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Newsletter 14

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems hard to believe that we are breaking up for the summer holiday next week and that we are well in to the British summer without having much, up to this point in time, sunshine! Let's hope for a wonderful holiday full of lovely weather so everyone can get out and about and enjoy the wonderful area we live in to the full.

Some lovely news!

I am sure you were wondering why I cancelled last week's Celebration assembly ... Well, I am pleased to say we were visited by a SIAS inspector (like an Ofsted for RE and worship from the Diocese). This inspection happens at the most every five years and we were long due for this to take place. The inspector was with us all day and inspected many different aspects of our RE provision, the quality of our worship and other aspects of being a Church of England school. Although the report is not out yet, I can share that she spoke very positively about the school and of the quality of the learning provided for our children. She also commented warmly on the atmosphere and calmness of the school as well as the children themselves.

I would personally like to thank my wonderful team of staff for their continued commitment to providing the very best for the children and to Mrs. Hallisey, who, as our RE and Worship co-ordinator, ensures that standards remain high across the school in these aspects. I must also thank the children who talked to the inspector so positively about the school and to Joshua Hargreaves, in particular, who talked about his visit to a WAWA school in Peru. All were a great credit to the school and to you as parents. Thank you to the parents who also spoke to the inspector. It was good to hear that you feel the school is a great place for your child/ children to learn in and that you feel comfortable with the atmosphere of the school.

Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who was able to come and support the children after having to cancel our first option. I hope you agree that it was a lovely afternoon and the children certainly enjoyed taking part in their races. Certainly, there was some very determined young people who thoroughly enjoyed the challenge presented. It was wonderful to see our Year 4 pupils taking such a key role in supporting the younger children and in helping to prepare for each race. A big thank you to all of them.

I would also like to again thank Mr. Welch for being such a brilliant 'starter' for the races. Your enthusiasm certainly inspired our young people and I would like to book you in for next year please!

Olympic Torch Day

I am hoping today, July 13th, was a fun filled day with the children benefitting from professional coaches coming in to work with all the children during the morning. I am hoping (weather permitting) that we had lunch on the lawn. We had some photographs taken to remember this unique event by and these will be released at a later date. Thank you to everyone who came and lined the road with us as the torch went passed. What a wonderful thing for the children to remember Stoborough School by!

Thank you

Our wonderful PTA kindly organised for refreshments to be served on the village green with all proceeds being donated to the school. A big 'Thank you' to the PTA and all parents, who have provided support for the school this year. The children have benefitted from trips out and from a considerable sum of money being donated to purchase a new boiler and other improvements to our swimming pool. The children love their swimming and having the pool is a real benefit to their physical development. Further improvements to the swimming pool are planned for next academic year.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Burgess who has just shared that the Pantomime Committee is donating £1,200 to go towards the improvement of the swimming pool and an additional £1,000 being given to support other school initiatives. This is a wonderful gesture and again, I would like to thank everyone for the generosity and support given to Stoborough School. We are very lucky to have such wonderful people caring for the children and the school as a whole. I feel quite over whelmed.

Village Fete

Although the Village fete was not able to take place this year due to the significant building work, I am very much hoping to have the usual Village Fete in the school grounds next year. If you would like to support the annual Pig Roast, this will now take place in the grounds of the Kings Arms pub on Saturday 25th August from 6pm. All money raised is kindly being donated to the school. Thank you to Floss for organising this and for his generosity.

E-safety

I have organised for the children to have some e-safety training from Dorset police early in September. This is to raise their awareness of the possible risks involved in using the internet and other forms of technology and programmes such as social networking sites. I have additionally organised for the police to train staff and governors as part of our INSET training in September. For those parents who would also like some up to date information on this, I have organised for the Dorset Police to come into school especially for you on Friday ... September 9:30 – 10:30 (after our celebration Assembly). Please do attend if you are able. It will provide valuable information on the risks involved and how you can help protect your child from any e-abuse or e-bullying.

Walking bus and traffic situation

Thank you so much to all parents who have been using the walking bus from the Kings Arms car park in the morning. This is a real success and I know this is helping to relieve the present parking problems. The walking bus will continue next term so please continue to use this.

I have contacted the local authority traffic/ travel department to see what else I can do to improve the parking or traffic around the school site. Unfortunately, it seems that there is very little that can be done to improve on the present parking facilities or the speed of traffic. The local police are supporting the Year 4 children with speed testing the public on Wednesday (today) in the hope that this will remind the public that there is a school here and an appropriate speed of travelling is required as a result of this.

Unfortunately, I have had a complaint from a neighbour who has informed me that parents are parking across the driveway and she was not able to leave her house because of this. Additionally, she also informed me that some young children had been looking through her windows and also opening her letter box which has caused her dog to bark and woken up her husband who works unsociable hours. Can I please ask all parents to make sure their child/ children are respectful of people's homes and do not

behave inappropriately. It is vital we continue to keep the good relationship we have with our neighbours who are incredibly supportive of the school. Thank you.

Building update

Many of you will be aware that the building work is really pushing on now. The footings are in place and the brick work has begun. The site foreman generously talked to the children about the huge pump that was used to put concrete into the area for the footings. We are fortunate to have a good team of builders who understand the interests of the children! The building work is presently working to schedule and is still due to be completed by October half term.

During the summer holidays, some of the interior will be altered. The areas include: the IT suite, the present Reception classroom, the hall (new sky lights are being fitted) and the office. This is to ensure these areas are ready for use when we return to school in September.

When the new classrooms are built the children will use these so that the rest of the internal refurbishment can take place in the older part of the school. It should all look wonderful when finished and we will certainly be organising a special 'open day' so that you can all have a good look around and celebrate in our wonderful new school building.

Sex and Relationship Policy

Please find the Sex and Relationship Policy. The teachers, governors and I have together worked on the new Sex and Relationship Policy for the new Primary School. There will be a Parent Forum meeting early in the autumn term where you will be able to discuss any aspect of Sex and Relationship education across the school. It is important that children are prepared for the changes that will take place. We hope they will understand these changes and will be able to talk and/ or seek help when required. No child should be left in a vulnerable position because they are not knowledgeable about their physical and emotional changes.

Other bits

Hayley Newman is jumping from an aeroplane this weekend (weather permitting). She now informs me that her husband has increased her sky dive from 10,000 ft. to 15,000 ft.! Hayley, as you know, is putting herself through all of this for a special charity called CLIC Sargent, a charity for children with cancer. If you would like to donate to this please log on to the following website: www.bmycharity.com/hayleynewmanskydive alternatively, you can donate by putting some money in the box in the school foyer. This CLC Sargent acts as a lifeline keeping families together during difficult times. They provide clinical, emotional and financial care and support for families. A really good cause I hope you agree.

Anna Daniels is asking for any old blankets or large towels to wrap the new swimming pool boiler up for the winter. As you know our boiler broke down and we are very keen to look after the new one as best we can. If you have any blankets or towels to spare, please bring them into school and I will pass these on. Thank you.

Celebration assembly will take place on Fridays as usual. The first celebration assembly will be on Friday 14th September. I do hope as many of you as possible will continue to join in sharing the achievements of all the children.

Volunteer help. If you would like to help us in school please do talk to me. We always welcome your help even if this is irregular. This also gives your child/ children a big boost as they feel proud that you are part of the school team! We have wonderful volunteers who really make a big difference to the children and

staff. A big thank you for being so generous with your time, being so patient and for sharing your expertise!

Breakfast Club. This will continue next term but will start on **Monday 10th September** 7:45 – 8:30. Children eat together at 8 am. We have taken into account the comments regarding having a more active start to the day and now set up different physical activities for them to enjoy as part of their healthy start! If you require any further information, please talk to Miss Saunders in the school office.

Extra- curricular clubs. I am hoping to introduce some new clubs next year and I am hoping this will include: cricket, netball, football for the younger children and a homework club. If you know your child would like a particular club, please do let me know and I will see what I can do. I am keen for our children to have an impressive range of after school activities to enrich their learning experiences. Additionally, if you know of someone with some special talents who would like to share with the children, let me know.

A message from me! I just want to say a big thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome in school. Without a doubt, it has been a full on year but there is so much to look forward to as we move in to a new era in the history of the school. As I have said before, it is a real privilege to be with you and I am committed to providing the very best for all the children, staff and school as a whole. I look forward to our continued positive partnership.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in September!
Happy holidays!

Best wishes,

Deborah Corbin
Acting Headteacher

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Diary Dates

Thursday 19 th July	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 th July	Staff Training Day
Monday 23 rd July	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 4 th September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 5 th September	Staff training Day
Thursday 6 th September	First day back for children