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Headteacher Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

'Let all that you do be done in love'
Corinthians 16:14
Love for ourselves, for each other and for the world.

Welcome to our final edition of the Spring term and what a term it has been! We are incredibly lucky to be supported by such an enthusiastic and committed clergy team, who help our pupils to learn and reflect at a much deeper level within RE lessons and during collective worship. **Frog and Kingfisher classes** were able to enjoy a visit to the church where Reverend Hilary retold the **Holy week of Easter** in such a fun way: to the delight of the children Mrs Bird-Hawkins even had her feet washed by Hilary! It was also a treat to hold our Easter worship in Lady St Mary's church with Canon Simon. It has been a pleasure to meet the new team vicars Deborah and Neil and we look forward to getting to know them better over the coming term. Music has had a big focus this term, with our new music leader Mrs Bird-Hawkins taking the helm and attending Dorset's annual music conference. Our fantastic Mrs Wade has continued to lead the choir and they performed beautifully at our Easter worship. Our wind instrumentalists had the opportunity to perform at a concert in Swanage with **Purbeck Youth Music and Year 5** treated us to an outstanding samba drumming performance and we know they particularly enjoyed performing to their families.

Our PTFA continues to be busy, with many successful events taking place. Our school discos raised over £500 and the Mother's Day pop up and book fair were also brilliantly supported. The money raised will be used to enhance our play time provision, following feedback from the pupil governors. Thank



you for your continued support with these events and we look forward to seeing you all at the race night and summer fayre, next term.

As you know, we are also focused on raising money for a mini-bus, which will help support all areas of the curriculum, but particularly sporting events. It seems to me, there hasn't been a day gone by in recent weeks where I'm not waving off a group of children to attend a sporting fixture. We are lucky to have Mr Merredew who accompanies our teams as well as parents and carers who make it possible by helping with transport. Our pupils do us proud at these events; they may not win everything but they always represent Stoborough School brilliantly. At a recent football match against one of our Coastal Learning partner schools, St Mark's, in Swanage, their headteacher Mrs Martin got in touch with me to tell me what a credit the children are to our school. As you can imagine, this made us beam with pride!

We are STILL looking forward to warmer weather and the opportunities for more outdoor learning this brings, alongside more space as we open up our field at play times.

Warmest regards

Mrs Murray

Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 24th April:
Used uniform sale at pick up time

W/C 13th May: Year 6 SATs week

Friday 17th May: PTFA Race Night

W/C 20th May: Spirituality Week

Tuesday 21st May:
PTFA meeting 3.30pm start

Monday 17th May: Summer Half-Term break

Monday 3rd June: INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Sunday 9th June: Come and join us at Upton House for Junior parkrun

World Book Day 2024

What another wonderful world book day at Stoborough Primary school! The children took part in a range of fantastic and fun activities including a book swap at break time, sharing books of their own, dropping everything and reading when they heard the bell and hearing other adults read some of their favourite stories or poems. All of this was done whilst the children were looking fabulous! There were a huge array of book themed outfits and as always it was a joy to see the children all sharing their outfits in the hall with the rest of the school and Stoborough nursery, who joined us.

The children also took part in reading with other year groups; it was such a great opportunity for them to support one another and to share a love of reading across the school.

As well as this, the children were part of a book study. Across the school the children looked at a book themed around our environment. These varied from how bees are important to our ecosystems to how plastic in our oceans can make a massive impact upon us. The children used these donated books (thank you Wareham Lions) to create a piece of work.

It really was a pleasure to see how much the children and adults all engaged in another *action-packed world book day at Stoborough* and I would like to thank everyone from the parents and carers to the children and staff and those that donated books to make this such a wonderful occasion. Looking forward to next years' world book day already!

Mrs Springham
English Leader



Sealife Centre

On 19th March, *Hedgehog Class* went on their very first school trip to the **Sealife Centre**! They were very excited about travelling to Weymouth on the coach, and talked about what they could see out of the windows on the journey there.

At the Sealife Centre, we saw so many wonderful sea creatures, including an octopus, jellyfish, seahorses and piranhas. We were lucky enough to watch a huge eel being fed his lunch, and we were also given the chance to touch a starfish! The children used some great adjectives to describe how it felt, such as "bumpy" and "spiky."



We had to be super quiet while we visited the otters, as we were told that they had recently had babies... we were very excited to see pups but unfortunately, they were all curled up asleep in their beds. The children were not disappointed for long though, as after this, we got to walk through an amazing tunnel where we saw sharks and giant turtles swimming over our heads!

It was a fantastic day and the adults in Hedgehog class were very proud of everyone's respectful behaviour. Well done, Hedgehogs!



Our focus this half term has been water. Not because of all the rain we have had but ways we can help reduce our water usage! **The Eco Club** put together an assembly for **World Water Day** demonstrating how we can save water whilst carrying out our daily household routines.

We are running a water saving incentive over the Easter holidays. All children have been given a water tracker form to keep track of every time they save water. All completed forms returned after Easter will earn the children 2 house points for their house.

Garden Club has been quietly preparing for spring. The children worked together to plant lots of little seedlings into small yoghurt pots. The seedlings have been growing steadily and are now ready to be planted in our vegetable patches.

We look forward to them thriving as spring finally arrives!



Reception: Learn about Sea Turtles & Plastic Pollution

We have been learning about **Sea Turtles** this half term. We have used a range of fiction and non-fiction books to discover some interesting facts about turtles, including where they live, what they eat, and how they spend their days.

Here are some of the most interesting facts that we found out:

- Some sea turtles can live to be 100 years old!
- Sea turtles do not have any teeth.
- Sea turtles lay their eggs in the sand. The temperature of the sand can affect the gender of the turtles – if the sand is cool, more of the hatchlings will be male, whereas if the sand is warmer, more of the hatchlings will be female.

Unfortunately, we discovered that sea turtles are endangered. This is largely due to global warming and plastic pollution. Hedgehog class thought that that this was really sad and are very passionate about making a change to help save the turtles!

"We must not throw rubbish on the floor or in the sea!"

"We must recycle plastic so we can use it again."

"We can take bags shopping so we don't have to buy plastic ones."

"We can use a water bottle so we don't need to buy ones that we throw away."

"If I see any rubbish on the floor, I will pick it up and put it in the bin!"



Year 1: Reading, Writing and Bog Babies.

Year 1 have been growing in confidence this term and really showing off their writing skills. Using the **Bog Baby** by **Jeanne Willis**, we have created our own bog babies and retold their stories, thinking about writing in the past tense with 'ed' endings. We linked this into our **Design and Technology** unit by designing and creating our own bog baby puppets and exploring ways to join fabric together - including stapling, gluing and safety pinning.

We have also explored fiction and non-fiction texts and written up bat facts. We have explored how to write questions using question marks and linking into our history topic of **History Makers**, we have retold the story

of when **Queen Elizabeth I met a pirate!** Ask your child if they can tell you a bit about the history makers we have been learning about and who their favourite was. Or maybe they can tell you what happened when **Queen Elizabeth met Grace O'Malley the pirate.**

In **maths**, we have been building up our confidence of number bonds to 10 to help us with our number bonds to 20. We have been practising counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. We have also had fun exploring measuring length and height as well as volume and capacity.

In **RE** we retold the Christian story of Easter through drama and visited Lady St Mary's church to discover more about how Christians celebrate this special time.

It's been a busy and fun half term! and about with your child, ask them if they can read the house numbers you see and work out how many tens and ones are in that number!

In *music* children have had a lot of fun learning about rhythm and pulse and even had a go at composing their own tunes on glockenspiels!

Finally, in *Art* we have been investigating using different grades of pencil, different types of paint and pastel and looking at and discussing examples of self-portraits to create our own ones. It has been wonderful watching the children experiment with different materials as well as responding to different types of self-portrait.

We are all incredibly proud and impressed by these fantastic Frogs who have done so well over a busy and exciting half term.



Year 2: Birds for the Garden of Dreams and Goals



To finish off the topic, the children were asked to design an imaginary bird to go inside their '*Garden of Dreams and Goals*'.

We incorporated *PSHE with Design Technology* and asked the children to design

their imaginary bird on a piece of paper first, to then cut it out and use their template to cut their design out of cardboard. They had a range of materials they could use to decorate their imaginary birds and I'm sure you'll agree, the result is amazing as they are all unique and are very colourful.

Year 2 created imaginary birds as part of our PSHE topic on *Dreams and Goals* last half term.

During each piece, they thought about their own goals to success as well as their learning strengths and how learning with others and working as part of a group to complete various challenges was important.



Year 3: The Science of 'Dragonology'

Throughout the Spring term, Year 3 started an exciting learning journey inspired by the book '*Dragonology*'. They worked hard towards creating detailed explanation texts that explored the key areas of their dragon; it's habitats, unique features, egg characteristics, and strategies for protection. The children really enjoyed bringing their dragon to life by using water colour, pastels and felt tips.

A highlight of the term was a visit from *Wendy Jeavans*, a local artist, who led a fantastic session where year 3 had the opportunity to design and create fish sculptures using glass. These will be used as part of a larger installation in *Purbeck Arts Week*. We can't wait to see them once they've been through the kiln!

Following on from our Stone Age topic during the Autumn term, in *History*, Year 3 explored the *Bronze Age* and considered the factors that led to the end of the *Stone Age* and how life was different. We looked at and analysed a range of artefacts and evidence to support this.

In *Science* our focus has been on plants. We've carried out a range of investigations and observations to expand our understanding of plant structure and features, the life cycle of a plant, how water is transported around a plant and the different types of seed dispersal.



Year 4: Artist Converts Glass into Fish.

Thursday 21st March
On Monday 18th March a glass artist called Wendy came in and we made glass fish. First we drew our design on a piece of paper and coloured it in. Then we got a glass fish that was plain. Wendy had made them. We were NOT allowed to touch them until we were told. Wendy explained that we need to put glue on the glass fish (not too much not too little). Then we got pieces of glass. There were glass rods, glass beads and glass-like crystals. We put them on the fish and decorated the glass fish. It is safe to say that we all enjoyed that day.

Gabriella

Thursday 21st March
On Monday 18th March an artist came to our class. She was called Wendy Jeavins. She was a glass artist (which means she makes artwork with glass). First she asked us to design our fish. She asked us to use oranges, reds, and yellows and said they would be colours to use so I used blue, red, yellow and orange. While we were doing this Ms Andrews came round with glass fish and Wendy put some glass pellets and rods. Then we put glue on our fish and covered it with glass. But that wasn't the end. Wendy asked us to make a crazy sea creature. I did an octo bear (a cross between a octopus and a bear) and that was the end of a very fun visit.



Year 5: Amazing Art from our Year 5 Children.

Another action packed term in Year 5! Children have had weekly *Forest School* and *Samba Drumming* sessions which have enriched their curriculum and been so much fun. We have studied the text '*Kensuke's Kingdom*' by Michael Morpurgo which engaged us all, and inspired the children to produce the best poetry we have ever read. Here is Eliza's backwards poem, written from the point of view of Kensuke, an old man living alone on a deserted island who encounters a young boy who has been swept overboard a yacht and ends up on his beach.

Read the poem from beginning to end; then reread it backwards and see how the meaning has changed. This style of writing really sparked our curiosity! **Art** lessons on a 'Cityscape' theme produced some colourful abstract and 3D pieces. **Science** lessons involved exploding coke bottles and Pop Rockets and the term ended with trip to the Wareham Museum (photos to follow in the next edition).

The Eiffel Tower painted using acrylics in the style of Leonid Afremov by Olivia



Using Pop Art techniques and layering to create a 3D landscape in the style of artist Charles Fazzino by Holly



Michael has no need to be on my island
 So it isn't true that
 His dreary eyes could belong to me
 Should time have delt a different hand
 I need to see him fer who he really is
 A liar and a scrounger
 A thiege and a loungeer
 With murder in his eyes
 Deavious and Sneaky
 He is not
 Welcome here
 I should make him
 Be my prisinor
 te sham't
 share my island
 share my care
 share my suplies
 insted I will
 Scatish him to the other side of my island

It is not okay to say
 He is just like me
 A place should belong to those who got there first
 I am not so old or stupid to think that
 The world can still be looked at another way
 He has the soul of a killer
 So do not tell me
 He is different from the others.

Eliza's backwards poem

Venice Island painted using acrylics in the style of Leonid Afremov by Leon

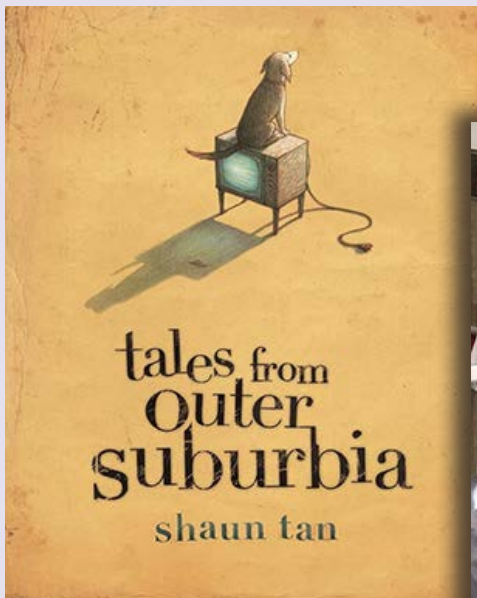


Year 6: Tell their Suburban Tales

The year 6 children have been working really hard on their writing over this term and have been looking at a series of short stories from the author **Shaun Tan**, which are called '**Tales of Outer Suburbia**.' These are stories that are set in a normal neighbourhood, with very abnormal goings on!

The children studied how the author set the scene and introduced a mystery element to the narrative. It often takes the reader by surprise! Using these pieces of writing as a model, the children have been creating their very own narratives in the style of Shaun Tan. Here are a few wonderful pieces of work produced by year 6:

They have been here ever since the Earth began and nobody knows how they first came to be, but everyone accepts that they are here. They are not exactly a nuisance but just a small inconvenience to your normal



day. Sometimes you find crowds of hundreds of them outside your front door but a little baking powder usually sends them scattering down the street. They often gather outside the bakery, hoping for cake crumbs of the occasional gone-off iced bun.

In a lovely, quiet and calm neighbourhood just outside the manic city, everybody lived happily apart from the person living in the house number 77, it was at the end of the road and it was horrible there, the grass was overgrown and not bright green it was an ugly faded green nobody dared to go over there but everyone in the neighbourhood knew someone was living there because as the blinds were always shut at night you could always see the light inside through the blinds turn off and on.

It's there, just waiting, never coming closer, but always there. It's been here for years, but it's never moved. It still puts us on edge, although we're all pretty used to it. It's dark, shadow-like presence lingering. It's said that a girl once saw it a few years back. We don't know what it looks like. We came to her little red house, with its perfect mowed lawn, but she never says anything: she's still too scared. Some of us walk along the



mud-splattered, cracked pavement, littered with rubbish, their eyes alert and awake, constantly looking around their shoulders. We all live in fear.

Well, it was a day like no other, nothing out of the ordinary, but also nothing ordinary. I lived in a silly little town, on the outskirts of an unnamed city. The people of my town weren't normal. But they did what needed to be done, and nothing besides it! Then one day, while cleaning out the basement, I came across a loose floorboard in the corner of the room, concealed behind a thick layer of dust. I lifted the plank, revealing the box. It was small and wooden with a lock that had no key hole, and weird inscriptions on the lid, had a strange feeling to it. A wave of drowsiness savagely attacked me each time I came into contact with the box. I also felt incredibly heavy.

The children, as you can see have really been brilliant at using description to build up tension and to make you question what is happening in their pieces. This is a just a small snippet of some wonderful writing going on in our sessions. **Well done Year 6.**



PTFA Work Tirelessly for our Pupils Learning.

Our wonderful *PTFA* continue to work tirelessly to fundraise for those extra things that enhance all our children's learning. This term, we have already run a *Pop Up Mother's Day shop*, organised and run a Book Fair and hosted discos for all year groups. We have raised **over £600** already this year which is amazing and greatly appreciated.

The Summer Term is always a busy one; so here are the dates for up and coming events being hosted by the PTFA..

- Wednesday 24th April next uniform sale (straight after school)
- Friday 17th May Race Night at the Wareham Rugby Club
- Tuesday 21st May next PTFA meeting (come along to begin sorting the next events) 3:30pm in school
- Friday 14th June Pop up shop to recognise Fathers/ Father figures
- Friday 21st June Sports day - (PTFA run the refreshments stall in the afternoon)
- Saturday 6th July Annual Summer Fete

We are a small committee but would really appreciate help from more parents or willing volunteers. Please come along to one of our meetings; you would be made so welcome and can be a part of a team that make a real difference to our school.



Supporting Comic Relief...

Our *pupil governors* decided that we would support **Comic Relief** again this year, with a 'dress funny for money' fundraising day on 15th March. Thank you for taking part and raising over **£250** for the charity.



Hair Raising!

Ava had her hair cut because she wanted to donate it to be made into wigs for children who had lost their hair through illness.

We are so proud of her, as it was completely voluntary. Thank you for being a shining example of our school values in action and for making such a positive difference.



Spring Sports Round-up

Football

Years 3-6 have taken part in football festivals over two different Thursdays at the Purbeck school. The focus was on having lots of fun and experiencing match play. Well done to all those that took part.



Purbeck Cup

Our girls' team lost to Swanage St Mary's 2-0 in a very close game where Tulia hit the post in the first half and on another day could have easily won the game. They now have one game left against Sandford.

Our mixed team played against Swanage St Mark's in a very entertaining game and won 5-4. One of the goals even came from Finley who scored from his own goal-kick! They also played Swanage St Mary's and the winners of the game would go into the final against Sandford. Unfortunately, we lost!

Well done to all everyone who played in these games; they have shown a fantastic attitude throughout and have done brilliantly to get to the semi-finals.

Indoor Athletics

Our indoor athletics team who qualified in 1st place back in November took place in the finals at the Purbeck school and managed to get bronze by finishing 3rd in the Purbeck and Christchurch finals. Well done!

Netball

Well done to the year 5 and 6 netball team who came joint 3rd in a **BEE Netball tournament** at the Purbeck school.



Year 5 get some Leadership Training

Our year 5 sports leaders had some further training at the Purbeck school, they have really developed their leadership skills and are doing a fantastic job at leading lunchtime activities for our younger pupils.



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Scoop Sports Quote

"You dream. You plan. You reach. There will be obstacles. There will be doubters. There will be mistakes. But with hard work, with belief, with confidence and trust in yourself and those around you, there are no limits."

Michael Phelps
Swimmer and most decorated Olympian of all time