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Dear Parents

Attendance

Attached is a flier sent out by most of the DASP schools highlighting the accumulative issues that school absence can generate. Our attendance has always been exemplary – only 1.7%. Absence is monitored termly by the local authority and this term this figure has gone up dramatically to 7.6%. Our small numbers mean that just a week off school due to a holiday or illness can make quite a difference to this figure. Do have a look at the flier produced by the Thomas Hardy School. This is for information only but it makes some interesting points.

West Dorset Blue Light Roadshow

On Saturday Uruguay play South Korea and USA play Ghana.

BUT

Dorset Rural Safer Neighbourhood Team (PC Vickie and Charlie Dale) have organized a free day of fun for all the family with displays from the dog section, Dorset Search and Rescue and being able to go inside a police car – voluntarily!! The local authority has an action van, there's a bouncy castle and the coastguard and fire service will be there. It's all happening at Dorchester Rugby Club, Coburg Road from 11.00 to 16.00 on Saturday. England aren't playing until Sunday so this looks like the place to be for a truly great FREE day out.



Tesco vouchers

A huge thank you to everyone for the Tesco vouchers. We have collected a staggering 11,000 this year. We are so lucky that people who have no connections with the school still collect and send big bundles into us. One group of people – the Lavis Gang – in Coburg Road in Dorchester send us in loads every year. Mike was our postman for many years and, although he has passed away, his wife still collects for us and from all her neighbours. Three churches in Dorchester also collect and share them between the three small schools in DASP, us, Winterbourne Valley and Cerne Abbas. Lots of the villagers in our catchment area also save them. We have just sent off for two mini-ipod type cameras (big learning curve here!), lots of balls, mini scoopers and two parachutes. Thanks you all so very much.



DASP concert

This Saturday is the DASP – Last Night of the Proms – concert. It is a truly great occasion where children from all over the partnership share musical performances in a huge marquee with some of the staff, wave flags and generally have fun, in front of an audience of about a thousand. The years three and four have been invited to play belle plates with other first schools and they will be attending a rehearsal at the Thomas Hardy School on Friday before swimming. Anyone that would like a ticket please speak with Mrs White.



French Morning

Year 4 attended a joint French morning at St Mary's Middle school on Wednesday morning. They had a great time learning about a French café (that's eating croissants and drinking chocolate), they played Snap in French and had a French sing-song. This was also an opportunity for them to meet all the other children that will be in their year group when they join the middle school in September.



Maths at Piddle Valley

The Year 4 children also had a Maths lesson at the Piddle Valley with their Year 4 children in Mr Wash's class. Mr Der came from the St Mary's, in a rabbit costume, and gave the children a superb lesson mainly focused on multiplication tables – hence the costume. Again, lots of time with the children they will be with in September.

Music Lessons

A request from Sandy – It would be really helpful if you have an outstanding bill if you could settle this so that she is able to close up this account until next year. Do remember though that if you want to have any lessons next year please send in the request form as soon as possible. The teachers are allocated from Thomas Hardye so if you are late it may not be possible to organize a teacher for your child. Currently we have drums, guitar and piano lessons happening but lots of other instruments are available. You only have to ask.



Carey Camp

The Year 4 children visited Cerne Abbas School before going on a residential trip to Carey Camp to meet the children they would be sharing tents with. The trip was such a success particularly as it was dry!!! The children had a wonderful time engaged in ICT, shelter making, land art, low ropes, stove cooking and lots more. In all our activities we worked with Cerne Abbas and Winterbourne Valley children. Our Cheselbourne children were brilliant – as always.



Toys

It is coming to end of the term and some of the children are bringing in toys to school to use at playtime. This is not to do with Class 1's toy project. Toys and playground equipment are supplied and available for the children to use. It is better for children not to bring in other things as they may get lost or broken. Thank you for your support.

Puddletown Carnival – Saturday 10 July

We have been asked to run a tombola stall at the carnival and they have agreed to give us some money for the school for doing it. Sandy is going to run the stall but it would be great if you were able to pop in some time and support them.

Plants

Mrs Smith has begun planting up the pots outside the school. If anyone has a couple of bedding plants that we can use please send them in. We'd be so grateful. Thanks for the ones that have come in already.

Attached to this letter is a list of dates coming up in the last couple of weeks.

England vs Germany on Sunday. Fingers crossed we are all smiling on Monday!



Kind regards

Ann Herridge



NB NB Student leaflets will be sent out on Monday of next week. **NB NB ##**
Please return all the forms whether positive or negative. We will be paid according to
the response – either way.

Updated dates for your diary

Thursday 1 July - Year 4 to Thomas Hardye School – Eco Celebration

Thursday 1 July – Explorers in the Village Hall from 3.15 – 4.15 – this is the last session for this term - please contact Rachel Bywater if you have any queries on 01258 837 065

Friday 2 July Years 3 and 4 – Concert rehearsal at The Thomas Hardye School

Friday 2 July – last football session

Saturday 3 July – Concert – Last Night at the Proms - 7.00 at Thomas Hardye School

Tuesday 6 July – Ewan will represent all the First Schools in DASP for the last time with the local authority

Thursday 8 July – Transfer Day – Please can Y4 parents deliver and collect children from St Mary’s in Puddletown

Thursday 8 July – Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 and Caterpillars will go on the ‘Teddy Bears’ Picnic to The Manor courtesy of Eve Bonham Cozens – details in attached letter

Friday 9 July – Sports Day – Picnic lunch in the field followed by sports

Saturday 10 July – Cheselbourne School will be having a tomola stall in the Puddletown Carnival at the Recreation Ground. Sandy is going to ‘man’ this stall and your presence would be gratefully appreciated. Tea and a slice of cake would be appreciated!!

Tuesday 13 – Scarecrows picnic from 12.00 to 2.00 in the field

Wednesday 14 – Monday 19 July – our gazebo will be being erected just outside Sandy’s office. During this period it will be necessary to move to builders’ mode again and to enter the school through the back.

Friday 16 July – Beaulieu trip – whole school visit

Monday 19 July – first performance of Alice – 1.30 in the Village Hall

Thursday 22 July – second performance of Alice – 10.30 in the Village Hall

Thursday 22 July – 1.30 in the church

Friday 23 July is the last day of school – Hooray!!



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