

23rd October 2020

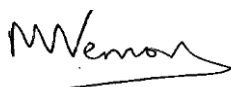
Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

It's hard to believe that we're at half term already – we have been so busy that the time has flown by. Thank you so much for your support over the course of the last weeks: everyone has been so understanding and patient and we really appreciate it. I'm sure you'll all also agree how amazing all of the staff have been over such a difficult time. I'm so grateful to have such a wonderful team, all of whom are completely dedicated to ensuring that the children are supported throughout all elements of school.

In and amongst the challenges of Covid, school leaders have been able to focus on learning and continuing to move the school curriculum forwards. We have altered several aspects of our provision and have been really pleased with the results. Most notably has been our introduction of a Citizenship curriculum. This covers all elements of Personal, Social and Health Education, including relationships, as well as Religious Education. Throughout these lessons the children have been encouraged to consider the ways in which we react with one another as well as widening their cultural understanding.

I hope that everyone has a restful and relaxing week – please do stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 3rd November.

With best wishes to all as always,



Mr Vernon, Principal



Families Evening

The booking system will be available to set up a phone appointment with your child's class teacher on Monday 2nd November, via ParentMail.

Flu Vaccinations

You should have received an email to sign up for your child to have a flu spray at school on Friday 13th November. Please be assured that this simple spray into the noses of the children is quick, painless and completed in a safe and sensitive manner. This year is opt in – **you must respond to the email to access a vaccination.**

Year 7 applications

If your child is in Year 6, the deadline for applying for a secondary place is 31st October 2020. Applications can be made online or forms can be downloaded to post / e-mail:

<https://www.poole.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-or-upper-school.aspx>

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion are collecting remotely this year through their website. Please do support our Armed Services community through the British Legion website:

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal>

P.E.

Please note that there are some changes to P.E. next half term. Years 3 and 4 will now have P.E. twice per week as they will receive specialist teaching on Mondays. Children should still come in wearing P.E. kits on their P.E. days. Please make sure that these are in keeping with the uniform policy:

Plain black shorts; White T-Shirt; Plain black trainers; Plain black tracksuit

It is particularly important that tracksuits are plain with minimal design in order to maintain a focussed learning environment. If in doubt, children can wear their normal jumpers on top of their white T-shirt.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 Year 4 5TE	Year 4 Year 2	Year 3	Year 1 6RM	Reception 5JW 6BC

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service Competition and Halloween Trail

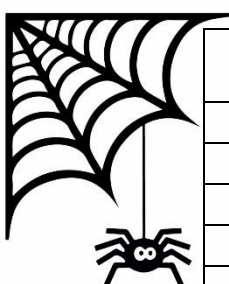
Local firefighters from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have set up a Halloween Trail for young children and their families around the local area. A fun Covid Safe activity for half term, children are challenged to find 15 Pumpkin Posters in the area of Hamworthy. On each poster there is a safety message to discuss with the adult, with one red letter. Can they spot this letter hidden in the pumpkin? Collect all 15 letters to crack the secret safety message to help keep everyone safe this Halloween and Bonfire night season! Once all 15 letters have been collected you can visit the website to print off a certificate for each child and enter the prize draw to win a Playmobil Fire Chief's car.

Download the online answer sheet (which can be used on mobile devices as you complete the trail) or a paper copy from the website:

<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/pumpkins-bonfires-and-fireworks/>

Attendance

During the week commencing the 12th October, the class with the best attendance was 2LW. During the week commencing the 19th October, the class with the best attendance was RRL.



Weekly Class Attendance	12 th October	19 th October
RAD	94.23%	93.04%
RRL	89.23%	98.46%
1SW	98.71%	95.81%
2LW	100%	97.65%
2MA	97.50%	97.50%
3HC	95%	97.63%
3NT	95.52%	94.41%
4KH	97.60%	97.61%
5JW	96.30%	92.24%
5TE	93.20%	94.69%
6BC	99.23%	94.94%
6RM	94.74%	97.83%

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