

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we're in the last half term already. It is always a very busy one but seems even busier this year. There is still a lot of uncertainty about Covid rules and possible changes which makes things very difficult for us all to plan. We have given a lot of thought to how we can maximise involvement without risking safety or repeatedly changing arrangements. We have tried particularly to accommodate Year 4 as it will be their last opportunity to celebrate at Milborne School. To this end, I would like to share a schedule of events for the next few weeks.

Please note that these may differ from dates given previously.

We will be having a **Sports Week 12th July - 16th July** 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.

Raccoons class are performing a play **Big Green Adventure** with some help from the other classes. We will record the sections where other classes are involved and share these with you but 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. The dates are Tuesday 29th June at 9.30 am and Wednesday 30th June at 1.30pm. Booking will be through the Parents Evening booking system. A reminder will be sent out when bookings are live on 18th June.

**Leavers assembly** will be held outside on 23rd July in the morning from 9:30am. Year 4 parents 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 2:20pm for siblings and Rabbits.

As Mrs Strong has retired from her lunchtime post, we are recruiting. If this is something you think you might be interested in please contact the office by email for more information and details on how to apply before Monday 14th June at 12 noon.

**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.

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 will be sending out the fundraising forms w/c 21st June. A few years ago we had Rich Parker the skater who put the children through their paces and was a great hit with everyone.

It is **Healthy Eating Week** next week, 14th-18th June. Mrs Cheeseman has organised a challenge for you all. Please take a look at the poster attached and get your chef hats on!

Further to the Bikeability sessions before half term, please see link below for the Dorchester area map:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/sport-leisure/cycling/documents/dorchester-cycling-routes-map.pdf>

We are currently finalising the **School Development Plan**. When it has been approved by Governors I will share the key points with you.

We received a letter this week from Dorset Council advising of a Road Closure on the 24th June 2021. This will affect the road between Milborne and Dewlish. Please see the attached letter.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

### **External information:-**

- **Open forum for Parents/Guardian with Dorset Road Safe Partnership:-**

*The Open forum webinar will give Parents/Guardians the opportunity to chat with representatives from the Dorset Road Safe Education Partnership to find out:*

*Who are we?*

*What services do we offer?*

*What do you want from us?*

*The Parent/Guardian Chat Club occurs several times. Please register for the July date and time that works best for you: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/5815304220670996225>*

*After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.*

- **Parenting Skills & Strategies One-to One Phone Consultations:-** Parenting Skills & Strategies advice is being offered via 30-minute phone calls. Please see the flyer sent on the 14th May 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>

- **Dorset SEND:-**

<https://mailchi.mp/dorsetcouncil/send-newsletter-3123066?e=5ad5011868>

- **Dorset AOB news:-**

[https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Dorset%20Council&utm\\_campaign=08b8a60475-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2019\\_09\\_10\\_01\\_41\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_bc36c80975-08b8a60475-439145661](https://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/?utm_source=Dorset%20Council&utm_campaign=08b8a60475-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_09_10_01_41_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_bc36c80975-08b8a60475-439145661)

- **Dorset Magazine link:**

[https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@F-vV1h6tPtTLJ6MrcFqqV1-JLb9JXPq5QACQCJOQAyzNKEiiBDgfvZNxqlgkQxjB3TP0rSr\\_7M6XKJpkg\\_iN8HBKZYnmrMrpVqUmGi-g73bWRYca.html](https://m.email.archant.co.uk/rest/head/mirrorPage/@F-vV1h6tPtTLJ6MrcFqqV1-JLb9JXPq5QACQCJOQAyzNKEiiBDgfvZNxqlgkQxjB3TP0rSr_7M6XKJpkg_iN8HBKZYnmrMrpVqUmGi-g73bWRYca.html)

- **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**.

Simply click on

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesdorset\\_18-mayjun2021?fr=sMGI4ZTM2MzI2NTg](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/familiesdorset_18-mayjun2021?fr=sMGI4ZTM2MzI2NTg)

to the magazine online.

