

Milborne Message 12.02.21

Message from Sharon Hunt!

Dear Parents,

I was so looking forward to some snow for a bit of excitement but it didn't materialise, but I haven't given up hope yet. I hear we might get a little bit this weekend so if it comes I hope you can get out and enjoy the one day wonder!

We have attached a reminder of the procedures should school closure be necessary either due to snow or any emergency. Please see the attached letter as a reminder of our Snow Closure Procedure

Census 2021!

About Census 2021

Everyone benefits from the census. It informs decisions across England and Wales and locally on vital services and issues like diversity. Ultimately it makes sure millions of pounds are invested in areas such as emergency services, mental healthcare, school places, hospital beds, houses, roads, GPs and dentists' services based on the information people give. We've made it easier for people to complete the census online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires available for those that need them.

The next census takes place on **Sunday 21 March 2021**. The census is a survey that happens every 10 years and gives us a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. This helps to plan and fund public services in your local area. By taking part in the census, you can ensure that your family and community gets the services they need. The results will be available the following year. However, anonymised records will be locked away for 100 years and kept safe for future generations.

Find out more about Census 2021 and how to fill in your census questionnaire at www.census.gov.uk

Food Links:- Urgent!

If you have placed orders online for school meals for the first week back after half term, **22nd – 26th February** and your child is now not going to be in school, please cancel these meals ASAP.

Instructions: *Once logged into your child's account, orders, next to each meal, on the right, is a cancel button - please press to cancel the meal.*

If you have paid for meals, once cancelled a credit will automatically be placed onto your Local Food Links account. If you need any assistance please email support@localfoodlinks.org.uk

Spring Hot School Meal Menu - this is now live. Please see the separate email sent with the attached menu for the options. Please only order your child a hot school meal if they will be attending school after Half Term until we can officially reopen after lockdown, and ensure this also includes the first week back w/c 25th February. Thank you.

We will be launching an online Data Collection platform over the half term break using **SIMS Parent Lite**. This platform will enable parents to update their contact details quickly and at any time of day. If you have

a child at middle school you will hopefully be familiar with this app. Please see the separate email with all the information and video links to help explain and set up your account. Please take a bit of time over the half term break to check and update your child's contact details and ensure that we have **at least 3** additional emergency contacts that we are able to contact in an emergency and are able to collect your child on your behalf should the school not be able to contact you for any reason. Thank you.

I am continuing with the **Behaviour talks** I started before Christmas. There are 7 sessions in all and I will attach a final list of all videos and accompanying videos on here when they have all been completed.

Session 6

[How to Speak Toddler-ese](#)

[Understanding Trauma: Learning Brain vs Survival Brain](#)

[Session 6.mp4](#)

[The Power of Empathy on Vimeo](#)

Explore from your door.

In lockdown we can exercise with the people we live with (or support bubble) or one other person (in which case you should stay [2m apart](#)). Exercise should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

As case rates aren't going down as quickly as we would like, we are asking residents to explore from their front door. If you do go out this weekend please stay local. We have got some ideas for you:

- This weekend is the [RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch](#)
- Missing your favourite places? Why not visit virtually with [Dorset Council's web cams](#)? Or take part in up close encounters with wildlife such as the [Hengistbury Head wildlife cam](#).
- [Create a scavenger hunt](#)

Take part in [LiveWell Dorset's 5 Ways Challenge](#)



Thank you for all your help and support in keeping our school and the wider community as safe as we can.

Have a lovely half term.I think we are all ready for a more restful week.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Hunt

Links and Information:-

- Dorchester Arts - please see separate email sent for more information.
- DASP Music - please see separate email about the Community Orchestra event.
- Dorset Council - Recycling news please follow this link to the latest newsletter
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/dorset-council-cracks-down-on-abandoned-vehicles?e=5ad5011868>