

Dear Parents,

It has been really lovely to hear the children singing with gusto in preparation for their performance and while singing with Hanna from DASP music. Hanna has emailed since to say how wonderful they were at singing, and it was clear they have been practising and using their voices.

As I write, I am accompanied by the sounds of the Samba drums which are less melodic but equally good to hear!

We are busy writing your children's **reports** and will be able to share them before the end of the term. Whilst busy, I always like this time to reflect on individual progress and success over the last year.

A last minute opportunity for training in **Talk for Writing** has presented itself so we are very excited about this. This is something we have dipped into before, but plan on having a whole school embedded approach ready for September, so you will definitely be hearing more about it then.

We are planning on introducing a **system of badge awards** from September. These are values based and will be sewn onto jumpers. You have mentioned concerns in the questionnaire about some children who are always 'good' not getting rewards in the same way others have. We have listened and this is our response. There is no reason why EVERY child in school cannot achieve this if they want to. There will be three awards each year which will be colour coded for year groups. We are sourcing these currently so I will share more when we actually have the badges. We are delighted with this plan and hope that your child will wear their earned badges with pride, as a daily and permanent reminder of their achievement.

Thank you to the FoS fairies who magically produced a storage box and **play equipment for Raccoons** class. The children have been thrilled and are enjoying using them.

We are aware that there are **ticks** in the grass area. Please be extra vigilant on checking for these particularly after OE sessions but it would be good learning and good practice to make this part of your child's daily bedtime routine.

**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.

**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 sent home a covering letter and the fundraising forms with the children last week. A few years ago we had Rich Parker the inline skater who put the children through their paces and was a great hit with everyone.

To set up your child's fundraising page for friends and family to sponsor them to do the fitness circuits set by Isabel on the day, please follow this link and click on 'set up a fundraising page' <https://sportal.sportsforschools.org/events/16347/promo>

The children will receive a fundraising gift of either a signed poster and/or blue or red wristband. The band colour depends on how much is raised. All the children had great fun at our previous fundraising event and hopefully we can beat our total from 2 year ago.

Anything raised over £360, will come back to Milborne and will be put towards PE equipment for the children to use during their PE sessions and Sports Day.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Staddon

**External information:- (Information new from last week is in Green)**

- **Summer Holiday Tennis club:-** Please see the attached flyer
- **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-e-newsletter-june-2021?e=5ad5011868>
- **Dorset AOB news:-**  
[https://www.dorsetaob.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.dorsetaob.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.**  
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