Pimperne CE VC Primary School Celebrate Believe Aspire

"As each one does their part, we grow in love". Ephesians 4 vs 16



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<u>Pimperne School Prayer</u>

(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

Our School Values

Perseverance Compassion Courage Trust Forgiveness Selflessness Justice Respect

Focus Values this half term:

Remembrance and Advent

Newsletter Autumn Term 2 Week Ending 15/12/2023



Dear All,

Perhaps a little early but Happy Christmas! Wishes for all good things in 2024. As you can see here, our Pimperne Primary Tree joined the Blandford Parish Church Christmas Tree Trail. I hope you have been to see it! Our beautiful lanterns from

the PTA 'crafternoon' workshop were proudly held aloft at the Lantern Parade, it was so lovely that so many were able to enjoy this event.

We have had an exceptionally busy term, not only with learning but also experiences that have enriched both the curriculum and the

personal development of our children. We are very fortunate that our PTA support such events as Emergency First Aid learning and a magical performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'.

Thank you also to all the help and hard work that went into a wonderful Christmas Fair. It was enjoyed by so many and has also helped us raise much needed funds to further enhance the

provision we have at school.

I would also like to add our thanks to all the volunteers that help on a weekly basis in our school. We truly appreciate your time, flexibility and diversity!

Our children (and yours!) continue to make us proud. They are learning and growing, progressing socially, emotionally, spiritually and academically.

	Redwood	Sherwood	Sagano	Longmore	
House Points from class and from activities	310	358	335	376	Winners of the House Cup
House Points gained from earning a Switched On leaf	30	20	40	30	Winners of the Brannigan Cup for 'Switched On'

A child's prayer left in the prayer box in the Spiritual Space in our corridor:

God—Can you hear me? Can you help me? Why don't you help those people to stop fighting? Please send them courage to make the right choice. Thank you. Amen







Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



SPERATION ENCOMPASS

In every force, in every school, For every child

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Abuse.

Santa Dash



With a super special visitor to cheer us on! Thank you for visiting us Santa!





Would your child like

to learn a musical instrument?

Contact the school office if your child is interested in lessons in drums, guitar or piano.



Do you have time to hear children read each week? Our classes

are looking for volunteers who can listen and talk about books.

Links with St Peter's Church



Thank you to the team at St Peter's for again

supporting us to enjoy a close and fruitful relationship. Our Maple Class were ably supported and encouraged by Year 6 to



retell the story of the Nativity. The Church team even

arranged for the organ to be played - wonderful! Such a big event for such small people, however, we were very proud of them all. In school the Church team have visited Worship every Thursday and shared such engaging stories through 'Open



The Book'. Advent has been discussed and the candles of hope, peace, joy, love and light shared as we 'prepared' for the coming of Christmas.

Today, Year 5 have also played their part, by leading the Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at St Peter's, an invitational

worship for our families to join. We look forward to continued partnership with St Peter's as Spring arrives.





NO PEANUTS

OR

NUT PRODUCTS

What's to come in Spring 1...?

Open the Book Book Look Parent & Teacher Meetings Swimming Y4 Musicianship Outdoor Learning Safer Internet Week 2xx Open The Book

BOOKS!

As a school we have been investing in our library.

Our PTA have also agreed to fund a Key Stage 1 and a Key Stage 2 book each month from the new releases, to maintain our current drive to update and gain a range of new and familiar authors. This diversity in our book offerings will enable children to have quality texts to choose from.

We are reminding children who borrow from the library to look after the books with care and return them as soon as they are finished with so that others can enjoy the reads too.







Our next purchases are an official returns book box (so that our Year 6 Librarians can re-stock the shelves) we are trying to source a better priced example! Some comfy cushions (that look like logs) and a super new rug to make the space even more inviting. We are using the library more and more to share books and stories and it is really wonderful to see this being enjoyed.







We are so fortunate, as after a long wait, not one but two PAT dogs have come along to join us, at once!

Riley and Arrow visit us weekly and work alongside children for a variety of reasons. However these two canine friends are very fond of a good story!

The PAT Teams who visit our school can help to raise a pupil's reading standard, boost self-confidence, improve concentration levels and enhance a child's school and home experiences. The visits can have a positive impact on a child's educational, social and emotional welfare. The 'PAT Read2Dogs' scheme can help young people to improve their literacy skills and encourage confidence and concentration in the classroom. Reading a story aloud to a PAT Dog, a great non-judgemental listener, helps young people to enjoy the reading experience. They look forward to spending time with their four-legged friend, which in turn creates a bond of trust, empathy and understanding of the needs of the pet.

Both Riley and Arrow are becoming firm favourites and we hope will continue to be able to visit us into the future. Currently, our class teams are putting children forward for working with a dog - on a half termly basis. Before children work with our dogs, we ask for parental permission. We are also encouraging all children to follow our guidance around the dogs should they see the in the corridors as they enter or depart. We hope that every indi-

vidual that works with them will benefit.

Prior to coming into school, the dogs go through training and are vetted for health and temperament. We have a huge responsibility to ensure we look after the dogs welfare as well as that of the children's. A familiar adult joins the children in the sessions and the dog owner ensures that the dog is happy and ready to greet each child with a wag of the tail



MATHS & ENGLISH CURRICULUM INFORMATION 8/11/23

Thank you to all those who came along to this meeting. I was pleased to see that our offer of child care was able to facilitate a more parents and family to attend.

My thanks also go to the staff as well as the children who gave their time to help and who made all this possible.

Please can I remind you to refer to your class handbook, given out in September as this has lists of resources, apps and/or websites that are useful to support your child.

"Thoroughly enjoyed hearing from the students." "It helped to see the progression of maths teaching." "We could see how the school values were instilled in the children." "Comprehensive." "Really happy with what the school do" "Loved learning about the power of Reading." "Really useful to know what Sumdog shows the teachers when children independently work on it at home!" "An enjoyable and useful meeting."



Come and join the next PTA meeting at the Anvil Inn, Pimperne at 7.30pm on Wed 10th January 2024

Thank you for the AMAZING 'Beauty & the Beast' experience!

Emergency First Aid

All children in all classes had a session learning about Emergency First Aid. It was a very practical session involving role play, hands on and lots of activity.

We feel that children are never too young to start to learn about emergency situations (at an age appropriate level) and feel that preparing any child with a means to respond and help might be critical. Therefore, at Pimperne Primary, we include First Aid in our offer to all children.

Anti Bullying Week—The School Council reviewed the children's policy and procedures. They made sure that all classes had shared this and spoke to many children across the school to check that every child felt there was at least one adult that they were comfortable talking to, if they had a worry, about bullying but also about anything. The school council also checked that information posters were up in every class as a reminder that bullying is not to be tolerated by any of us.

Classes worked with AFC Bournemouth who came in to talk about teamwork and sportsmanship, as nearly all professional sports associations are very aware of 'bullying' and are setting out to ensure it stops!