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Dear Parents

First of all I do hope you all had a super holiday. I believe the weather was wonderful which makes us all feel so much better. I was able to visit my son and his family and cuddle my newest grandchild - three weeks old - I didn't notice the weather!!



Centenary Celebrations

What a wonderful day we all had and can I say how appreciative we all were that you worked so hard to dress the children and come and share our day with us. Each and everyone of you helped to make the day so very special. We are unable to thank everyone personally that attended as we did not know many of the people that came. I do know one lady travelled from Somerset to be with us, colleges from the middle and other DASP schools came, staff from a while ago, Dorset County Council folk came and others took holiday from work to be with us. Then we were blessed with many of our friends and families from the community.

I do hope the children were able to see themselves on South Today. We all felt that Brioney did a super job. The write up in the *Western Gazette* was great too. Oliver Letwin was fantastic with the children, planting the tree and cutting the cake. Also he brought us a bottle of House of Commons Whiskey to raffle at a later time. I have been told by a parent that has tasted it that it 'is the best'!

We will be in the Village News and there are some photos on the web site and the video. More, possibly to follow. Well done Mr D. We have had some photos given to us from the day - thank you for those. If anyone has any others, we would be very grateful for them. We could provide you with a memory stick for transfer.

Again, a big thank you to everyone that helped to make the day such a success. What a great team we make.

Easter Craft Fair and the Garden

Thank you to the Friends and Sarah Goodman (Chair) for organising the Easter craft fair - the children had a great time. The Friends made a massive £250. Well done everyone. Thanks also for the tree, the pots and the fence - doesn't it look smart.



Rights Respecting Schools Concert

Thank you to everyone that ensured the children were on time for the concert. Wasn't it brilliant. I was so proud of our children and I have got to say, it brought tears to my eyes - along with a lot of others. Well done Class 2.

Egg Competition

Well done to all the children that brought decorated eggs in for the competition. It was very difficult for Mrs Price and Mr Duffin to choose winners as they were all so very good. It also showed how creative our children are. Cora was chosen from Class 2 and William St John-Bacon for Class 1. Well done Cora and William and to everyone else that participated.



Photographs

With this letter you will receive the photograph taken in the last week of school. They are absolutely fabulous. The information for purchasing them is on the letter. Hope you like them.

Romans

Class 2 had a fabulous day out on Wednesday with Gill and Chris Copson from the Thomas Hardy School. They started at the Prince of Wales learning about the Celts using their round house then moved on to Maiden Castle, used the 'facilities' at the Thomas Hardy School(!!), went to the Roman Town House and finished up at the Amphitheatre to have a 'fight' - Romans against the Celts. Next term Gill and Chris are organising a start to our WWII project at Bovington - something for the Year Three children to look forward to.



Beach Clean



We have had a letter from Dorset Countryside with a poster asking for volunteers to help clean up our beaches. This is the 21st year this has happened and there are over 25 locations. Most are scheduled from 10.00 - 12.00 on 26 April. Gloves and bags are provided and this is an opportunity for everyone to help ensure our beaches stay as lovely as they are. A list of the locations is posted up outside the school, on the web at www.dorsetcoast.com or ring 01305 756792

Collections

We are currently collecting tokens, vouchers (whatever) for Tesco, Flora (numbers inside the boxes), box tops and Books for Schools (The Times).

Again, a big thank you to everyone for making our centenary such a big success.

Kind regards

Ann Herridge

