

Dear Parents,

Following the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday, there are a couple of changes to our plan. DASP has made the decision to cancel Transfer Day as we know it. We will continue to do the internal transfer as advised previously (and below) but we need to consider how to ensure that Y4 can have a transition experience in a safe way. This is currently being reviewed across the GTAT schools. I will let Year 4 parents know as soon as we have a clear plan.

This is not the time to relax on procedures as we have seen an increase in positive cases in schools.

The other change is to the Raccoons performance dates. In order to avoid disappointment due to inclement weather, we are moving the performances to after the revised Covid opening to **9.30am on 20th July and 1.30pm on 21st July**. We have kept the days and times the same to minimise any inconvenience.

We are restricting parents to Raccoons parents only and ask that you attend on ONE day only and will be restricted to 2 tickets per family. Booking will be through the Parents Evening booking system and a reminder will be sent out closer to the time.

**Class photos** - Class photos will be done next **Friday 25th June**. Please could ALL children come to school in their **school uniform** and also bring a **school logo jumper**. PE/OE kits can be brought into school for the children to change into on this occasion.

**Wessex Wild**, who has visited us in school a few times already over the last few months, have been lucky enough to obtain funding through the Dorset County Show to cover the transport costs of having schools visit them onsite. Although the transport costs will be covered, parents will still need to consent for their child to go on this trip. **Robins** will be on **Monday 12th July** and **Raccoons** will be on **Wednesday 14th July**. All Hot School meals have been cancelled for these days, therefore, **all** children will need a healthy snack, water bottle and packed lunch for this trip. More information will be sent out by the class teachers nearer the time, but please consent as soon as possible.

Sports day will be run a little differently this year. We will be having a **Sports Week 12th July - 16th July** instead for the children in school. Unfortunately, parents will not be invited this year. This will work in the way it usually does in as much as they will be divided into houses and earn points for their respective houses through the activities. Each bubble will have their own day, allowing time for the equipment to be cleaned in between. We will take lots of photos and videos and put them on Tapestry. The points and overall winners will be announced on Friday when the cup will also be presented to the winning House Captains.

**Leavers assembly** will be held outside on **23rd July** in the morning from 9:30am. Year 4 parents only, will be invited to this. Chairs will be spread out to allow for social distancing. This is also the last day of term and therefore school pick-up will be 1:15pm for non-sibling children and 1:20pm for siblings and Rabbits.

**Transfer Day** will take place on **Thursday 1st July**. The new reception children will arrive at 9.30 am after everyone else is in. Please come to school in the usual way, this year and we will do the transfer internally. Likewise, children will be collected at the end of the day from their usual classrooms. This is to avoid unnecessary confusion about Covid lining up which may be different in September anyway. Classrooms will be cleaned between classes.

We are very fortunate to have the **Olympic athlete** Isabel Haigh, a gymnast, joining us on **Tuesday 6th July**. She will be putting the children through their paces during the morning. We have sent home the fundraising forms with the children today. A few years ago we had Rich Parker the skater who put the children through their paces and was a great hit with everyone.

**DASP Music** have sent their latest newsletter for parents. Please see the attached.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

**External information:-**

- **TOTAL Sports** Summer Clubs:- Please see the attached flyer for more information.
- **Activate Coast and Greenspace news:-**  
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- **Enjoying Dorset's Countryside:-**  
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