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## Newsletter 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Class News

- Nursery - have enjoyed chopping vegetables to make our own soup to enjoy in the fairy garden!
- YR - were really excited to toast marshmallows in the forest area, as well as the visit from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire service!
- Y1 - really enjoyed the Fire Brigade visiting the school and learning about fire safety
- Y2 - loved their visit from the fire service – especially when they got to use the hoses!
- Y3 - performed incredibly well in their class assembly – we were so proud of them all!
- Y4 - have loved creating metal relief sculptures in art linked to the book 'The Dot'
- Y5 - have been enjoying being authors by publishing their own books
- Y6 - have loved using the glockenspiels in music this week

Dear Parents,

What an amazing half term! The children have all made incredible progress in their learning and have all settled in well. Thank you for all those who attended parents evening, it was lovely to share how well your children are doing with you. Also, a special well done to Y3, they performed their class assembly to the whole school and parents this week and were amazing, well done Y3!

### Uniform

Don't forget that the uniform changes after half term, no shorts please.

### New PE days

- All year groups – Sporty Monday
- R, Y1 & Y2 – Thursday
- Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 - Friday

### Secondary School Application –Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

For those children that are due to be starting secondary school in September 2023, **if you live in Dorset please apply online at [www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/school-admissions)**

**If you live in Hampshire please ensure you apply via Hampshire [www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions)**

School Starters 2023- Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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### Value of the week – Kindness

We have come to the end of our focus on Black History month during assemblies. It has been really interesting and the children have enjoyed learning about it. We will be learning about UK Parliament in our assemblies after half term, please take some time to share your knowledge of the parliamentary system with your child.

### School Council fundraising

The school council have organised a Halloween Trail to raise money for our charity War on Waste. The event will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November, cost of entry is £1.50 and each child will receive a treat at the end of the trail. Be prepared to be scared! Money can be brought into school from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and given to class teachers.

Neve M, School Council Secretary.



## SISA Halloween disco - 1/11/22

**KS1 4:30-5:15pm**

**KS2 5:30-6:30pm**

We're super excited to announce the first SISA disco of the new school term!

We will be trying something a little different this time, **colouring handouts will not be sent home in book bags, instead, a digital copy is attached for you to print at home.**

Printing all the posters is a huge ask on SISA volunteers, we hope you can all support us in this new method and we can save a fair few pieces of paper at the same time!

Please note - the posters do not need to be returned to the school prior to the disco, please bring them along on the night!

### Online Safety

With around nine million users worldwide, 'Sendit' is currently in the top 20 downloads of the App Store's 'social networking' category. That adds up to a lot of young people communicating anonymously online, potentially with older users who they don't know. Regrettably, that does suggest one immediately obvious (and serious) risk on Sendit – that of grooming. The idea of teens having their pics rated, or participating in games of 'truth or dare' with strangers is one which will understandably concern most parents. This week's guide also flags up possible issues around damage to young people's self-esteem.

### Dates for Diary (Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> half term)

#### October

31<sup>st</sup> Back to school (no shorts)

#### November

1<sup>st</sup> SISA Halloween Disco

24<sup>th</sup> Y4 Class Assembly

25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fair 5.00pm-7.30pm

#### December

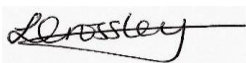
13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Panto @ Verwood Hub

16<sup>th</sup> 1.15pm finish

### Inset days 2022-23

- 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023
- 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley  
Headteacher

