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Dear Parents

Investors in People

Yesterday we were assessed and have again gained the IIP status, with flying colours. The assessor commented on what a great team we are, how everyone is dedicated to each other, the school and committed to DASP. Well done to the whole team.

Salvation Army Visit

Janey and Eileen from the Dorchester branch of the Salvation Army visited us again last week. Eileen is going to the Ukraine in June and the children decided that they would like to give her some small, light things for the children who have so very little in the Ukraine. They thought a parachute for team games would be good and if each child brought in 50p this would almost buy one and the school would buy another. This would make such a difference to so many young children. The children also suggested bringing in small, McDonalds toys, the ones in the Happy Meals that they don't use any more. Eileen suggested one more thing - hair slides and clips for little girls. If you can manage any of the above, do please send them in to us and we will make sure she gets them before she leaves. Thank you.

Music Tuition

Two points here. A number of our musicians are moving to the middle school and there are spaces for guitar, drums, piano, clarinet and recorder lessons for next year if anyone wants to learn. It is important that lessons with these teachers are quickly filled and there is really no point in deciding in September - it will be too late. The teachers are brilliant and will take children from reception - not sure if that is the case with clarinet! All our music lessons are happening in the new cabin now and it is just like a music room with some of the older children practising at lunch time and making up their own compositions. Do pop in and see Sandy if you are interested in any lessons on any instrument - DASP will probably be able to sort out a teacher.

Second point - if you still have a bill for lessons outstanding can you get the money to Sandy asap so she can close this account for this half term. Thank you

Village Fair

Thank you to everyone that supported the fair and brought their children along to dance and sing. The village committee have agreed to give us half the money they receive. How generous is that! I do realise that it was the bank holiday weekend and some of you had made other arrangements. The turnout was brilliant, the children were fantastic and we all had a great time. Thank you to everyone that came - we all appreciate your making the effort to support them.

Young Enterprises

The children are loving their sessions with Hannah from Young Enterprises with each group learning at different levels about town and city planning, economics and what people skills are needed to run a business. The older children, next week, are learning about paying taxes!!! Not a subject we like to think about but, unfortunately one we have to live with! The sessions are financially supported by a number of firms including Proctor and Gamble and Tom, Tiggy, Owain and Lara will make a presentation to the sponsors next week to show them how their money is spent.

House of Fun

The children found the theatre visit to the school last week very thought provoking as well as being fun. Do speak to your child/ren about the visit. It was all about being kind to each other and how if you're nice others will be nice to you.

Gardening

Heather and John from the village visited and worked so very hard with a number of our children on Wednesday of this week weeding and tidying up the grounds and what a difference it has made already. If you have any small shrubs we'd be very grateful for them to fill some spaces that had only weeds. Do speak with Liz.

Things that are happening shortly:-

- 8 May - Young Enterprises presentation in Bournemouth
- 9 May - Visit by Vickie, our community police officer and PC Jeff Gray
- 12 May - Visit to bluebell woods
- 22 May - Whole school visit to Life Education Van at Winterbourne Valley School
- 22 May - Carey Camp parents meeting - afternoon - 2.30pm
- 22 May - New parents evening - 6.00pm
- 23 May - Half term
- 4 June - Year 4 residential visit to Carey Camp

Do have a look at the website for new sites to visit - both you and your children.

Kind regards

Ann Herridge

Appologies re the technology - AH

