

Pimperne CEVC
Primary School



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**Please keep an eye on our
school website for updates**

Pimperne School Prayer

(Written by Year 6 leavers 2014)

This is our school

Let it be full of learning and laughter

Let the classrooms be filled with encouragement and joy

Let us be safe, surrounded by our friends

May God be with us, and shine upon us with love

And let us remember to respect each other

As many hearts make a family

So many hearts make a school

And many hearts make Pimperne

Amen

Our School Values

**Perseverance
Compassion
Courage
Trust**

**Forgiveness
Selflessness
Justice
Respect**

**THIS HALF TERM OUR FOCUS IS:
HOPE, ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

Our intention is to ensure that all future newsletters are emailed to you. In addition, this will include class information and dates. You will be informed when an email is sent and this will help us to considerably cut administration costs. The school website will be a hub of up-to-date information and we hope that events will be displayed on our calendar page, thus enabling you to check the activities on the horizon.

Celebrate Believe Aspire



Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Week ending 20/12/2019



Parent Workshops for all year groups

Following fantastic feedback, we are re-running two workshops for all parents. If your child has accessed ELSA or support at school, then these might be of help to you. If you find yourself getting into arguments or cross words with your child/ren about small things or you find that your child isn't listening, then the communication workshop might be for you. If you think you constantly nag your child, don't spend enough quality time with them or struggle to remember when you last had fun with your child – then the play and engagement workshop may be a help. Email or drop into the school office to book a space in these non-threatening and non-judgemental workshops led by experienced parents and our Trauma Informed Lead Practitioners, Mrs Green and Mrs Gatehouse.

Start the New Year how you mean to go on!

Reading

Don't stop just because they can! It is really tempting as a parent to stop asking your child to read aloud because you know they are a fluent reader. Please don't give up on them at this point as this just means that they have got to the stage where higher level skills are now what they need to work on.

Over the Christmas break, keep them reading – whether with recipes or ingredients, the schedule for the cracking Christmas films that are bound to be on or the latest magazine, comic, annual or good read.

Try to discuss new words, maybe learn together and practise some amazing new words that you haven't used before. A dictionary never goes out of date.

Reading is about decoding and fluency, but it is also about comprehension. This is understanding more than the literal. Ask yourself or your child, what did the author mean by that, why did they choose that metaphor or simile? What did the author infer by saying that? Can you deduce how the character might be feeling or why they acted in that way? What time of day was it and how do you know?

It is these higher order skills that children need in order to be successful readers these days. In fact, it would be true to say that these are life skills with reading being amongst the most important skills that we would hope for our children.

Keep reading! Keep learning! Keep supporting your child – we ask for every child to be heard read at home, at least three times a week (even during the holidays)!

Workshop 1

**ALL ABOUT LANGUAGE &
COMMUNICATION**



Monday 13th Jan 9-10am

**12 places are available
on each workshop.**

YR-Y6

Workshop 2

**ALL ABOUT PLAY &
ENGAGEMENT**



Monday 3rd Feb 9-10am



**Safeguarding is everyone's
responsibility**



SAFEGUARDING - PEOPLE TO CONTACT

Our Designated Safeguarding
Lead is: Mrs F Waller



Our Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead is:
Miss S Lee



Our Designated Safeguarding
Governor is: Mr M Raine



Safeguarding Team -

Mrs G Gatehouse



Mr S Thomas

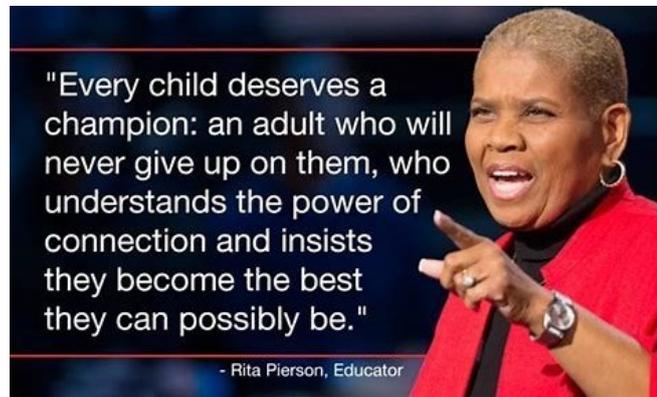


**1) For all referrals (concerns about
children, which require a social work
assessment)**

**Call Dorset's MASH – Multi agency
safeguarding hub; 01202 228866**

3) Out of Hours Service 01202 657279

**4) Dorset Safeguarding and Standards
Team 01305 221122**



Outdoor Learning days



Despite our outdoor learning days causing a bit of extra clothes washing, they have allowed the children to experience a wide variety of activities and have great fun in the process.

The diversity of learning has really been a credit to the creativity of our staff whose efforts to ensure a broad and enriched curriculum have been thoroughly appreciated by the children. The activities so far have included photography, art, sketching, watercolours and a study of the artist, Andy Goldsworthy. There have been phonics on carrots! Yes, I did say that! Learning about the growing of food to the whole school meeting in song on the amphitheatre – what a wonderful sight! Thank you Mrs Mathlin for taking a 'leap of faith'! It has even led to lunch outside!

There have been some lovely images uploaded to the class pages on the school website – do have a look.

I would also like to thank our cleaning team on these days, for the tolerance and understanding that they have shown and the forgiveness for the mud that didn't quite get wiped off at the door. Thank you.

The next Outdoor Learning (non uniform) dates are:

KS1

Wednesday 12th February
Wednesday 1st April
Thursday 21st May

KS2

Tuesday 11th February
Tuesday 31st March
Wednesday 20th May

Parent Workshops or English and Maths

Thank you to those of you that came to our whole school workshops - we hope they were of use. Please do come and ask staff for further information or any questions that arose from the evening. We hope the resources are found to be useful as well as the information given. If you would like to offer any feedback, please do email the school office for the attention of myself (Mrs Waller). Your thoughts are appreciated.

School Council

The School Council have been working on their action plan for the year. They have made a start on deciding which three charities they would like to support this year. As a group of 12, this all takes time! The sum of £65 was raised by the Macmillan coffee morning and a further sum of £169.30 was raised through the Royal British Legion Poppy sales.

The Christmas Boxes (Rotary) – This year the decision was made not to ask for a collection of shoeboxes at school. There are drop off points in Blandford with the Rotary for anyone who was kind enough to make up a box. We are planning to do the boxes again next year.

There will be a book sale of unwanted school library books early in the New Year. The School Council would like to raise funds to add to the collection of Key Stage 1 reading books.

The School Council have agreed a pyjama day for early in the New Year – date to be published after Christmas.

Eco -Council news



Our new Eco-Council are doing a fantastic job. Not only do they ensure that our recycling bins are emptied regularly, they are raising both staff, pupil and the Headteacher's attention as to what should be going in the boxes and what should not! They are planning a campaign to raise awareness across the whole school and will also lead an assembly to both Key Stages as well as a staff meeting to ensure the message reaches everyone.

Reception and Key Stage 1 are also doing their bit. They have opted to move away from the individual cartons of milk with plastic straws to re-usable cups and large bottles of milk. Although this costs more in adult time and effort, we fully support the work of the children to help make Pimperne Primary as eco as we can.

The staffroom has its very own box for recycling and this is encouraging all adults to think before they throw!

Our Eco Team would urge all parents that live within walking distance to think before they drive and remind you of the health benefits of a brisk walk to school. For those that live further afield, it would help the traffic and the vehicle pollution if families were to consider informal car shares, even if it is only once or twice a week. It all helps! Thank you.

Reception Nativity

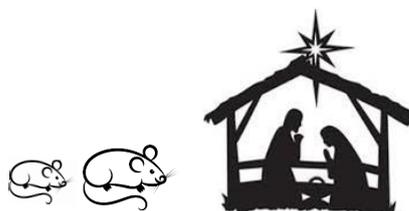
Thank you for your very kind comments and emails supporting our Reception class's Nativity at St Peter's Church. The children appeared to enjoy re-enacting the story of the Nativity and came, from every corner of the Church to form a tableau at the front. Ably willed on and supported by their Year 6 buddies, this was such a lovely partnership to watch in action. We thank the hard work of Reverend Belinda and her team for hosting us (and clearing up the scattered tinsel and bits afterwards) and Riverside Taxis for helping transport children in the wet weather.

Thank you.



Key Stage 1 Production

'A Home of our Own' played out before us with such confidence from our Year 1 and Year 2 children – it was amazing to watch. Thank you to all those of you who dropped words of thanks and support for this. It is good to know that these things are appreciated at such a busy time of year. Soloists, choirs, duets, dancers, actors – it had it all. I thank those of you that made donations and this will go to the Year 1 and 2 class teams to purchase an extra something for the class to enjoy. My admiration and thanks go out to all the staff involved for finding the energy and enthusiasm to be the driving force behind such a wonderful showstopper!



Science Day

“What a WOW!” “Awesome!” “Oh...my...gosh!” “It was unbelievably exciting!”

These were just some of the comments from our whole school Science day. You can capture some of these moments on the school website. The children and staff worked together and learned loads. There were all sorts of things fizzing, exploding, catching fire, zooming, propelling, mixing, shaking and glooping across the school on what was a fun day, packed full of new experiences.

Although learning was appropriate and relevant for each year group, there were chances to really extend our understanding of scientific states and concepts in a fun way – once again enriching the experiences of learning for our children.

Inspection Data Summary Report IDSR - First release data from the DfE

Each year, the Department for Education produce a written summary for each school to highlight school effectiveness. Although a somewhat ‘dry’ document, we are very proud to see that the school remains, once again, at least in the top 10% of schools in the country.

Last year, 88% of children at Pimperne Primary left our school with Age Related Expectations (ARE) or better (Greater Depth) in ALL three subjects, Reading, Writing and Maths. This, compared to the National figure of 65%, is a great achievement.

Broken down in to single subjects, Pimperne Primary children at the end of Key Stage 2 achieved the following:

Reading – 94% compared to the National figure of 73%

Writing – 91% compared to the National figure of 78%

Maths - 97% compared to the National figure of 79%

The IDSR also reports on our Key Stage 1 Phonics data, which once again remains above the national average.

93% of Pimperne Primary children achieved a secure pass in their Year 1 Phonics Check, compared to the National average of 82%.

First Aid Class Sessions

A big thank you to the PTA and to the support of Mr and Mrs Lewis for the First Aid Class Sessions in November.

Reception

Children were taught how to call 999 in an emergency, how to check for a response and whether a casualty is breathing and how to place an unconscious but breathing casualty into the safe airway position.

All other classes

Children were taught when it is appropriate to call 999 for an ambulance, how to manage a variety of wounds and practised bandaging skills.



Attention to all Bike and Scooter riders!



From January, we would like to see all children who ride a bike or scooter to school wearing a helmet. Following on from the First Aid sessions, too many children said that they did not wear a helmet when riding their bike or scooter. We must remedy this! Many of us have seen the egg experiment; let us not play out such an experiment on our children.

As a school, we will make contact with parents if we see children arriving without a helmet. We will speak to the children and explain ‘no helmet, no bike/scooter’.

Attendance

Please tell us if you are considering a holiday absence from school - an email, a completed request form (available at the office or on our website) or an appointment to discuss reasons for absence requests. There are very few exceptions to unauthorised absences. However, please understand that we do not want any parent feeling that they need to ask their child to cover up if they have been away from school on holiday - it is too much pressure and worry for little people.

As a Dorset Council Maintained school we are obliged to carry out policy and practice. If there is reasonable doubt that a child was not in fact ill but on holiday then an absence will be unauthorised. Cross checks are made with schools where siblings attend and a holiday absence penalty fine will apply for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within a 12 week period.

The Council Attendance Officer has already made two visits to the school and is asking the school to act on the high percentage of absence already picked up on this half term. We are aware that much absence is through illness, however, we are asked to remind families that coughs and colds (unless extreme) are not a reason for absence. Where individual attendance has dropped below an acceptable level, all families will be notified. This notification will come from the school in the first place, in order to make parents aware of the impact of the sessions missed so far and whether there are patterns - such as Fridays that are regularly missed.

This is for your information only - it does not mean that you will receive a penalty fine (unless within the absence there is a Holiday absence). On her next visit, the Dorset Council Attendance Officer will be contacting families where there remains a significant attendance concern as support will be offered to 'persistent absentees' from school. She is able to advise and support families on how to contact the local health teams to support attendance, etc.

Sumdog

Congratulations to all the Pimperne children who took part the Dorset Sumdog Competition. We took all the top positions, including overall winner. The top 10 children were from Years 3 to 6 and the overall county winner was Y6 (Sycamore) who have won free subscription places for our school.

Lucy A Y4
Finley E Y6
Mollie Zena G Y6
Lucie RM Y3
Julide K Y6
William D Y3
Ava L Y6
Ella B Y6
Charlie O Y6
Merryn R Y5

Also, a HUGE well done to all those who completed their 1000 questions . . . what a lot of Maths you did that week :-) Mrs. Jones.

MEAL ORDERING - LOCAL FOOD LINKS

A reminder to please ensure that you place your child's hot school meal order at least 7 days in advance of the required date. Menus can be found online or the school office do have some spare. **We do not bulk order and therefore spare meals are not available.** We encourage you to discuss with your child the menu options.

<https://www.myschoolmeals.co.uk/Account/LogOn>

Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring 2020

Club Information

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30-8.40am	KS2 Morning Mile (Mrs Pearson)	KS2 Morning Mile (Mrs Pearson)	KS2 Morning Mile (Mrs Pearson)	KS2 Morning Mile (Mrs Pearson)	KS2 Morning Mile (Mrs Pearson)
12.20-12.50pm Lunch Time	Whole School Choir (Mrs Mathlin) Sporting Activities (Mrs Bemand) Mindfulness and Yoga Chess/Draughts Reading	Y3/4 Games (Alex) Mindfulness and Yoga Chess/Draughts Reading	Y5/6 Games (Alex) Mindfulness and Yoga Chess/Draughts Reading	Sporting Activities (Mrs Bemand) Mindfulness and Yoga Chess/Draughts Reading	Mindfulness and Yoga Chess/Draughts Reading
3.00-4.00pm	French KS1 (Madame Claudie)	Netball (Alex)			French KS2 (Madame Claudie)
3.00-4.00pm	First Aid KS2 (Immerse Medical Training)	Mad Science (Super Sian)		KS2 Outdoor Blast Mrs Bemand	Craft Club (Church Volunteers)
3.00-4.15pm	Champions Football (Jake and Archie)		Step Into Sport (Alex)		

Year 6 Revision Club will be starting in February - details to follow.

New Sports Newsletter

We are delighted to announce the first edition of the Pimperne Primary Sports Newsletter. This focuses on a huge variety of activities that children are doing and will contain articles written by the children themselves, our sports ambassadors as well as Mrs Bemand and Coach Alex.

We are never still for long and this first newsletter just shows how much we support our children in getting involved in sports, activities and healthy living. I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered to drive children to and from matches and festivals etc as this has really helped us make sure we can be a participant in activities across North Dorset. Without you, the funds would not stretch to minibuses and coaches as often as we would like.



A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT



With Christmas only weeks away, Piglet was worried. Pooh was spending what seemed like almost every minute of every day writing lists, and panic buying gifts, and fretting over what he might have forgotten.

"Pooh?" said Piglet one evening, as the two friends were sitting together at Pooh's house, and Pooh worked his way through yet another list of Things To Do.

"Yes Piglet?" responded Pooh, who was somewhat distracted.

"I just wanted to ask: is everything okay? It seems like you haven't stopped for the past few weeks. You look absolutely worn out. And these lists, this... Everything, that you seem to be doing. Is it really necessary?"

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and for a moment Piglet couldn't tell whether his friend was going to laugh, or cry, or shout at him and tell him to get out of his house.

"Well of course it's necessary," said Pooh, attempting a jolly festive laugh which somehow ended up coming out as a half sob instead.

"You know that I'm hosting Christmas this year, and I don't want to let anyone down, and I want to make sure that everyone has everything that they want, and I need this to be the best Christmas ever, and, and, and..." Pooh hid his face in the realms of Christmas wrapping paper covering his lap. "Oh Piglet," he said quietly. "I just can't do it."

For a while, there was silence, other than the fire crackling gently in the fireplace.

"Pooh," said Piglet. "You remember, don't you? What Christmas is really all about?"

Pooh looked perplexed, wondering whether Piglet meant him to say presents, or the ancient Yule celebrations, or the Baby Jesus, or all of these things, and so Piglet went on.

"What Christmas is really all about," continued Piglet, "is love. The perfect Christmas isn't about endless lists; or spending money we haven't got; or trying to be everything to everyone and falling over at the same time. The food, and the presents, and the shiny lights - they are all very lovely, but they're not the things that really matter. What really matters, is love.

"So pause. Step back for a moment. Think about what really matters. Because for those of us who are lucky enough to be surrounded by love this Christmas - and not everyone is that lucky - then I can tell you now: there's nothing I could unwrap under the Christmas tree that is going to be a greater gift than that."

I love Pooh Bear – I always have but as the years move on, I find just how much wisdom actually comes from the mouths of not just Owl, but of Pooh, Piglet, Rabbit and Eyeore!

It is so true that this season descends so rapidly and with it brings so much to do. Sometimes we all need a reminder to stop for the good of one and all, to look around and appreciate what we have and to reflect on how we can take the next steps forward in the best way.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a New Year that is full of all good things. There are many that remain in our thoughts this Christmas and whom we hope find a peace that allows a happiness and a laughter to continue in the New Year. For now, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and God Bless everyone!

Fiona Waller



PIMPERNE PRIMARY PTA

Next PTA Meeting: **Wednesday 15th January 2020**

Next Movie Night: **Friday 7th February 2020**

New Bingo Night: **Friday 6th March 2020**

New Easter Fayre: **Friday 27th March 2020**

Next Disco: **TBC**



Wrap Around Provision – Breakfast Club & The Orchard After School Club

Our provision for before and after school remains available to our children from 3pm until 6pm each day of the week. However, we have had to make some changes for the forthcoming year.

The club will have a maximum of 30 spaces for children for each session. The staffing will reflect this and therefore **last minute bookings or those NOT made via the on-line booking system will incur a further manual administration charge of £2.50 (for each session) and may/may not be successful if the club is fully booked.** If you do not have access to the internet please speak to the School Office. In order to guarantee a place for your child, please book and pay 7 days in advance using the online system. We do not wish to turn people away, as refusal often offends, but we are limited to numbers. Places will be allocated at the time of each week closing (Friday 9.00am) on our School Money booking system. We understand that emergencies happen and if there is space available, we will happily add children onto the register, however, as this is done manually and then a payment request has to be set up - **an administration charge of £2.50 will be made in addition to the cost of the provision.** We have maintained the cost of our provision, despite rising costs and inflation. It remains very good value and in-line with local providers. It is a provision of which we are proud of and the staff involved in the running of it are committed and dedicated to the children's welfare and enjoyment.

Please note, class staff are obliged to admit all children to After School Club if no one has arrived to collect them by the time the rest of the class has gone. This will usually incur a charge for child care provision.

HEALTH AND SAFETY



REMINDERS

- No smoking on site - this includes e-cigarettes / vaping
- No pets on site - this includes the carrying of pets
- No earrings to be worn for P.E.
- No nut ingredients in Key Stage 2 snacks or in any lunch boxes please.
- Please ask your child/ren not to use the playtrails and amphitheatre. We are trying to maintain a consistent approach to its use for everyone's safety and enjoyment.
- Please can we ask again that the school driveway is not blocked at drop-off and pick-up.
- The driveway should only be used by vehicles and is not a path to walk to and from the school. The safety of all our children and their families is paramount. Drivers do not expect to see people in the road as they turn the corner. Your understanding in this matter is greatly appreciated.



COMMUNITY

Regular Events at St Peter's Church , Pimperne

Morning Worship: Every Monday at 9 a.m. for 30 minutes

Family Communion: Every First Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for 1 hour

Morning Service: Every Third Sunday at 11 a.m. for 50 minutes

Holy Communion: Every Second, Fourth Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for 1hour



DIARY DATES

Monday 6th January 2020

- Inset Day (School Closed for Staff training)

Tuesday 7th January

- Parent Drop In Session 8.50-10.00am
- Kev Jackson guitar lessons
- Lorna Leese piano lessons
- Netball Club 3.00-4.00pm

Wednesday 8th January

- Year 5 Brass - children aware
- Neil Evans drum lessons
- Kev Jackson guitar lessons
- Step into Sport 3.00-4.15pm

Thursday 9th January

- Kev Jackson guitar lessons
- KS2 Outdoor Blast 3.00-4.00pm

Friday 10th January

- Violin - children aware

Monday 13th January

- Language and Communication Parent Workshop 9.00-10.00am

Wednesday 15th January

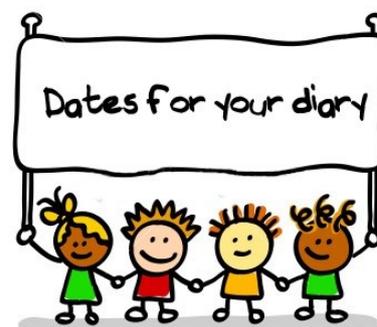
- PTA Meeting Farquharson Arms 7.30pm

Wednesday 22nd January

- Kev Jackson's Pupil Concert 10.00am

Friday 31st January

- Year 2 PTA Tuck Shop



Drop in Sessions with Mrs Gill Gatehouse

2020 in sessions - please contact the office to reserve a time slot.

Monday 20th January 8.50-10.00am
Monday 3rd February 8.50-10.00am
Monday 10th February 8.50-10.00am
Monday 24th February 8.50-10.00am
Monday 2nd March 8.50-10.00am
Monday 9th March 8.50-10.00am
Monday 16th March 8.50-10.00am
Monday 23rd March 8.50-10.00am
Monday 30th March 8.50-10.00am

Please be aware of a date change to the Early May Bank
Holiday from Monday 4 May 2020 to Friday 8 May 2020

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Whole School Term Dates 2019/2020

Autumn Term 2019

Term begins: Wednesday 4th September

Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Term ends: Friday 20th December at 3pm

Spring Term 2020

Term begins: Monday 6th January (Tuesday 7th January for children)

Half Term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term ends: Friday 3rd April at 3pm

Summer Term 2020

Term begins: Monday 20th April

Bank Holidays: Wednesday 1st January, Friday 10th April,
Monday 13th April, Friday 8th May, Monday 25th May

Half Term: Tuesday 26th May - Friday 29th May

Term ends: Friday 17th July at 3pm

Provisional Inset Days (subject to change)

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Friday 20th September 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 20th July 2020