

THE PAMPHILL POST



Headteacher: Mr Wheeler "Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life" (Philippians 2:15)

Friday 19th May 2023

Evening all,

It's been another busy couple of weeks in the life of Pamphill First School: Year 4 have represented the school impeccably at Dumpton School in our recent cricket festival; the Stags Bikeability riders have impressed with their skill and progress during today's event; and Year 2 have been utterly tremendous in their assessment week this week. (Just to name a few things.)

Enthusiasm for our new initiative remains strong and we've had the first round of class prizes earned. There were some very happy faces in Owls and Foxes when the doughnuts arrived from Bennetts in Wimborne this week. Stags met their targets today to achieve the same treat, and all classes move on in pursuit of the next reward. The children continue to share their love of reading through their book reviews and the project continues to gather momentum. Huge credit must go to Mrs Woolnough for helping to shape such a brilliant outlet in this regard.

Tomorrow's Nature Walk

A real highlight of the school calendar last year was the nature walk event and I am told we are set to be blessed with great weather tomorrow for this year's edition (in spite of this afternoon's storm). Huge thanks to Cecily Benson for marking out the route for us all in advance!

The plan is to meet on the green by the cricket pavilion at 11am tomorrow to complete the walk. For anyone arriving later, look out for the orange arrows showing the route - the first one will have the school logo on it. I have also attached



the original letter with this newsletter that includes the map. Once we have completed the walk I know many are planning picnic lunches on the green. I will make some sporting equipment available for the children to enjoy on the green and there will also be the opportunity to purchase ice lollies for £1. We have not been able to secure the pavilion for toilet facilities this year, but I will open up the hall after the walk for toilet use (via the gate to the left of the hall as you approach from the main gate). Children must be accompanied to and from the toilet by an adult to ensure safety crossing the road and behaviour in the hall.

We wish you a fantastic weekend, and I hope to see many of you tomorrow. Don't forget to check out the events section below as there's so much to look forward to coming up that might be worth aligning to the family calendars!

Mr Wheeler

Notice for all LEGO Enthusiasts

For anyone who likes the sound of a LEGO/Stonehenge themed event, check out this link to an event they are running over the half term. If anyone chooses to get involved - do let us know!

And thank you Katie Daly for sharing!



Citizens Advice Bus

We have been made aware of a new local service offering advice on the following topics as we navigate the cost of living crisis:

Benefits, Debt & Money, Energy, Employment, Family, Housing, Legal and help with bills.

They are a mobile service who can be found weekly at the following locations:

Mondays 10-12 @ Colehill Village Hall
Tuesdays 10-12 @ Verwood Hub
Tuesdays 1-3 @ Parkway Car Park, West Moors
Wednesdays 10-12 (excluding first Wed of the month) @ St Nicholas
Church, Corfe Mullen



Upcoming School /PTFA Events

Saturday 20th May: Bluebell Community Walk - 11am start
w/b 22nd May: Foxes and Stags class trips to Kingston Lacey
+ Foxes class gallery showcase (further details to follow)
Wednesday 24th May: Creature Teachers' visit to Foxes class (habitat focus)

Wednesday 7th - Thursday 8th June: Leeson House residential (Y4 only)

Saturday 10th June: Wimborne Folk Festival - performances in the model town late morning (timings TBC) **w/b 12th June:** KS1 phonics screening (mostly Year 1 Pupils) and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Assessments

Tuesday 13th June: Owl's class trip to Launceston Farm

Tuesday 20th June: Foxes art workshop as part of Glow Badbury Project **Friday 23rd June:** Owls art workshop as part of Glow Badbury Project **Friday 30th June:** Stags art workshop as part of Glow Badbury Project

Friday 30th June - 3:30-5:30pm: Strawberry Fair

Friday 7th July: Transfer Day (including Y4s to new schools)

Monday 10th July: Sports Day (pm)
Tuesday 11th July: Sports Day (pm) - back up
Thursday 20th July: Leavers' Service 6-8pm

Friday 21st July: Last day of the year inc. church service at St. Stephen's in the morning and our End of

Year Party 1-3pm

Some parents have also kindly offered to do a little bit of fundraising by selling **ice lollies after school on**Wednesdays in good weather. Thank you to them!

We are also hoping to arrange a local river walk and river sampling event for Stags as part of their geography learning later this term (TBC).