

Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for your very kind thoughts and wishes on my recent marriage. I had a wonderful day and the sun came out just in time luckily, as we were in the garden with no plan B!

A couple of photos from our day:



Just a reminder that next Friday **28th May** is a rescheduled **INSET day** from 12th February which was during Lockdown. Therefore the last day of term will be on Thursday with normal current pick-up times.

Please keep going with **Doodle** at home. We pay for this app and we know it is highly effective for improving children's learning and confidence. There has been a significant drop in numbers using the app since we've returned.

Our Raccoons class have the opportunity to do a 'Bikeability course' next week, Monday to Wednesday. Due to the numbers restrictions, those that have returned their forms have been split into 3 groups and in order to help the trainer get through all the training for that session, she will need access to the hard standing playground area during the school day.

Please could we ask that **ALL children** bring named wellies into school for break times on these 3 days especially as it will be on the field.

We currently have some spaces in our Afterschool Tennis club which is on a Monday. Wild Art Club, which runs on a Tuesday, will also be continuing after the Half Term break.

These are on a first come first served basis, therefore if you would like your child to take part, please return the attached forms as soon as possible to the school office in a named and sealed envelope with your completed form and any payment required.

Please see the message below from Dorchester Locality Team:

Parenting Skills & Strategies One-to One Phone Consultations

Parenting Skills & Strategies advice is being offered via 30-minute phone calls on the following days:

Tuesday Mornings:

9:30 – 11:30 am 15th June

Wednesday evenings:

6.30 – 8.00pm 2nd June

23rd June
14th July and 21st July

For more information, or to book your 30-minute chat, please contact Dorchester Locality - Monday to Friday 9am-4pm on **01305 221348** and speak to Anne or Tamsin.

Please note that you will be asked for consent to share some information about your family and your concerns so that advice can be tailored to your needs.

Are you or your child interested in starting to learn an instrument in September?

DASP Music is keen to encourage more young people to start having lessons on an instrument or voice from September. Learning an instrument can be a hugely enjoyable and rewarding experience for a young person. It can not only help them to improve their literacy and numeracy skills, but can also improve their self-esteem, self-confidence and ability to work as part of a team.

This video highlights some of the key benefits that learning an instrument can have on the brain: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0JKCYZ8hng>

They offer in-school tuition on a whole range of instruments, individually or in small groups, with a variety of lesson length options. Lessons cost between £4.25 - £17 depending on group size and lesson length. Those interested in learning violin, cello, recorder, piano or ukulele can start having lessons from Year 2 onwards. Most other instruments (e.g flute, clarinet, oboe, trumpet, French Horn, trombone, guitar, voice) can be started from Year 3 or 4 depending on the individual child. Lessons are usually billed termly, directly from the teacher. Not all instruments will be available to learn at all schools, but we will do our very best to accommodate all applications.

All information (including the online application form) can be found at www.daspmusic.co.uk. For lessons to start in September, applications will need to be received by **25th June**. Please don't hesitate to contact DASP Music (daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net) if you have any queries about how to go about arranging lessons on an instrument or voice for your child.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

External information:-

- **Wild Family fun Days 22nd and 29th May:-** We're excited to invite everyone to our two Wild Family Fun Days as part of our ChalkEscape Walking Festival.

These fun and interactive events are taking place on Saturday 22 May at Martin Down National Nature Reserve and Saturday 29 May at Win Green (near Ludwell Wiltshire). Please find attached the fliers More information and booking details are available on our website: <https://cranbornechase.org.uk/events/chalkescape-walking-festival-2021/>

The Fun Days are part of the Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership Scheme which runs until 2024. There are lots of other great ways for you to get involved so have a look at the volunteering opportunities on our website.

- **Woodlanders Holiday club @ Longmead Farm:-** We are a local charity supporting young people and families. We are really excited to let you know that we have developed our Forest

school site on the farm and our providing sessions to schools alongside holiday clubs. We have a drop off holiday club running on Wednesday 2nd June, for two sessions. Please see the attached for more information.

- **Parenting Skills & Strategies One-to One Phone Consultations:-** Parenting Skills & Strategies advice is being offered via 30-minute phone calls. Please see the attached flyer for more information on times and dates these sessions are available
- **Activate Coast and Greenspace news:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/make-2020-your-year-to-get-active-3123006?e=5ad5011868>
- **Enjoying Dorset's Countryside:-**
<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/enjoying-dorsets-countryside-may-2021?e=5ad5011868>
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- **Dorset Magazine link:**
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- **Families Dorset Magazine link:-**
Good News! Families Dorset's May/June issue is out now and ready for you to share with your parent community.
This bumper-packed early Summer edition comes with a chance for readers to **win a luxury family short break with Away Resorts.**
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