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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 focus this Week:

God the Son

(As part of the Trinity)

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Week ending 23/9/16

Out and About around the School

Success! I have managed to escape the humongous pile of paperwork (someone actually told me once that I would be working within a paperless society!!) for several minutes this week and have managed to creep stealthily into both Key Stage One and Two classes!

I have seen some of the **most amazing writing going on** – I am so impressed I would really like to publish some in our future newsletters. Both staff and children have been using a 'Talk for Writing' approach which over time will consistently help us to be able to write in a range of genre, knowing specific features and in a creative and enjoyable way, with an enhanced richness to the vocabulary used and maturity in the ideas expressed. Very simply it bases its pedagogy on the truth that if a child can't say it, they will struggle to write it. **Year 1 and 4 great work going on!**

STOP PRESS: Year 2 - I love your storytelling!

Thank you also to the children that have been to show me there maths learning.

Year 3 – I love the Diamond Doubling ! Have a go at showing your families how it works!

A massive well done to our **Reception** class. They joined our Collective Worship yesterday, for the first time, and our visitor leading worship complimented them on their fantastic behaviour and listening.

Thank you to the **Year 2** children that explained their RE learning to me. Focused around the biblical story of the 'Good Samaritan', there were some very eloquent expressions of opinions and thoughtful reflection.

Years 5 and 6 – I will be looking forward to seeing some of your learning next week!

F. Waller

To All Residents of Pimperne

On Thursday 29th September, after school, the Parish Council welcome all Pimperne families to view the **Village Plan**. Input is sought from Pimperne families as the Parish Council are looking to the future. Please look out for Mr Argles, who will be based by the pedestrian gate entrance of the car park.

Your village needs you!

School News

Attendance

Sadly, our school attendance rate has dropped and is now a concern. As you are aware, we are unable to authorise any holidays or absences unless there are extenuating circumstances. A number of families took unauthorised holidays during the year and this has had significant impact on the date that is fed to the DfE.

The detrimental effect on the fast moving pace of your child's education is unquestionable. English and Maths remain basic skills and children need these in order to have the choices they deserve as they go through their educational journey.

We understand that illness cannot be helped, however, there is significant evidence to show that a child who has frequent illness has a huge challenge to face when 'catching up' with their learning.

Due to our fall in attendance we will be working with the Attendance Officer working in the North Dorset area. When frequent illness or absence occurs, we will be reporting this to the authority for further investigation. As a school we have to be pro-active in monitoring attendance and this is one means by which we can show that we are doing what is required of us. Dorset County Council Children's Services have recently issued schools with a 'Penalty Notice Protocol' for further information.

I thank you for your understanding and rely on your support to keep children in school.

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have children in our school that are severely allergic to products that contain nut ingredients. Please check the ingredients of your child's snack or packed lunch with care as staff are asked to remove products that do not conform to the request. In all frankness, this could be a life or death situation and we ask that you help us keep every child safe. Thank you.

Car Parking, Drop Offs and Collections

Thank you to all those who have been able to cope admirably with the constant challenges we face with car parking and roadworks. We were unaware that the roadworks just outside the school entrance were due to happen. However, we are pleased that the end result will benefit the school as we should then get a constant flow of gas to the school boiler, and will no longer be dealing with the fluctuating levels setting the low pressure alarm off and stopping the hot water and heating every day!

Please may I ask, that if you are parking in the village, that you do not park on grass verges or across the entrances to village residences.

I have also been made aware and would like to pass on that, **FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY**, traffic coming out of St Peter's Close is unable to see either set of traffic lights and therefore will just pull out when they see a gap. Please keep this in mind and be considerate, as you drive this stretch.

Pedestrian Entrances

Although we are not yet permitted to take cars onto the 'overflow carpark', due to the need for groundworks to 'settle', we have opened the gates to allow pedestrian access onto the school site. Some families are making use of that corner of the Village Hall Car Park to simply drop off, watch their child enter the gate and then drive off. Please be careful and vigilant as you turn this corner.

Dropping Off for Breakfast Club and School

This is a reminder to all who use the Breakfast Club facility or who are dropping children to school in the morning, that **no cars should be using the school drive**. This is only for the staff and service vehicles. This agreement was made in the planning stages of the new school building and the entrance was not designed for this use. The drive may be used after 9.30am for parents who are bringing or collecting children to the main school entrance, via the school office.

For those who are using the drive as a pedestrian footway, who are parking at the Village Hall, please be aware you are on a driveway and there is no path from the road entrance to the main entrance. Please be mindful that cars may not expect to see you or children in the driveway.

School News

Mining Bees

Just to let you know we have discovered some 'Mining Bees' have moved into our field! **These bees do not sting!** However, we have currently taped off the area that they seem to be enjoying. They are protected and therefore we will not 'bee' tackling the visitors. They will naturally die off in the colder weather.

Music

Music Lessons and Timetabling

We work very closely with our peripatetic music teachers, Mrs Wathen, Mr Evans and Mr Jackson. We have had an enormous uptake of their sessions and timetabling is an art in itself, as in most cases there are no free sessions to absorb running late. This term we are trialling a means of timetabling so that staff are aware of when the children's lessons are and may choose to alter them according to the variance in their own class timetable and class activities. The school diary dates reflect the times when classes are swimming or on educational visits and this has already been planned in for staff to change lessons around, in order that the children benefit. On the rare occasion that a child's lesson moves day, we will endeavour to let you know **by text** that your child will need their music / instrument in school on a different day. Please do take note of these texts.

It is my hope that you are encouraging your child to take responsibility to practice their music at home and as frequently as possible, as well as help remind them, in the morning, when they need to bring their music or instrument to school.

Class teachers are fully aware of this timetabling arrangement and therefore please do feel free to speak to them if you have any questions. I also know that Mrs Wathen, Mr Jackson and Mr Evans would be happy to help too, so you may, of course, feel free to contact them.

Samba drumming Club



At this stage there are 7 children participating in Samba Drum Club held on Fridays from 3.00pm-4.00pm. There are spaces available if any children are interested in joining. Please contact the school office by telephone or email as soon as possible.

Tree of Recognition

We are so proud of these children, who have been recognised and celebrated for displaying one of our school values this week.

Values	1	2	3	4	5	6
Perseverance	Henry	Freddie			Holly	
Courage						
Compassion			Zara			Josh
Justice						
Respect	Keira		Jessica	Rosie G		Rebecca
Forgiveness				Bobby		
Trust					Sophie	
Selflessness		Connor				

Cyberbullying

We are all responsible for the protection of children. Please can I take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of educating your child in safe and responsible use off the internet.

Cyberbullying has affected the lives of so many children nationwide; it has led to the sad and drastic outcomes for so many. Cyberbullying is taken very seriously by the authorities.

PLEASE look at the information below and share, what you consider to be age appropriate, with your child. Children must grow up knowing the responsibility that comes with the use of the internet. They must know that information is going into a public domain and is often irretrievable.

PLEASE help your child to know what is right and what is not, so that they are able to report cyberbullying should they come across it. Thank you.

Cyberbullying

Cyber bullying is any form of bullying which takes place online or through smartphones and tablets. There are many ways of bullying someone online and for some it can take shape in more ways than one. Some of the types of cyber bullying are:

Harassment - This is the act of sending offensive, rude, and insulting messages and being abusive.

Denigration – This is when someone may send information about another person that is fake, damaging and untrue. Sharing photos of someone for the purpose to ridicule, spreading fake rumours and gossip.

Outing and Trickery – This is when someone may share personal information about another or trick someone into revealing secrets and forward it to others. They may also do this with private images and videos too.

Cyber Stalking – This is the act of repeatedly sending messages that include threats of harm, harassment, intimidating messages, or engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety.

Exclusion – This is when others intentionally leave someone out of a group such as group messages, online apps, gaming sites and other online engagement. This is also a form of social bullying and a very common.

The school will educate pupils, parents and staff about the prevalence and dangers of cyberbullying through assemblies, newsletters and in ICT lessons.

After School Club

It has been brought to our attention that parents are sometimes not signing their children out from After School Club. It is vital this is done for the following reasons:

- Children's whereabouts need to be known otherwise it becomes a Safeguarding issue.
- It enables us to correctly bill parents.

Once your child is booked into After School Club, if your plans change and therefore After School Club is no longer needed, please notify the school office or Mrs Raine by email on afterschoolclub@pimperne.dorset.sch.uk

Extra Curricular Activity Clubs

There will be a leeway of 5 minutes for children to be collected from Extra Curricular Activity Clubs after school. If a child is not collected on time or within the 5 minutes leeway they will need to go to After School Club.

PTA

Riverford Veg Fund

We have registered Pimperne Primary School.

Can you help?

How it works:

- You register your school or nursery. Use the form above or call us on 01803 227400. Once you're registered, we'll call you with an ID code for your school.

- Launch: You can run a launch event if you like, and we can help with raffle prizes, worm digs, fundraisers and veg discovery sessions. Or you can just send out details about the Veg Fund to parents – we can provide leaflets, letter and email templates.

- Parents can sign up to a veg box at the launch event (if you're doing one), on our website or by calling us at the farm on 01803 227227. They'll need the ID code when they sign up to make sure your school gets the donation. We'll deliver to their home address.

- Three times a year, we'll tot up how many parents, staff and friends of your school have joined and we'll send the school £15 for each, once they've had at least three deliveries. We'll make a second payment of £15 after 52 deliveries.

- If a parent is already a Riverford customer, we'll still donate to the school. Talk to your local veg team for details.



It's veg that works for everyone!

Riverford are inviting schools and nurseries to join their new school scheme, The Veg Pot, which was launched at the Bristol Food Connections Festival in Spring.

The Veg Pot ('School pounds for Riverford potatoes') is an easy way for schools and nurseries to raise funds through parents and, more importantly, introduce children to healthy organic eating as early as possible, so they know where their food comes from and how wonderful veg can be. In addition to all this, the farmers also offer classroom visits where children can learn about earthworms, farming and, of course, vegetables, in a fun and accessible way.

Riverford founder and self-confessed 'veg nerd' farmer Guy Watson says, "With the statistics on childhood obesity rising by the year, there is no better time to get children embracing the green stuff. We want to get as many families as possible living life on the veg like we do."

The scheme is simple: each school registers for free, sends out information to parents and families, and the PTA receives £15 per family that becomes a Riverford veg box customer, once they've received their third delivery. A further £15 is paid per customer after 12 months. Families get beautiful organic veg and fruit delivered to their homes, and schools and nurseries get funds to spend on whatever they need for the children. Visit riverfordorganics.co.uk to find out how to register.