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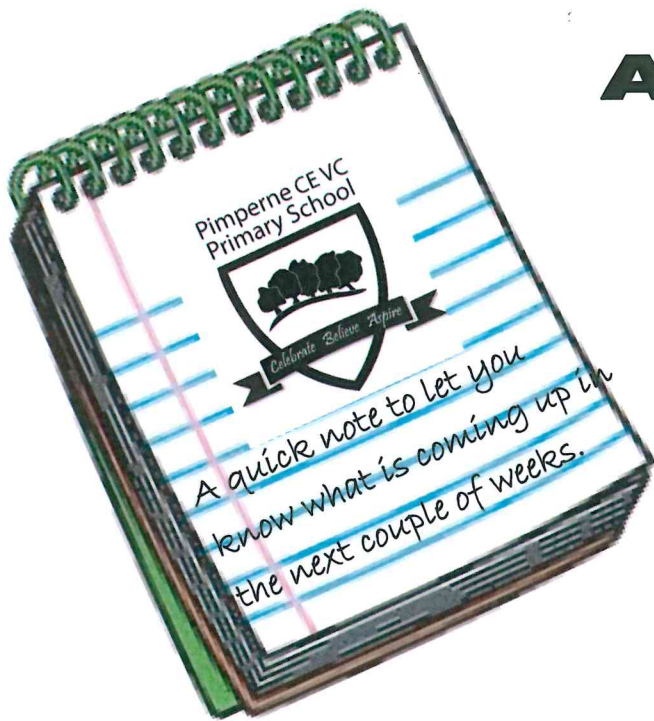
## A note to say ...

Welcome back to the Summer Term

We are extremely proud of all our children who have shone in recent times. Children across the school are going from strength to strength and progress is clear.

This term I will be working with some groups of children to support them in voicing their opinions on many aspects of school life. This will help us provide specifically for them, but look at tailoring our provision in the way that we -as adults - may not have thought of. Our School Council will be part of this review; as well as additional representatives from each of our classes.

Across the school we will be talking about democracy, not just a British value but one that we too use in many aspects of school life, and in keeping with the current political climate!



### Provision gets a Thumbs Up!

I am really thrilled to be able to say that, during the many recent visits from external agencies, the school staff have been highly praised for the provision that we give our children. The individual time that all children benefit from is quite rare in schools. The planning behind the teaching and learning that happens here at Pimperne has demonstrated a real understanding of all individuals needs, within each of our classes. The school continue to provide whole school staff training in many different aspects of Educational Needs. Our belief that every child is unique, and therefore, so too are their needs. We believe that children sometimes need emotional or social support to help them understand the changes around them. Children need support with expressing opinions or feelings both to peers and adults. Our children experience different things every single day, our hope as a school is that we notice when a child is struggling and are equipped with a variety of techniques that help. Staff are trained in supporting specific learning needs too, and across the staff we have a wealth of knowledge that is shared for the good of the children that need it. Many parents have commented positively on the individualised attention that they receive from our school and of this we are proud. My ask to you as parents and carers is that you speak to your class teacher, if you believe your child needs support with any aspect of school life. We are there to support all children, and their families.

### Thanks for Pimperne Community Care

I would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr Alan Lukins, our neighbouring farmer, for his kindness and generosity. In hearing about our plight, to resurrect life in the school field, he has now set about fertilising the ground twice over the last couple of months, in attempt to restore the health of the grass. We are in the process of sourcing a cost effective 'aerator', as the foot of top soil beneath the grass has 'cemented' into a solid mass. The current grass is unable to root into it and is being eroded simply by light use. The density of the soil is therefore causing concern. By 'spiking' (aerating) the ground, we hope to be able to break it up for long enough so that the grass can form roots (which in turn helps break up the soil) and perhaps then the worms will also come and choose to make it their home! (Whoever thought they'd be grateful for having worms!) Unfortunately, to date, Dorset County Council have not been able to support the school in solving this anomaly, even though it appears that the maintenance of the field, under the direction of the initial contractors, and then the DCC team was not necessarily what was needed. Our team of Governors on the Environment Committee will be writing to let you know any further updates or information regarding the school grounds, including the overflow car park, in due course.

Please see the attached Diary Dates Calendar for the term

### Coming Up ...

Wednesday 7th June - PTA Meeting 7.30pm at The Farquharson Arms

Friday 9th June - Reception Class Assembly 9am / Year 6 Photos during the day / PTA Disco 3.15-4.15 KS1 / 4.30-5.30 KS2

Monday 12th June - Year 1 Phonics Check this week / TBS Head of Year to visit Y6 am

Friday 16th June - PTA Bingo Evening @ School Hall