



Burton Bradstock CE Primary School



September Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

The children have had a great first week back at school, the children in Wagtails have settled in beautifully (and I imagine that they slept well at the weekend!), Robins class discovered an alien crash landing in the playground, Kingfishers arrived at school on Thursday to find mysterious potions had arrived in their classroom and Owls class have completed some amazing art work around the theme of Modern Slavery.

The children have enjoyed being able to mix more freely at break and lunch and it has been good to return to Key Stage worships in the hall. As we cautiously return to normality, I have updated our Covid risk assessment and also completed an outbreak management plan. Please ask if you have any questions regarding this.

This half term, we look forward to being able to do some extra curricular events and activities. We are hoping to hold a Harvest festival in the church, start lunchtime and after school clubs and also take part in some West Dorset sporting events.

We are also in the process of updating our school website. The staff have chosen a design and it is currently being tailored to our own specifications. I look forward to being able to share this with you next half term. In the meantime, Mr Julian Piper will continue to host and update our current website, a big thank you to him!

Finally, we say a couple of hellos and a goodbye. We welcome Mrs Lucy Herbert as Owls class teacher on a Friday and Mrs Michelle Sage to our support staff team. Mrs Sage comes with lots of experience in primary education and we know she will be an asset to our school team. At the end of this week we sadly say goodbye to Miss Granger as she moves on to a new role in marketing. I am sure you would all like to join with me in wishing her all the best for the future. From Monday we will have cover in our school office until our new receptionist is in post. The office email continues to be the best way to contact the school.

Many thanks,

Adam Gough
Headteacher

Dates for your diary – September/October 2021

WB 20th September - Clubs start
29th September – QuikSticks hockey tournament @SJCA (Y5/6)

1st October – Y1 hearing checks

12th October – Individual school photos

13th October – Provisional date for Harvest Festival

WB 18th October – Parent consultations this week (more on this to follow)

20th October – High5 Netball tournament @ SJCA (Y5/6)

22nd October – Last day of half term - school finishes at normal time

WB 25th October – HALF TERM

Please check our website for our term dates for 2021-22

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📖 Our new Wagtails have settled in really well! 🏡

Our School Values are **Hope, Respect, Friendship, Love, Courage and Happiness**. We are paying particular focus to **Hope** this half term. Along with our weekly Good Work Assembly, there will be a half termly values assembly where the children nominate a classmate who they feel has met the value consistently.

For more on events and learning, follow us on Twitter and Facebook!



☀️ Kingfishers have been making the most of the lovely September sunshine. ☀️



👁️ A curious discovery was made by Robins class. Did an alien spaceship crash-land onto our playground? 🛸

📖 Owl class have been working on their class charter this week. 📄



Governors' News

At the end of the academic year two governors resigned: Mrs. Julia Handyside and Mr. Julian Piper - we will miss both of them.

Mrs. Handyside served on the governing body for eight years, first as a parent governor and then as a co-opted governor. Her main responsibilities were Safeguarding, link governor and a member of the Pay and Progression committee, although she was always willing to support all aspects of school life. Mrs. Handyside's loyalty, enthusiasm and commitment to the education of the pupils of the school is to be commended.

Mr. Piper was a foundation governor for nine years and is a former chair of governors and was a trustee of the Minerva Learning Trust. He has invaluable educational knowledge and worked tirelessly to ensure the educational standards at the school remain high. The governors have benefited from Mr. Piper's expertise and his enthusiasm has been shared with the Friends in fundraising activities. He supported the Christian ethos of the school in his role as foundation governor and strong links with the Church. In recent years Mr. Piper volunteered to manage the school's website and it is through his persistence that a finger post, which signposts the school, has been erected in the village.

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested, please contact the School Office for further information.

THE DORCHESTER LOCALITY TEAM ARE DELIGHTED TO OFFER:

SEND Signposting, Information and Support Sessions

For parents/carers of children and young people who either have an identified SEND or suspect they may have.

VENUE: The SURE START Children's Centre, Middle Farm Way,
Poundbury DT1 3WA (Next to Sunny Days Nursery)

DATES/TIMES:

Wednesday 8th September - 9-11am

Wednesday 6th October - 9-11am

Wednesday 3rd November - 9-11am

Wednesday 1st December - 9-11am

Our sessions are informal, however, to ensure we meet the needs of the families that attend we have limited places per session, so booking is essential*

To book a place please contact:

Claudia Carter—claudia.carter@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

* Please note: that you will be asked for consent to share some information about your family so that advice can be tailored to your needs.

In partnership with SENDIASS, Helen Ciorra officer for Dorchester may be present for some sessions.

Topics for this half term:

Wagtails – Me and my community

Robins – Moon Zoom

Kingfishers – Potions

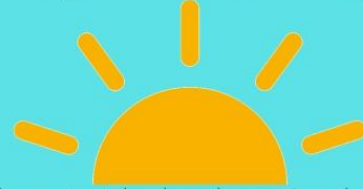
Owls – Pharaohs

Breakfast Church @Shipton Gorge

Songs, crafts, stories, prayers and breakfast!

Starts 12th September, 9.30am, then every 2nd Sunday of the month- in the village hall.

A great start to your Sunday!



For more info contact: bvchurchesta@outlook.com

A quick reminder about school uniform:

School uniform consists of a red school sweatshirt or cardigan worn over a white blouse or polo shirt with grey or black trousers/skirts. Red gingham dresses can be worn in warmer weather. Please ensure your child wears suitable school shoes. Please ensure all items are named.

PE kit is a navy blue t-shirt with black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms and trainers/plimsoles. Children can wear their school jumpers over their PE kits as the weather gets cooler.

Preschool news: We have welcomed new children into our preschool this half term. There are still places available; if you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

Do you need to apply for your child's new school place?

Is your child due to leave their current school in July 2022 and transfer to the next school in September 2022?



Secondary Applications Closing date 31 October 2021

• Primary - Secondary School • Middle - Upper School

Primary Applications Closing date 15 January 2022

• Starting School • Infant - Junior School • First - Middle School

Dorset residents apply online at:

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place or call ☎ 01305 221060

Prospective parents – 2022!

We will be offering appointments to look round the school in October in place of an open day, please contact the school to book. More details to follow in the coming weeks.