

Pimperne CE VC  
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  
Forgiveness  
Compassion  
Selflessness  
Courage  
Justice  
Trust  
Respect**

Our intention is to ensure that you have all future newsletters emailed directly 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 cut the costs in administration. The school website will be a hub of up-to-date information for reference and we hope that events will be displayed on our calendar page, enabling you to check the activities on the horizon.

***Celebrate Believe Aspire***

# Newsletter Summer Term 2

## Week ending 19/07/2019

***Just like our children—the bulbs they planted on our  
4th birthday have blossomed***



***Celebrate Believe Aspire***

Well this is it, the final newsletter of the school year! I have to say that the time has flown by and I can hardly believe that a whole school year has passed.

It has been another successful year at Pimperne Primary, the children have worked incredibly hard and I have been impressed by their determined attitudes and their desire to challenge themselves and improve. Positivity breeds positivity!

Our Year 6 children received their SATs results last week and have done themselves proud - well done to all of the children for their hard work and great attitudes to learning! Thank you also to the Year 6 parents who supported their children to use the CGP books loaned for additional home learning. And of course a big well done and thank you to all of the staff who have taught and worked with them over the last 7 years!

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school; last week saw our second very ambitious 'Arts Week'. A real expression of creativity, awe and artistic appreciation from all involved. A huge thanks to Mrs Mathlin for organising this as well as the staff and volunteers who mustered energy and enthusiasm for all the activities on offer. Our Year 5 and 6 children went to The Blandford School for the day to join together and take part in an amazing 'Quad Kids' event. They thoroughly enjoyed this and were full of personal achievements and success. Our thanks too go out to the fabulous 'sports leaders' at TBS and their staff that made the event possible. Our children gain so much, in so many different aspects, from these events.

The quality of this year's productions across the school has, I feel, raised the bar – yet again. These truly are theatre worthy shows. What a talented bunch you all are!

Year 4 put on quite a show with their brass concert – what a delight to behold! They have come such a long way in the time and our partnership with the Dorset Music Service is one that we treasure.

The whole school has completed 'transition' days and have all met with their new class teams. Staff are already beginning to plan for the start of the next academic year.

**PLEASE SEE PAGES 3 AND 4 FOR INFORMATION REGARDING FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLOSURES**

The Summer holidays can be a very expensive time of the year for families as we constantly seek to keep children entertained and active! Please see the ideas attached to this newsletter from our resident ELSA – Mrs Gatehouse - for some free entertainment this holiday.

As we end this school year, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Roberts who has completed his baptism of fire into the illustrious world of headship. He goes with our deepest thanks for everything that he has brought to our school and we wish him a very happy and successful career ahead. I could tell you the story of the Pimperne puffin... but sadly Mrs Brealey says I have run out of type space! However, it will be something that I remind Mr Roberts of, on numerous future meetings!

On the plus side, we have the returning talents of Miss Roe (very, very, soon-to-be Mrs Dunford) as she takes up her role in Year One. We also have the addition of a technology genius (no pressure now!) Mr Thomas, who is extremely excited to get started with Year 4, as well as take on his role as Deputy Headteacher, working alongside the superb leadership team of Miss Lee and Mrs Jones.

As for the rest of the staff, I am privileged and blessed that such a team exist. A team who work together to provide an environment in which children thrive. The comments that so many children have made over the past year to both myself and other staff members are why we do it. As always, I offer my sincere thanks to the staff, governors and families that make this school the success it has become.

So all that remains is for me to wish you all a happy, sunny and safe Summer holiday. The school admin team unfortunately (I say!) do not work in the holidays and therefore all emails/post etc will be dealt with on our return (Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September). The school re-opens its doors to children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am. I will look forward to hearing all about your holiday adventures then! Have a wonderful time – you will be in my thoughts! Stay safe and God Bless.

Yours

Fiona Waller

### **School Visitor**

A North Dorset Member of Parliament, Simon Hoare, visited our school on Thursday 10th July in order to congratulate us personally on the successful progress of our children and show his support to the funding crisis in schools.



Simon spoke to many of the children as he joined them in their 'Arts Week' groups. Simon left saying "This is a truly remarkable school". He thanked the staff for all they do. Also thanks for ensuring our children receive the best education possible.

Following this, the school received a letter of thanks for the commitment to and support of our young people.

### **My School Money Accounts**

Payments must be kept up to date. Breakfast Club and After School Club payments must be paid within 10 working days of notification. Any disputes need to be raised with office staff by the first statement. As always, if you are experiencing financial difficulty, please speak to either Mrs McCarthy or Mrs Waller. Any conversation will be treated confidentially.

### **Playtrail**

The KS2 playtrail is re opening in September following extensive risk assessments and confirmation from the supplier that it is safe to use. Similarly, we expect that following the work being completed the KS1 playtrail will also be open in September and in full working order. Neither of these facilities are open to children of pre-school age - we ask for your co-operation in this. Thank you.

## Key Stage 2 SAT's 2018– 2019

We are pleased to be able to share with you the provisional Key Stage 2 Assessment Results. Over their Key Stage 2 learning, the children in Year 6 have shown an increased resilience and positive attitude to their learning.

We firmly believe that preparing children for any academic test during their educational journey is essential and dealing with both success and disappointment should be supported, in order that it is quickly put into perspective.

We are extremely proud of every individual that completed the Key Stage 2 SATs. The Department for Education still maintains a need for an end of Key Stage test. However, in 2022, we have been told that the end of Key Stage 1 tests will no longer be needed. We wait to see how this pans out. As a school we would support the end of 'SATs' as our teachers are highly skilled in their own ability to make accurate teacher assessments, taken from a range of evidence across the year. Currently, a data collection is needed to allow the DFE to make judgements on a school, its staff and its leaders. I very much hope that as parents you know, that your child has been treated as an individual, their own personal learning journey is what has been prioritised.

| Provisional Key Stage 2 results |          | WORKING BELOW NATIONAL EXPECTATIONS | WORKING AT OR ABOVE NATIONAL EXPECTATIONS | WORKING ABOVE NATIONAL EXPECTATIONS |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| READING                         | SCHOOL   | 6%                                  | 94%                                       | 24%                                 |
|                                 | NATIONAL | 25%                                 | 73%                                       | 28%                                 |
| WRITING                         | SCHOOL   | 9%                                  | 91%                                       | 30%                                 |
|                                 | NATIONAL | 25%                                 | 78%                                       | 25%                                 |
| MATHS                           | SCHOOL   | 3%                                  | 97%                                       | 33%                                 |
|                                 | NATIONAL | 23%                                 | 79%                                       | 20%                                 |
| EGPS                            | SCHOOL   | 9%                                  | 91%                                       | 45%                                 |
|                                 | NATIONAL | 25%                                 | 78%                                       | 29%                                 |

### **Friday Afternoon Closing**

A number of schools in England, have taken the decision to move to a shorter working week, by having a Friday half day closing starting in September, all due to funding shortages.

**Why have schools resorted to this?** Simply, the schools haven't got enough money for teaching assistants, support for vulnerable children, resources to support learning - they haven't got enough money for pencils in some cases - and so they're having to close early on Friday afternoons. One Head teacher, who has reluctantly taken this decision said: "We do not consider this option lightly. But after years of responding to growing financial pressures...and despite fund raising efforts by our amazing parents, we are left with very few choices. There are just no significant money-saving measures left to take other than this."

**Is this an option for Pimperne Primary?** For Pimperne Primary, there are a range of options: money saving measures have been in place for the last three years to some degree. However, options now left include increasing class sizes across the school, reducing staffing, limiting trip subsidies, carrying out minimal grounds and building maintenance and postponing purchase of non-essentials. My thanks go to the staff that quite often will buy class resources from their own pocket. For Pimperne Primary, right now, thanks to the efforts of our amazing staff, governors and parents (PTA), the quality of education, attainment and progress and our very special ethos have all been maintained despite these challenges. I, for one, am very proud of the recent decision that the Governing Board took to continue to invest in our children, provide support (that is measured, costed, reviewed and minutely scrutinised) that we know makes a difference to our children. The Governors are determined to do the best for every child.

## Friday Afternoon Closing continued...

The additional financial constraints that have been put on all schools are a concern for the immediate future however. We now have to consider more significant and unpalatable options to cut costs without our children being the ones who pay for it. There is a national funding crisis facing schools up and down the country and many are now at a breaking point. As with wider public sector funding, local authorities have been crying out for the government to recognise that an urgent change in policy is needed. Many schools now plan to close early on Fridays from September, so reducing hours worked by support staff and reducing number of cover teachers used - leading to a substantial reduction in costs and money saving!

We are not 'many schools', Pimperne Primary will continue to do what is best for the children – whether this means looking at future closing or not. **How would closing help the school?** Teachers have a statutory time allocated on a weekly basis for planning, preparation and assessment. We take pride in the quality of education our children receive at all times in the week and have highly skilled staff who will cover this time. Currently, our school leaders remain as full time class teachers – however, as leaders they have additional responsibilities, such as leading subjects, driving areas of improvement or focus aspects of the School development plan. They will be given some time to match the demands of their role. The main of what they do, however, is in their own time as a senior teacher or leader – this is not an expectation but a gift of the good will of these members of our staff.

In order to give the school staff the statutory non-contact time – should we then close our school on a Friday afternoon, as schools across the country are doing? This question was raised three years ago by the Governing Board as we saw no action was being taken at the top to change the financial crisis that schools were faced with.

Our answer now, remains the same as then. No, we don't want to close our school on a Friday afternoon, despite the fact it could save our school approximately £30,000 in cover across the year. (This is the deficit that our school faces by the end of this year.)

We run a not-for-profit Breakfast Club and After School Club, which is extremely good. However, the margins are minimal and when we have outstanding debts of over two weeks, we struggle. Resources (that need to be paid for) are channelled into debt chasing and recovery – we are human, we know that everyone forgets to pay every now and again but after careful re-checking of accounts, numerous texts to alert families to the outstanding payments, phone calls and finally letters being sent – the hours add up to financial loss. We realise that if this is continued – we cannot operate the extended provision such as Breakfast and After school club on this basis. For the time being however, it will continue as we believe it is the right thing to do to help our working families. We hope that our families will appreciate that we are not running this service with a built in profit margin to withstand the payment of man hours to chase owed monies.

Some schools have closed their kitchens to the provision of hot school meals as it takes more kitchen staff to receive, check, serve and clear than if the meals were cold or packed from home. Again, an option that we must look at in our approach to saving money.

**So what can we do to save money, cut costs or find additional revenue?** I would love to hear your solutions – pleased do email in. Many heads, as they say, are better than one!

We turn again to the PTA. With thanks that the PTA this year have continued to think of ways to raise funds to support our children. The cost of transport over the year of £3000 being covered by the monies raised. The provision of an amazing theatre group for the whole school to inspire our young performers. The huge effort to raise money for a running track around the perimeter of the field continues, as we believe our children would benefit from the encouragement of a healthy lifestyle and the opportunity to access a dedicated running track – without healthy children (in mind and body) the future will suffer.

Pimperne Primary will continue to aspire to supporting every young person to be a fit-for-the-future citizen, with values and good moral standing. To raise independent thinkers with positive attitudes and a mentally healthy outlook. To ensure our young people know how to self-help and are emotionally and spiritually intelligent as well as academically.

To finish, for the next coming academic year, we do not foresee that Pimperne Primary needs to close our doors on a Friday afternoon. What we do need, is our parental support in championing our school as we attempt to fundraise, seek grants or skills and expertise from our parental and geographical community. All this in order that we can continue to put our money into giving the best possible provision to our children – whether this be supporting them in the academics, in the physical or in the emotional. Our children deserve the best we can offer and the staff and governors for one are fighting for this every day.

### **School Uniform Providers**

The school recommended official suppliers of our school uniform are Rag Tags, 29 West Street, Blandford, DT11 7AW

<https://www.ragtags.co.uk/> and My Clothing <https://myclothing.com/>

These providers have the necessary correct information to provide our uniform.

## Autumn 'Settling In' Parents Evenings

Following a review of comments and feedback around the Autumn Term Parent Consultations often held in October – We will be trialling a change for years 1-5, we will be holding an open evening so that parents may visit more than one class in the evening and at a time that suits them. The class team will be on hand to answer any curriculum questions and to let you know how your child has settled into their new class routines.

We will open the doors on Wednesday 25th September after school when all children have been dismissed for you and your child/ren to visit and look at learning in books and have an informal conversation with the staff teams – this will happen between 3.15-4.30pm, and then again re-open from 5.30- 6.30pm. Any parents that would like to make an appointment after this, may do so in the usual manner.

The Parents Evenings for Reception and Year 6 class teams will remain unaltered as these are the only 2 year groups that share baseline data and personal targets. These will be on:

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 12.30 - 18.30pm for Reception  
 Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 12.30 - 18.30pm for Year 6.

Dates for these meetings and a wealth of other dates are also on the school calendar ready for the year ahead.

## 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 P Slocombe



**Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility**



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**

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We thank our School Council this year for all their hard work. They have supported a lot of charity work and fundraising across the year in addition to raising some good ideas to improve the environment and Pimperne pupil school life.

### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

| YEAR 1           | YEAR 2               | YEAR 3             | YEAR 4              | YEAR 5               | YEAR 6            |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Ruby G<br>Sam JG | Frankie B<br>Kyran P | Belle A<br>Henry F | Fern W<br>Freddie B | Scarlett C<br>Jake R | Daisy P<br>Jack P |

### House Points

As we break up our House Points are as follows:

Longmore - 87  
 Sagano - 93  
 Redwood - 86  
 Sherwood - 85

The inaugural Brannigan Cup was awarded to



Sagano House

## House Keeping for parents



- Please update the office with any change of address, email or telephone numbers
- We ask that all medication, including inhalers are collected by Friday 19th July
- Please ensure all school uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles, P.E. kits and bags are all clearly named ready for September



## Pimperne Primary PTA

This year the children have benefitted from professional theatre visits, investment in training for 'forest school' type activities, hugely subsidised transport costs, individual year groups resources to enhance learning, playtime resources for key stage one, a circus skills workshop for the whole school to promote resilience and a contribution to 'arts week' resources.

### **Sports Day**

A huge thank you from the PTA to everyone who supported the school Sports Day and made it such a wonderful day. The raffle was amazing and from the sales of the raffle tickets and food on the day a whopping £2300 was raised! Thank you so much.

If you can afford any amount of time, please volunteer your services to assist this dedicated group. They work tirelessly to support our school and are really keen to get new active members. The Association are always keen to take on new ideas, so please do come along and give your suggestions and views.

1st PTA meeting of the Autumn Term is **11th September 2019**—All welcome

### **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/or 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 now 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 that we are proud of and the staff involved in the running of it are committed and dedicated to the children's welfare and enjoyment.

### Medical and Dental Appointments

A reminder that we have been advised by the Dorset County Council Attendance Officer that we should be asking to see proof of any medical or dental appointments during school time. As such, we will be adopting this procedure with immediate effect. If we do not see proof, we are obliged to put the absence down as 'unauthorised'.

### Drop in Sessions with Mrs Gill Gatehouse

2019 drop in sessions - please contact the office to reserve a time slot.

Wednesday 4th September 9.00-10.30am

Monday 9th September 8.50-10.00am

Monday 16th September 8.50-10.00am

Monday 23rd September 8.50-10.00am

Monday 30th September 8.50-10.00am

Monday 7th October 8.50-10.00am

Monday 14th October 8.50-10.00am

Monday 21st October 8.50-10.00am

Monday 4th November 8.50-10.00am

Monday 11th November 8.50-10.00am

Monday 18th November 8.50-10.00am

Monday 25th November 8.50-10.00am

Monday 2nd December 8.50-10.00am

Monday 9th December 8.50-10.00am

Monday 16th December 8.50-10.00am

### 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 1 hour

Reverend Belinda Marflitt is contactable for much of the summer holidays on 03330118088

She is a familiar face in school and the children love to chat to her. If you or your family, young or old need a listening ear you are most welcome to call her.

### 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.**



### 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>

## **Blandford Schools Network News - Celebrating Achievement!**

It is no surprise to anyone at The Blandford School that Mr Ken Reynolds has been awarded an MBE by Her Majesty The Queen in today's Birthday Honours List. Students, staff and governors are overjoyed that Ken's years of dedication to the young people in this community have been recognised in this way.

Ken's youth work began in the mid 80's when he resigned from his job as a Service Manager for Rolls Royce and set up a charity, The Blandford Youth Trust. What followed was a pilot project which was so highly successful at helping children excluded from school, drug users and alcohol dependents that it was extended. The project, known as 'Treads', gained a significant reputation as a result, Ken's wife Trish joined him and he studied for a BA Hons in Youth and Community Studies. The project itself was acknowledged as a 'Centre of Excellence' by the Local Authority, the Health Service and the Police. In 1997 the National Health Service Management Centre in Birmingham University selected Treads as the best example of good practice in young people's voluntary projects across the UK.

In 2001, the project moved to The Blandford School. Fundraising for the project was always led by The Blandford Youth Trust and over the years the Blandford Schools' Network, the Blandford Secondary School Foundation, district councils, community services, charitable organisations and charities supported Ken's work. Ken and the Trust wrote countless bids over this time and presented the project to numerous audiences. Austerity meant funding for the project was, at times, precarious but Ken's dogged determination ensured the project continued, and his unstinting desire to support the needs of young people has always been a key characteristic of his work.

Ken retired in summer 2018 although he remains working with the school as a consultant. During his seventeen years as Student Support Worker, he supported well in excess of 5000 students. His role was to provide a structured student support service, where he helped students of all ages which included the school's first ever peer mentoring scheme. His legacy is the fact the project continues and is flourishing with a new Student Support Worker in post, Kirsty Radford.

In addition to this, Ken also played an integral role in the link between The Blandford School and the Gnana Deepam Matriculation School in Tamil Nadu, India. Ken has visited the area a number of times and actively promotes and inspires fundraising for the school within the Blandford Community.

Sally Wilson, Headteacher at The Blandford School said "I am delighted for Ken, to be recognised by Her Majesty The Queen and awarded an MBE is extremely special. Ken is very modest about his contribution but should see this Honour as an enormous 'thank you' for his years of selfless dedication; it is so very well deserved."

## **Blandford Foodbank**

The schools are gearing up for the end of term and we're ready! We've issued just under 100 summer Holiday Hunger vouchers to nine local schools in preparation for the beginning of the summer school holiday.

Our team of 32 volunteers await these lovely families, who come seeking a little extra help during the summer holiday, they will be secure in the knowledge that they will be greeted with a smile and an offer of friendship as we offer them wonderful food parcels filled with all sorts of goodies, enabling the mum's and dad's to feed the children throughout the summer holiday.

So, in order for us to continue to help in the extraordinary way that we do, we could do with some of those extras that will make the difference to the children during the summer holidays, but also help take the worry away from the mum's and dad's.

We would love:

Tins of Corned Beef – for sandwiches

Tins of Ham – again for sandwiches

Packets of Angel Delight – good way to get milk into the children

Ready-made jellies – they come in pots already made up

Fruit pots – again like the jellies they are already made up

Pot noodles/mug shots – you either love them or hate them!

Mini Pringle pots

Crisps

Snack bars (savoury or sweet)

Chocolate bars

Fruit bars

Fruit juice – please do not get them from the fridge they have a shorter date code of them!

Squash – any flavour

Freezer pops!

Thank you again for your continued support, it works wonders!

## St Peter's Church

A big thank you to St Peter's Church, to the volunteers that have run the Church Craft Club on a Friday afternoon and Open The Book collective worships that have shared Bible stories with the children in Reception to Year 3. The Church has also been made available for the children to visit in their classes, and the Rylands Room has been provided for the school choir to perform in. The enrichment this has given to the children is everlasting. Thank you.

## Planning for next year

Please see the school website calendar for advance dates for Year 5 and Year 6 residentials, parent evenings and productions. All are subject to change, which we try to avoid doing, but you will be advised at the earliest opportunity if this happens.

## Diary Dates

### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

- Inset Day

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

- Inset Day

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

- Children return to school 8.30am
- Parent Drop in Sessions with Mrs Gatehouse 9.00-10.30am
- Reception Group A (8.30-12.00 only)
- Reception Parents Group A meeting with Mrs Gatehouse 11.30-12.00

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

- Reception Group B (8.30-12.00 only)
- Reception Parents Group B meeting with Mrs Gatehouse 11.30-12.00

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September

- Reception Group C (8.30-12.00 only)
- Reception Parents Group C meeting with Mrs Gatehouse 11.30-12.00

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

- Parent Drop in Sessions with Mrs Gatehouse 8.50-10.00am
- All Reception Children 8.30-1.00pm including lunch
- Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' 2.30-3.00pm
- Year 6 'Meet the Teacher' 3.00-3.30pm

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

- All Reception Children 8.30-3.00pm including lunch
- Year 3 'Meet the Teacher' 2.30-3.00pm
- Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' 3.00-3.30pm

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

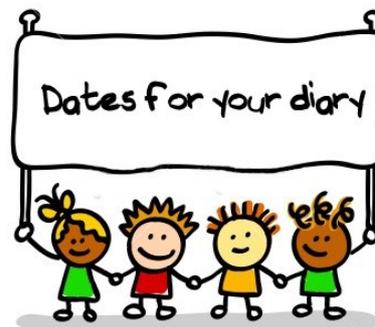
- All Reception Children 8.30-3.00pm including lunch
- Year 1 'Meet the Teacher' 2.30-3.00pm
- Year 4 'Meet the Teacher' 3.00-3.30pm
- PTA Meeting at the Farquharson Arms 7.30pm
- Reception Parent's Reading Meeting 2.15-2.50pm

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

- All Reception Children 8.30-1.00 pm including lunch (optional afternoon until 3.00pm)

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

- All Reception Children 8.30-1.00 pm including lunch (optional afternoon until 3.00pm)



**Please see the school website for class assembly dates, production dates, residential visits and clubs.**

If you have any spare or unwanted glove puppets, Mrs Gatehouse would willingly give them a new second home in the Elsa room in school.

# MY SUMMER ACTIVITY JAR

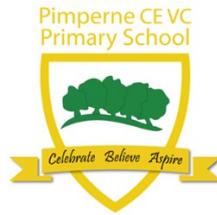
**What shall I do today?**

- Camp out in the back garden/yard
- Make Paper boats and race them in the bath or paddling pool
- Write a story
- Play a ball game
- Play a board game
- Plant a seed
- Dance to LOUD music
- Collect twigs – what can you make out of them?
- Make a collage with all the photos you have taken
- Make popcorn and then watch a movie
- Make homemade ice lollies
- Get some string and learn to tie knots
- Go shopping
- Draw a big star and write down all the things you are good at inside it
- Paint a rainbow
- Draw with chalk
- Blow bubbles
- Learn a song and sing it!
- Go to the library
- Photograph everything that makes you happy
- Go star gazing. How many can you count?
- Go on a mini beast hunt. What can you find. Don't hurt them though
- Get your paints out and sit in the garden. Paint a picture of a flower, insect, bird or plant
- Draw a map of your house
- Make jewellery with beads or pasta shapes
- Make a photo journal
- Make a picnic and eat it in the garden or in the park
- Learn a poem off by heart
- A-z scavenger hunt- what can you find?
- Sort out your toys and give some to charity
- Practice some really fancy writing
- Write a letter or make a card to send to someone
- Play hopscotch
- Collect some pebbles or rocks and paint them
- Help someone, offer to do a job
- Visit a farm
- Make a paper aeroplane
- Wash the car
- Do some baking
- Make a camp in the garden
- Make a 'Happy' book
- Make shadow puppets



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

# Pimperne CE VC Primary School



## Whole School Term Dates 2019/2020

### Autumn Term 2019

**Term begins:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**Half term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm

### Spring Term 2020

**Term begins:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Term ends:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 3pm

### Summer Term 2020

**Term begins:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holidays:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April,  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**Term ends:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

### Provisional Inset Days (subject to change)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020