 - Savoury Snacks e.g. sausage rolls, pizza, cocktail sausages, quiche

Year 2 - Crisps and Dips

Year 3 - Sandwiches

Year 4 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits

- Year 5 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash
- Year 6 - Sandwiches

If you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. However, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day. If your child/children will not require school transport please ensure you let the office know by Friday morning so that we can let the bus companies know if they are needed.

Halstock Crib Service

The Halstock Crib Service is taking place at 10.00 am on Sunday 20 December. Children and parents are welcome to come dressed as Nativity characters to bring the service to life!

Reception Children for September 2016

Can I remind parents that have younger children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 that the closing date for the first round of applications is 15 January 2016. You can apply for a place by going to www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions. If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come into school and use one of the office computers.

If you know of any parents outside of school who have children in this age range we would really appreciate it if you could also mention it to them.

Finally, all the staff would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher

