

## Milborne Message - 14th January 2022

Dear Families,

We are settled back into routine and I'm sure many of us are trying hard to establish healthier habits! Positive COVID cases are affecting our pupil and staff attendance which I know upsets that routine for everyone. Robins Class are most affected currently. We are doing our very best to minimise any disruption for your child. Please can you continue to do what you are doing regarding Lateral flow tests and keeping in touch with us about children's absences. Thank you to all of you who are continuing to wear masks around the school premises. It shows great respect for each other and for our school community. Respect is one of our key values. It's good to see that it is very much alive at Millborne.

This half term the whole school is developing their problem solving skills. In each class children will be recognised for demonstrating that they can:

- complete tasks by following instructions
- complete tasks by finding someone to help if they need them
- complete tasks by explaining problems to someone for advice if they need

### This Week's Skills Challenge: Problem Solving



**Think about the problem:** a town has an area of land that is not being used for anything. untidy, littered waste land. The people of the town want to improve this and make it a usable area. You have been asked to come up with design ideas of how this area of land could be used and improved.

The people of the town would like it to be a useful, pleasant space for people of all ages to enjoy.

The town has voted to use only recycled materials for any improvements, so you need to make sure your designs are environmentally friendly.

Can you come up with at least 3 different design ideas to solve the problem?

Label your design drawings to show the recycled materials you have included and other environmentally friendly features. Do you have a favourite design?

Share your design ideas with your family, teacher and friends. Which design idea do they like the look of and sounds the best to solve the problem for the town?

It would be great to see your possible solutions on Tapestry.

### DOODLE Christmas Challenge:-

**!** **Important:** A syncing glitch has affected some student accounts over the holidays so their stars and streaks did not match the work they completed. We have now released a fix: please ask students to log in, complete an activity and collect stars, which should reset their accounts and add on their missing stars and streaks. We will reinstate any missing stars and streaks if this doesn't work, please get in touch with details (use the green chat icon or email your School Success Advisor). **!**

### Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and

day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

There is a flow chart and timetable attached to help with this. It can be tricky if you have several people isolating at different times.

**Congratulations to Raccoon Class** for achieving 100 acts of kindness. To celebrate, Raccoon Class will be dressing as their favourite characters on Friday 21st Jan. The children voted and chose this reward for themselves. Well done - we are all very proud of you!

Dorset Council are running their annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2023/2024 with effect from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021** to **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**.

Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/2023-to-2024-school-admissions-policies>

Responses must be submitted either in writing to the School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to [schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) by **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**.

Upon the conclusion of the consultation period all responses will be considered carefully and a report will be presented to Dorset Council's Cabinet meeting on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**.

**Please see the message below from Ladybirds:**

*Your village preschool, Ladybirds, is in urgent need of qualified Early Years staff in 2022.*

*Ideally, we would like to employ a person with a Level 3 Qualification and at least 2 years leadership experience as Deputy Leader with the opportunity to take over as Leader in October 2022.*

*With a countrywide shortage of qualified personnel, we realise there is a big challenge to find the right person in a village location. So, we are prepared to consider someone with less experience or someone working towards Level 3.*

*If this is of interest to you or you know someone who might be please contact Liz on 07771 512427 or [liz@milborneladybirds.com](mailto:liz@milborneladybirds.com)*

**Advance Notice:-** as the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** falls during the May Half Term school holiday, schools 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**.

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*Sharon Staddon*

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Headteacher

### **Dates For Your Diary:-**

#### **2022**

**18th Jan - Robins** Shire Hall School Trip (Consent and payment via Schoolcomms)

**21st Jan - Reception** Writing Stay and Play session @ 9am

**28th Jan - Raccoons** Songlines trip (Consent via Schoolcomms)

**28th Jan - RSPB** Big Bird Watching weekend

**16th Feb - Y4** Parents Hooke Court Parent info meeting @ 4pm

**18th Feb - ROBINS Class** Assembly @ 2pm

**18th Feb - 25th Feb - Half Term Break**

**28th Feb - INSET DAY** - School Closed to Children

**1st Mar** - School Reopens

**3rd Mar** - World Book Day

**18th Mar** - Red Nose Day (*Red Nose items will be available to purchase from the School Office nearer the time*)

### **EXTERNAL INFORMATION:-**

- **Families Dorset Magazine:-**

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Dorset Magazine](#) for you to share with your parents. This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including winter boredom busters, Chinese New Year craft projects, DIY board games, parenting advice and loads more.

- **1610:-** Swimming lesson information. Please see the attached flyer.

- **Dorset SEND** - <https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3125989?e=5ad5011868>

- **Family Information Service:-**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/december-fis-newsletter-3125813?e=5ad5011868>

- **Health and Activity:-**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/make-2020-your-year-to-get-active-3126017?e=5ad5011868>

- **Dorset's Countryside -**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-e-newsletter-january-2022?e=5ad5011868>