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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christian Values

This half term we have been focussing on Truthfulness as our Core Christian Value. This will be discussed and explored during our Collective Worship, and followed up by relating it to our everyday lives in the classrooms. Please find attached a leaflet with some activities and information for you.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder to book your parents' evening appointments if you have not done so already!

School Lunches –

Local Food Links share lots of news, recipes and order reminders on Facebook and Twitter as well as showing photos of the meals. They also post the day's menu every morning as a helpful reminder of what's for lunch today! Please follow them on Facebook: @localfoodlinks Twitter: @goodfood_at_LFL

Can I just remind you that hot school meals need to be ordered at least one week in advance. If you have not ordered meals for next week then your child will need a packed lunch. You can always check your order by logging on to www.myschoolmeals.co.uk

Spring Term Reading Reward - Friday, 23rd March

Well done to the children who have competed the Spring Term Reading Challenge and all those at home who have supported the home learning.

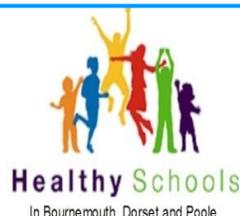
This term's reward for those children, who have completed four book tasks to a high standard, is inspired by Easter. The children will make, decorate and eat delicious chocolate Easter cakes.

Clubs

Clubs finish this week with the exception of Relax Kids which finishes next week.

Invitation to the Easter Service 10.30am and the End of Term Lunch –Thursday 29 March

As in previous years we would like to invite you to attend the Easter Service and Shared Easter Lunch on the last day of this term.



The Easter Service will take place at St Osmund's Church in Evershot at 10.30am and this will be followed by a shared lunch back at school.

Children will 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 - Drinks e.g. fruit juice, flavoured water, squash
- Year 1 - Savoury Snacks e.g. sausage rolls, pizza, cocktail sausages, quiche, crisps
- Year 2 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits
- Year 3 - Sandwiches
- Year 4 - Sweet items e.g. cakes, biscuits
- Year 5 - Fruit and Crudités e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber, cherry tomatoes
- Year 6 - Sandwiches

Finally, if you would like to take your child home after the lunch then you will be able to do so. **If your child normally catches the bus, please could you let the office know as soon as possible if you will be collecting them on the last day so that we can let the bus companies know.**

Please note, school will remain open until the end of the normal school day.

Online Payment System

After the Easter holidays we hope to have an online payment system up and running where you will be able to pay for school trips and give your consent for them to go. You will also be able to register your child/children for clubs.

You will be able to pay online using a debit or credit card, so no more cheques, cash going missing or forms to get lost. You also don't have to worry about your child carrying cash into school and can have peace of mind that payments are made safely and securely to the school.

Payments can be made online whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - all you need is a PC or access to the internet.

Within SIMS Agora, you can see exactly how much money has been paid for trips without having to ring the school office, you can also see messages about trips coming up or items needing payment. This means you can keep on top of payments and avoid having to find the right change at the last minute.

This is something that was requested at a Parents Information Evening and we hope that you will find it helpful.

Fossa AGM

The Fossa AGM is being held at 7.00pm on 30 April 2018 in The Acorn. Please come along and support Fossa as they provide the school with lots of extras that we otherwise would not be able to afford.

Fossa do a fantastic job and we would like to thank them for all of the work they do to ensure that the children can go on great trips and also have equipment that the school are not able to afford.

STEM Returners programme has arrived in Dorset

Have you left a career in STEM and struggled to return? We are currently looking for candidates with an engineering or technology background for programmes based in Dorset. The programme is fully paid and includes confidence to return training, and mentoring workshops, followed by a 13 week internship. The aim is that all candidates going through the programme are offered a permanent role at the end. This isn't just work experience, but a genuine opportunity to restart your career! The programme is offered to female and male applicants with all STEM backgrounds, with any length career break. For more information or to register for a programme please visit www.stemreturners.com

Please check the school calendar for details of 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.

Yours sincerely,
Kathy McCann
Headteacher