

Pimperne CE VC  
Primary School



# NEWSLETTER 7

Autumn Term

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## Celebrating with our Children – 4th December 2015

Year	Super Speller	Great Vocabulary
R	Annabelle A	Jack W
1	Emily M	George W
2	Thomas G	Daniel L
3	Boe B	Freddie B
4	Matilda H	Abigail F
5	Ryan C	Mia B
6	Ellie H	Alicia F

### School News

Well done to all the children for their super effort in the school productions and the school choir singing at the Village Carol service. The carol singing at Tesco was also amazing with all the children putting in so much effort.

### PTA

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas hampers, which were raffled during the Christmas Productions. A huge £501 was raised and these funds will go back into the school, for teachers to put towards the children and their learning.

## **Guitar Lessons**

A few spaces are now available for guitar lessons for Year 3 upwards with Mr Jackson. Please contact the school office if you feel your child would be interested. Thank you.

## **Drum Lessons and Samba Workshop**

### **Neil Evans – Drummer and Teacher**

Neil has been playing professionally and teaching drums all over the south of England for the last 25 years, being lucky enough to play for a lot of exciting bands, including his own band called “The Huckleberries.” Neil has played at some great venues including: Glastonbury Music Festival, Royal Festival Hall and the Royal Albert Hall. He has also appeared in and provided music for the BBC series “Down to Earth” with Warren Clarke and Pauline Quirke.

He says: “Having a six year old son myself – I feel very passionate about teaching the drums to children. I am very patient and easily approachable and believe that everyone has the ability to have fun and learn on the drums.”

**After School Samba Workshop** Samba Drumming Workshop is based around energetic and traditional rhythms from the Latin American culture.

Samba drumming is particularly famous in Brazil and is played at many of their famous carnival festivals, which are attended by thousands of people.

Creating a traditional samba rhythm involves playing several different instruments and your children will get the chance to try their hand at these in order to create this unique sound.

All Samba Drumming Workshops normally involve running up to 10 x 1 hour sessions throughout the term which will lead to a big performance at the end of term allowing children to show off everything they have learned.

Lessons will be held on Fridays from 3-4pm at a cost of £3 per session. It will be open to twenty children from Year two upwards and will be on a first come first served basis. There will be a total of 10 sessions during the term.

## **Reminder Earrings and Nail Varnish**

Please can all parents and children be reminded that the school **does not allow** children to wear nail varnish to school. Office staff will assist in the removal of nail varnish if required.

Please can we also ask that if children wear earrings to school that they are not worn on a P.E. day or are removed before participating in the P.E. session, swiftly and independently.

We have now been advised that taping over earrings is **no longer allowed** due to Health and Safety guidance. Many thanks for your support.

### **Overflow Car Park**

The condition of the over flow car park has been raised in the recent Governors' meeting. At this stage action cannot be taken to rectify the condition of the surface of the car park. In April 2016, once we have been in the new school for a year, the school will have greater freedom to contact contractors directly to achieve a successful solution for all car park users. Please be aware however, that in the Spring Term, the school may be asked to close the overflow car park in order for it to recover. We will keep you informed.

### **Mr. Smith –Year Four**

It is with both great excitement and sadness that I write to inform you that Mr. Smith has been successful in being awarded the position of Headteacher at Chilmark Primary School. We are all delighted that he will be taking the next step in his career and we wish him well.

Mr. Smith however, will remain with us until February half term, therefore serving the required notice before taking up his new post.

### **Clubs 2016**

A clubs list for the Spring Term will be sent home during the first week of term. Please note, spaces are always limited and therefore you will be informed, by the office if we are not able to accommodate your child.

### **Fond Farewells**

Goodbye to Lucie Mower and Claire MacGregor.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Lucie Mower who has supported the running of our school breakfast club and also the cleaning team over recent years. Her professionalism, care, commitment and warm smile has greeted many in the morning. Thank you Lucie - you will be missed.

Our thanks and wishes also extend to Mrs Claire MacGregor who is sadly unable to continue to share the class teacher role in Year 6. We thank her for all the support she has given to both children and school.

We are fortunate however that Mrs MacGregor will be able to continue supporting small groups, working and benefitting children across year groups for the remainder of the year.

If any parent or family would like to donate monies towards gifts for either Mrs Mower or Mrs MacGregor, please contact the office or send in contributions (named) to the office. Thank you.

**See you all on**  
**Monday 4th January**  
**2016**

