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Pamphill First School Newsletter



Message from Mrs Fairman

Well, how did that happen so quickly? The end of another school year. What a year we have had. I feel so privileged to be the headteacher of Pamphill First School and part of the wider community. We have had a busy year of academic achievement, school development, enrichment and a jolly good time together.

We have worked hard this year on our curriculum, introducing refined objectives and spiritual opportunities that enrich the children's learning and personal development. We have developed our environment and made it into a place where we all feel relaxed and comfortable to learn and thrive. This work has recently been rubber-stamped by our trust-level experts, who were delighted by our progress and by our school-wide academic achievements, which have blown everyone's socks off. (We knew the children were amazing, but it's always good to show that in our results too.)

We smashed the National average grades in all of the national testing points: EYFS, Phonics and Multiplication, and our in-house assessments across the board for SATs and class attainment are something to be proud of. You all know better than me that is in large part due to our amazing teachers and support staff across the whole school. Their dedication goes way beyond the classroom support; they are outside in the playground enriching every opportunity or dressing up for a special day, always filling the children's faces and hearts with smiles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them. From filling their tummies at lunch, cleaning a knee or going back over key learning until it really is second nature, it all takes a great deal of energy and love. Thank you to all of the staff.

Message from Mrs Fairman continued!

This year we have focused on the theological vision of our school and ensuring it is rooted in all we do. 'Live a life of Love' is part of our everyday vocabulary and well supports our school values of Love, Courage and Inspiration.

We have had many opportunities this year to support the children to grow in these important values, and an enrichment programme supported by the community has been a huge part of this. Recently the children have been out and about on school trips to the museum, the farm and enjoyed a lovely couple of days on our village green, not to mention the residential for the Year Four children.

The village green also came to life on Friday with our annual Strawberry Fair. What a lovely time we all had; the sun was shining but not too hot and the children certainly made the most of the bouncy castle. A huge thank you to the main organisers, Lottie, Sarah, Andy and Zoe, who have spent hours sourcing raffle prizes, entertainment for the event and sorting the use of the space. They were on the green all day on Friday and without them we would not have had an event. Also a huge thank you to the parents who ran stalls and helped at the end to tidy up, your help is much appreciated. Many of the goods for the fair were generously donated this year; please see below for the kind donations

The end of a school year is a lovely time to reflect on our achievements but is a sad time as we say goodbye to children who are moving on to the next chapter. We know each of them is ready and excited, and we wish them lots of luck. Come back and visit us when you can.

During the holiday, Miss Cook is getting married; we wish her and Jack the most amazing wedding day and much love for their future together. After the holiday, Miss Cook will become Mrs Buss-Keating.

As we look ahead to next year, we have lots planned: exciting curriculum development, inclusion strategies, an enrichment programme and further work on our environment. Before that, though, we all need a good break. I do hope the weather holds and we have a dry summer holiday for the children to spend time outside. If you are going away, I wish you safe travels; if you are staying closer to home, I hope you enjoy the summer with family and friends.

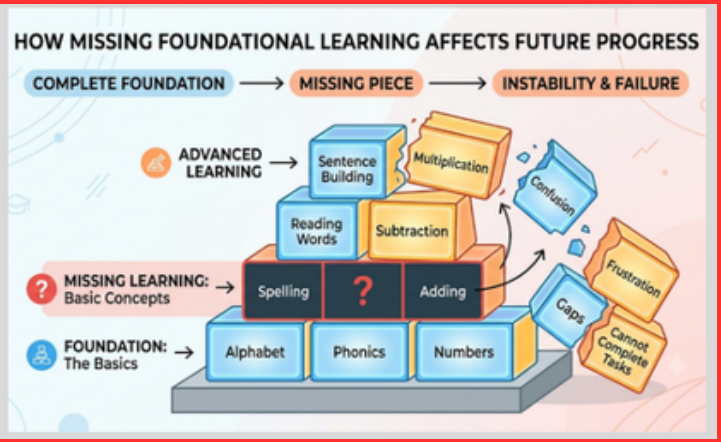
Thank you for your support this year. From a morning smile to biscuits in the staff room and your kind words at parents' evenings, we appreciate your support and care.

Term starts on Thursday 3rd September - See you then!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance this academic year is 96.6% - above the national average of 94.8%. THANKYOU

Please continue to support us with this by next year, making medical appointments outside of school time where possible and not booking term-time holidays.



Safeguarding

NSPCC

The effects of screen time.

Excessive screen time in primary-aged children is closely linked to physical, cognitive, and emotional developmental challenges. Key effects include: elevated risks of childhood obesity, sleep disruption from blue light, shorter attention spans, and increased behavioural or mental health concerns like anxiety and hyperactivity. Alongside these is the risk that children can be exposed to inappropriate content even when filters are in place. Click here for more information.

Parental Support for Behaviour and Anxiety

Action for Children offers parenting support and advice to help manage behaviours you find challenging. They offer online webinars and in-person sessions to help you learn how to support your child's development using positive tools and strategies.

Please click here to access the information.

In addition, they can explore more Mental Health Support Team in Schools webinars, a video introduction to their service and further helpful resources here:

MHSTNorthandEastDorset Official: Instagram | Linktree.

The webinars aim to help parents and carers better understand anxiety in young people, recognise potential triggers, and learn practical strategies to support their child. Parents and Carers can access the recordings by completing a short form via the links on the poster below.



School Books

If you have not done so already, please return all school books by the end of term.



Outdoor Learning

Following an announcement from the government just a few weeks before the end of term, changes to funding mean that we are no longer able to continue working with Fresh Air Club to support our outdoor learning provision. In addition, the Fresh Air Club has reduced in size, making this an ideal opportunity for us to explore a new approach. After careful consideration of all the options, we have decided to bring our outdoor learning provision in-house. This exciting change will allow us to create sessions that are closely linked to our curriculum while continuing to provide the rich, hands-on outdoor experiences that our children enjoy.

Our teachers have carefully planned a programme of outdoor learning that will enhance classroom learning through exploration, creativity and practical experiences. We are also delighted to announce that Mrs Tudor-Murphy will be leading our outdoor learning provision. Mrs Tudor-Murphy has been a valued member of the Witchampton team and, although she will be working at Judy's House for four days each week from September, she will continue to work with us every Friday morning as our Outdoor Learning Lead. Outdoor learning is Mrs Tudor-Murphy's passion, and we know her creativity, enthusiasm and love of the outdoors will inspire the children throughout the year—even on the wettest winter days!

Outdoor Learning will take place every Friday morning. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather each Friday. This may include waterproof clothing, wellington boots, warm layers, hats or sun protection, depending on the season.

We are incredibly excited about this new chapter and look forward to sharing the wonderful outdoor learning experiences the children will enjoy throughout the year.













What a wonderful time we had at our Sports day despite the heat. We decided on a non-competitive sports day to include all children, and it was a delight to see so many smiles.





Residential

Year 4 Residential
What an amazing time our Year 4 children had on their residential last week!

They were exceptionally well behaved throughout the trip, showing fantastic resilience, impeccable manners and a wonderful sense of fun.

They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, enjoying the long walks, fire building and team games.

Watching the children make their beds certainly provided some entertaining moments, but what stood out most was the kindness they showed towards one another. They were always willing to help each other and worked together brilliantly.

Although sleep was in short supply, after a hearty breakfast on the second morning they were ready and raring to go again!
A huge thank you to all of Year 4. You represented our school beautifully and made us incredibly proud. Well done, everyone!











The Strawberry Fair was a huge success.

Thank you for spending your money on such a good cause. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We were so lucky to be so well supported by the community;

Thank you to the following who gave generously in sponsorship by means of:

Financial gift-
Deans court
KSG painting and decorating
Payne Spencer Harris Financial Advisors
Madeleine Jones Photography
Wimborne Rotary

Gifted items-
Meat from Keatings Butchers
Signage by CGsigns
Free crafts with Claire from Wimborne Minster
Performance by Brownsea Island open air theatre
Performance by Bourne River Morris dancers
DJ'ing by wheelbarrow disco

And finally, for the help from:
Martyn Underhill - Parish Councillor
Town crier
PTA parents on the stalls
The teachers, TA's, Office staff and Pre-school staff on stalls
Steve for letting us use the Cricket pavilion

Thank you

As we come to the end of another school year, there are so many people to thank.
Whether you've helped on a school trip, volunteered in the library, read with the children, worked your socks off at a PTA event, attended evening meetings, or chaired the Local School Committee, your kindness, generosity and support have made an enormous difference.
Without you, our school simply would not run as smoothly as it does.
We know that you give up your precious time to enrich the children's experiences, and for that we are incredibly grateful. Thank you for everything you do to support our school community.
I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our wonderful staff. From Mr Watson, who joined us as our Site Manager, to those who have moved on during the year to new opportunities, every member of staff has played an important part in making this year such a success.
I feel incredibly privileged to lead a school with such a dedicated, caring and hardworking team. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for everything you do for our children. Your commitment, professionalism and the countless "over and aboves" you give every single day never go unnoticed. You make this school the special place that it is, and I am so proud to work alongside each and every one of you.
I hope you all have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break. Thank you once again for everything you have done this year.

All that is left to say is have a wonderful holiday, stay safe, enjoy the time as a family, and we look forward to seeing you in Septmeber





As the school year comes to an end, take a moment to look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. Summer is a wonderful time to rest, explore, spend time with family and friends, and appreciate God's beautiful creation. Wherever the holidays take you, remember that God is with you every step of the way.

As we begin the summer holidays, how can we make time to notice God's goodness in the people, places, and moments we experience?

What is one thing you are thankful to God for from this school year, and how will you carry that gratitude into the summer?

How can you be a light to others this summer through kindness, encouragement, or helping someone in need?

Jesus said, "Come to me... and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28).

As one chapter ends and another begins, what hopes, prayers, or dreams would you like to place in God's hands for the new school year?

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

CALL 999



Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.

FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



Enjoy Water **Safely**

Learn basic lifesaving and CPR skills.
Visit **www.rlss.org.uk**

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Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust

MHST: SUPPORTING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS/CARER (Y6 AND UNDER)

Join the Dorset Mental Health Support Team for Schools for a webinar designed for parents of young people in year 6 and below who are interested in learning tools to support challenging behaviour at home.

This session provides information on how to respond to children when their behaviour becomes challenging. The sessions covers the theory of behaviour as communication, the importance of play, and the power of positive praise to encourage behaviours parents would like to see more of.

It includes practical tools that parents can use to support children when they are dysregulated.

Fill this brief form in, and watch the recording now:

https://forms.office.com/e/ti9YfB6pWQ

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