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Summer Term - Newsletter 1

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! - I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday with your children. They have all returned to school refreshed and have had a great start to the new term - which has been lovely in the sunshine, even though still a little cold!

Curriculum Information - Please find attached a copy of the Learning Quest 'Jurassic Coast' which we will be covering this term. The information is to inform you of the topics your child will be covering and is a short summary of their learning and is by no means an exhaustive list! If you have any resources or artefacts that would support some of the topic work please speak to the class teacher. Burton Bradstock Village Library has a display of books related to the topic so please pop in and borrow a book to support your child at home.

Duck Race - What fantastic weather we had on Easter Monday and a record number of people turned up to the event. A huge 'thank you' to the Friends for organising it and to everyone who helped out on the day, especially Jo and Guy Clatworthy who have co-ordinated our Duck Race for a number of years and shall be missed next year! A special 'thank you' to the Chocolatier Cafe, Central Stores and Maydown Farm Shop for donating the prizes, The Rotary Club of Bridport for the loan of the ducks, The Three Horseshoes, The Anchor, Burton Bradstock Post Office and Burton Bradstock Central Stores for selling ducks, Mark Wellman for providing the marquee, tables and chairs, Noreen Short for the use of her electricity, C G Fry & Son for the loan of the fencing for the finish line, Maydown Farm for the catering and Guy Clatworthy, Michael Heaney and Dave Thomas for escorting the ducks in the river!

Thanks to the tremendous effort of everyone prior to the event and on the day we raised a massive £1,300 - even beating last year's record!

Winners on the day - Ducks: 1st - Mrs Clemmens, 2nd - Martin Bright, 3rd - Sian German, Booby prize - Martin Phillips. Guess the Name of the Bunny - Aurelia Sidebotham. Guess the Eggs in the Jar - Jack Ferrett.

Website - Under the Parents as Partners heading on our school website you will find a number of useful curriculum links, including information about the standardised tests that are coming up this term.

Beach Team Awards - Congratulations to Hive beach team for winning the 'Good Learner' trophy for collecting the most beach points last half term. A special mention goes to Toby, Ayla C, Alfie M, Harvey S, Yasmin, Jamie, William P, Lily T, Aurelia, Ayla C, Zara, Georgia, Amy, Fenton, Jack D and William C who achieved the most beach points overall.

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Handwriting Awards - Lots of children were congratulated for their effort and progress in handwriting and presentation last term and were awarded their certificates. These were:

Sails Class - Toby and Harvey

Boats Class - Lily, William, Annabella and George

Class 3 - Georgia, Charlie, Nathaniel and Alfie

Class 4 - Sam B, Albie

Year 4 Tri-Golf - Year 4 had a fantastic time on Thursday when they took part in the Tri-Golf Festival at Colfox. Well done!

Attendance - I am very pleased to inform you that the analysis of the attendance and punctuality figures at the end of the Spring term shows that the school's attendance figure has risen. Our overall attendance figure for the Spring term 96.45%. I, and the Governors, would like to thank you for your continued support with this matter. We will continue to work with families where attendance falls below 90%.

Congratulations to the 41 children receiving certificates for 100% attendance, 13 children who had nearly perfect attendance and 4 children for improved attendance. We also congratulate Class 3 who had the highest attendance across the school and were awarded 'Present' the attendance dog and Sails class who had the least number of lates (0) so were awarded the punctuality trophy. Well done!

After School Clubs - Information about after school clubs will be sent out next week. However, Drama Club starts next Tuesday so if your child is interested in attending please complete and return the form that was sent out via Parent Mail this week.

Spirit of Bridport Parade - Class 4 pupils made 'boat hats' last term in preparation for this event and have been invited to take part in the parade. If they would like to do so please make sure that the school is informed by next Tuesday at the latest. If your child is not in Class 4 then you are still invited to go along and watch. The event will begin at 2.30pm in Gundry Lane and travel through the centre of Bridport, on Saturday 13th May. It promises to be a spectacular sight!

Bridport Library Poetry Competition - Attached you will find an entry form for a poetry competition that you child may like to take part. Please note that pupils in Class 3 have written their poems in school so could submit these if they choose to.

Dates for the next academic year - Attached you will find the term dates for 2017/18 which you may find useful when planning your holidays.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire Staple, Headteacher