

## Milborne Message - 19th October 2021

### Message from Sharon Staddon

**Dear Families,**

It was lovely to hear the children speaking in French and learning new words on **French Day**. Beautiful french songs were also being sung and I know the children really enjoyed tasting the french food. Thank you Mrs Pratt for organising such a fun learning day.

It was also wonderful to see so many of you in church to celebrate the **Harvest Festival**. The children really enjoy this service and it was great to see everyone again singing and taking part. Thank you to Year 3 and Year 4 Mrs Cheesman and Mrs Pratt for all their hard work.

**Text slang information** has been attached to this newsletter to help you understand possible messages that may be unsafe, unkind or illegal. Please keep it for your reference. There were many on there that I wasn't aware of so hopefully you too will find it useful.

**School Photos:-** The deadline for ordering the individual school photos is this **Friday 22nd October**.

**FOOD Links:-** The new menu is now 'live' for you to order hot school meals for your child(ren). This menu goes right up until 7th January 2022! So please make sure you have placed your **order by Monday 25th October** for the first week back and beyond.

I have also attached their Christmas meal menu which will be on 15th December. This is the most popular meal on their menu and we would love as many children partaking in the festive meal as possible. Please note this is separate from the Friends of School Christmas meal on the 10th December.

On **5th November** Rabbits parents are invited to an **OE Stay & Play(Rabbits only)**

Rabbit parents are invited into school to join their child in an afternoon (1pm to 3pm) of outdoor learning. There will be science activities led by Raccoons class as well as OE learning with Miss Wittman, including toasting marshmallows on the fire pit in the castaway camp. This will be repeated in the Spring term for Robins and the Summer term for Raccoons.

**OPEN Morning:-** We are holding an 'open morning' session for new parents with children starting Reception in September 2022. Please spread the word, it would be lovely to meet our future parents.

The children have been writing some amazing **poetry**. Please see the attachments to read some of it.

**Top tip:**

*New Dorset Education Advice line goes live*

*From today (Monday 18 October), a new Advice Line will be operated, Mondays to Fridays 10am – 4pm during term time. This service is for parents, carers and professionals who are looking for advice regarding emerging issues for a child with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Parents and carers have told us it can be difficult to understand SEND services and how best to support their child. We know that providing information and advice early is vital to helping secure the right support for any child with emerging needs.*

*Parents, carers and professionals can book a 15-minute telephone call with a SEND Family Worker to talk through their concerns and issues. Appointments are booked by calling the FREEPHONE number, 0800 1404041 or online via the [webpage](#), and they will be called back at their allotted time. We are launching the service as a pilot so we can understand how we can improve our SEND Local Offer and improve this telephone support service.*

*The Advice Line is part of our 'Local Offer' to children, young people and families and will work alongside existing services such as SENDIASS and the Educational Psychology Line.*

As the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** falls during the May Half Term school holiday, we have been given an extra day off in lieu. This will be taken at the end of the summer term, meaning that we will now finish on **Thursday 21st July**.

Have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon  
Headteacher

### **Dates For Your Diary:-** (full List attached)

**22nd Oct** - School Photo order deadline  
**25th Oct** - Food Links meal order deadline  
**20th Oct - 29th Oct** - October Half-term break for Children  
**1st Nov** - Children back in School  
**1st Nov** - Flu Vaccinations (all children)  
**5th Nov** - FireFighter Visit (Rabbits & Robins)  
**9th Nov** - Raccoons - Dorchester Museum Visit (Packed lunch required)  
**10th Nov** - OPEN Morning - New parents  
**19th Nov** - Children in Need Day  
**6th Dec** - Christmas Play costumes to be in school  
**7th Dec** - Play Rehearsal  
**10th Dec** - FoS Christmas lunch/party  
**10th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day  
**13th Dec** - Christmas Play (2pm)  
**14th Dec** - Christmas Play (9:30am)  
**15th Dec** - Food Links Christmas Lunch  
**16th Dec** - Carol Service (2pm @ Church - children to go home after)  
**17th Dec** - Celebration Assembly (9am - INVITE Only)  
**17th Dec** - Last Day of School - **pick-up @ 1:15pm**

### **EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-**

- **October Half Term tennis** - please see attached
- **Dorset SEND** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3124414?e=5ad5011868>
- **Family Information Service** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/october-fis-newsletter-3124362?e=5ad5011868>