

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year again - Parent Questionnaire time! Please could we ask all parents to complete the parent questionnaire via this link <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Q3FQA0/>
Your answers will help the Governors and Staff to make any necessary changes where needed. The closing date will be **25th April 2021**, and should only take around 15 minutes to complete.

The children enjoyed sharing their jokes and silly sentences. Hopefully you have had a chance to read some of them. The total raised was an amazing **£154.00** (+ £33.00 gift aid). So a big thank you to everyone who donated.



Science Week

The children loved creating their boats and testing them out.



Egg rolling and Egg Decoration competition:-

We are planning on going ahead with the **egg rolling** and **Decorated Egg Competition** if we can, but this will need to be slightly different. We will need the eggs (one decorated and one plain but hard boiled) to be brought into school, in advance for 72 hours before the actual day. Please can you send your egg entry to school on **Monday 29th March**.

These will be viewed by the children in their bubble groups and judged on Thursday 1 April. For those who have not been part of this annual event at Milborne your child's challenge is to decorate **one** egg or create a character or scene around **one** egg. There is usually a very high standard so no pressure! You will also need one plain egg to 'roll down the hill'.

Playground competition by Fun Active Play. They recently ran a competition on their Facebook page where parents and teachers could nominate a chosen school to receive a free 60m Active Trail playground marking worth £795. Unfortunately, our school didn't win this time, but we did receive a number of entries, which shows we have some lovely, caring teachers and parents.

There will be another competition at the beginning of each month, the next on **1st April**, so be sure to like our Facebook page [@funactiveplay](https://www.facebook.com/funactiveplay) and try again. The more entries our school receives, the higher the chance of winning!

The **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** are releasing some short films introducing children to the different sections of the orchestra. I think they are interactive with body percussion activities to do for example. They are free to access, but you have to sign-up. Sign up now for your free tickets. https://bsolive.com/press-releases/explore-the-orchestra-this-spring/?fbclid=IwAR2HrPzyhGhXN9n03TYeU-pOC52sJa_uioTE_AFjNaXyMHNbLfnAkfoY15I

Mad4Animals will be paying us a visit on the **28th April**. They will be bringing various bugs and other small animals for the children to learn about and there may be an opportunity to hold some of the animals IF they would like to. There is a small parent contribution towards this event of £4.00. Please could all parents consent for your child to take part and make your online contribution via Schoolcomms (Gateway) app. I am sure the children will have lots of fun during their session. Photos will be taken and shared via the usual methods.

Hooke Court the payment facility is open and available via schoolcomms (Gateway). Thank you to those parents who have already made some payments towards the Year 4 Residential trip. We have been in contact with The Bridge Education Trust to see whether (like in the past) they are able to help individual parents with the cost of this trip. We have yet to receive a reply, but if you are struggling to fund this trip then please do contact myself or Mrs Hosford. It would be a shame if your child missed this trip due to funding.

Wild Art Club will be continuing after the Easter holidays. Please see the previous email sent with the attached forms and covid protocol Mrs Spratt will be following. The group will still be limited to 10 for the time being, so please return your form and payment in a sealed envelope to the little post box in the main reception, as soon as possible.

Parents can get rapid COVID-19 testing. Since schools re-opened on 8 March, secondary school and college students have taken part in initial lateral flow device (LFD) testing at their school or college. They have now been given home test kits to continue testing themselves at home.

These tests are for those who show no COVID-19 symptoms.

If you are the parent of a child in nursery, primary, secondary school or college, or you are part of an associated support bubble, you can also get tested:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at one of Dorset's [community test sites](#)
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site ([check for your local area](#))
- [by ordering a home test kit online](#)

Get a PCR test if you have symptoms. If you have [access to rapid lateral flow testing](#), please remember that these tests should only be used on people without COVID-19 symptoms.

If you or your child develop any symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature or loss/change of taste or smell), you still need to [book a PCR test online](#) or by calling 119.

You must self-isolate if you have symptoms and get a PCR test. A negative lateral flow test does not mean you can stop self-isolating if you have symptoms.

We are very fortunate to be working with **Longmead Farm** on a pilot for schools and after half term will be in a position to send 5 children weekly for a half term. If your child is one of those you will be notified separately. We are very hopeful that this will be the beginning of a mutually beneficial relationship and that children will be able to continue to go on after the pilot project has finished

The **Easter Holidays** are around the corner, so just a little reminder that as it is the last day of term on Thursday 1st April 2021, children will need to be picked up at **1:10pm** for Robins non-siblings and **1:15pm** for Robins siblings, Raccoons and Rabbits. Those with children in Year 4 who will be ringing the freedom bell will be notified in advance.

Hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt

External information:-

- **Dorset for You - Easter in Dorset:-**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/easter-in-dorset-3122786>

If you are on a low income or are in receipt of Income Support and JobSeekers Allowance, please follow this link below. In order to access these activities, children and young people do need to be registered and to receive a passcode by email/text message. Families can register online: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/easter-in-dorset> or by calling: 01305 221090

- **Families Dorset e-Magazine link:-** Here's [the LINK to our new Mar/Apr Easter issue](#) for sharing with your parent community, or click on the link below

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesdorset_17_marapr2021?fr=sYmQ4MTMyODM2NTk

- **Dorset Family Information Service newsletter:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/march-fis-newsletter-3142069?e=5ad5011868>
- **Enjoying Dorset's Countryside:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-e-newsletter-march-2021?e=5ad5011868>