

Milborne Message - 28th January 2022

Dear Families,

Gosh, I can't believe that we are almost at the end of January. The month has just flown by. It helps that we have had lots of fresh, bright days. I'm optimistic that although cases of COVID in schools are on the increase, the 0-15 age range has seen a significant increase in cases, we seem to be levelling off. Thank you for all your hard work and perseverance in keeping us all as safe as possible.

This week, sadly, we said goodbye to Clare from the Dorset Reading Partners Programme. Clare has worked with several of our children and we are all very sorry to see her go but wish her well in her move to Devon.



Affirmations are positive statements that can help people to feel happier when they are having negative thoughts and feelings in tough times. Challenge yourself to come up with 5 positive things (affirmations) you could say to yourself when you do not feel so happy.

Some examples include: 'I am a friendly, kind person.' 'I tell great jokes to cheer others up.' 'I am thoughtful and always remember my friends' birthdays.'

What affirmations would you come up with for other people in your family or your friends?

Share your ideas and talk about how these might help you all to stay positive.

Work with your family this week to get any household chores done together.

Draw up a plan of action so that everyone knows what chores they need to do.

Talk to each other about how you can get your chores done quickly (and well) so that you can then enjoy relaxing together.

Take a moment. Pause. Think of all the many things you can do. What do you find easy? What do you find more difficult?

You may want to write or draw as you think.

What else would you like to be able to do? Learn a new language, run faster, get more sleep, solve a crossword puzzle in record time, juggle?

What can you do in the next few weeks to work towards your goal?

Share your ideas with someone else - they might be able to help you achieve your goal.



Milborne School Community Meeting 8th March 2022 4pm



You are warmly invited to join the staff and governors for an MSA school community meeting.

Please save the date. After such valuable feedback from our October meeting we are getting closer to be able to share with you our vision for the future for our wonderful school and all the families that make it such a special place.

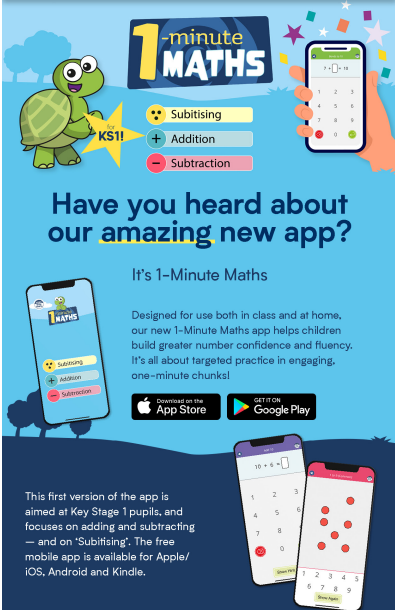




Everyone is welcome. Please save the date.

Year 4 Times Tables Statutory Testing:-

Statutory times tables testing will take place for the year 4 children in June 2022. This is something that has been happening for the last few years. You don't need to worry about these but encouraging regular, short bursts of practice on TTRockstars; Doodle Tables and 1 minute Maths will significantly help your child in the test but more importantly, for the rest of their lives. Please see the attached information.

Check out these 7 top reasons for using 1-Minute Maths!

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- Subtraction

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School Trips coming up:-

Raccoons - Bristol Museum - Raccoon Class will visit We The Curious - Bristol's fantastic science and arts centre - on Friday 11th March 2022. The cost of travel to Bristol has been subsidised by a local STEM foundation organisation to enable our children to experience this amazing place and inspire the scientists of the future - your children! It will be a longer day than the usual school day but it will be well worth the trip and includes a visit to the planetarium. Children will need to be in school for 7:50am ready to depart around 8am.

Rabbits - 11th March - Wessex Wild - consent via Schoolcomms - details will follow

Robins - 28th April - Wessex Wild - consent via Schoolcomms - details will follow

Incredible Years Programme

This is a superb programme and I would encourage you to look at the information attached. I was lucky enough to be able to do one of these as a teacher many years ago when they were starting and it was really empowering. I would love a world where every parent was able to access this. If you would be interested in this, please talk to me further.

Writing

We monitor all progress and attainment very closely. This month we have been analysing the data to date this academic year. We can see evidence that the reading drive has had an impact. Thank you Mrs Gough and all the staff. Thank you Parents too, for all your hard work and support with this. Keep reading every day and signing in the reading diary. It is one of the most important things you can do for your child, irrespective of his/her reading stage or age.

We have noticed a significant dip in children's writing ability since covid disruption. This is presenting itself in a variety of ways including less resilience and stamina in writing and poor basic spelling and punctuation. We have introduced 'Talk for Writing' in September and this is going really well so far. Early signs show a good pace of progress. This work is really building children's imagination and providing them with a bank of ideas, words and phrases that they can recall when they need them.

On a Friday, we will also be sending home weekly sentence work for your child to do. ***Please see the separate email sent with this week's homework.*** The emphasis of this will be on quality sentences. **Quality not quantity.** This should both make it easier to complete at home and be very effective in ensuring the children think about the reader when they are writing and include appropriate punctuation and write in neat, legible handwriting. You have received more information from Mrs Gough. Please try to focus on handwriting, punctuation and spelling in any work you do with your child.

Lastly, I would like to wish Mrs Cheeseman a very Happy Birthday for today, Miss Winning for Sunday and Mrs Andrews (it's a big one!) for Monday.

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

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Headteacher

Dates For Your Diary:-

28th Jan - RSPB Big Bird Watching weekend

15th Feb - **ROBINS** - rescheduled Shire Hall class trip

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** (no children in School)

1st Mar - School Reopens - children back in school

3rd Mar - World Book Day

8th Mar - Logo/Values Meeting (4pm - 5pm)

11th Mar - **RACCOONS** - Bristol Museum trip (consent/pay via schoolcomms)

11th Mar - **RABBITS** - Wessex Wild trip (consent via schoolcomms)

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

30th Mar - 1st April - Year 4 Hooke Court Residential Trip

7th April - Egg Decoration Competition/Egg rolling

7th April - End of Term (**Pick up 1:15pm**)

8th April - **INSET DAY** (no children in school)

11th April - 22nd April - **EASTER** Holidays

25th April - School Reopens - children back to school

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>