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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Year 3 and 4 children are being busy bees, preparing for their performances of the Bee Musical which will take place on Tuesday 5th April at 2pm and Wednesday 6th April at 6pm. Tickets go on sale on Tuesday at £1 each, limited to two tickets per family per performance. Please get tickets from the office or send in the money in an envelope with your child. Cash for these tickets please.

**Packed With Hope Pencil Case Appeal for Ukrainian refugee children**

Mrs Cole is coordinating this campaign to help the children leaving Ukraine.
*We would like to help independent publishers, Orenda Books to source filled pencil cases which will go into backpacks for the Packed With Hope appeal being run by Bluemoose Books and Little Toller Books. Every pencil case sent will go into a backpack containing storybooks, hats and scarves, toys and other essential and comforting items. They will then be distributed to refugee children who have been forced to flee Ukraine into neighbouring countries.*

*Please see below for details of what to put in the pencil cases. If your child wants to add a little message of hope, they could also include a short note or picture. We will need the filled cases in school by 25th March, please. More details about the appeal, or to make a donation if you prefer, can be found at this JustGiving link;*[*https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/packedwithhopecampaign*](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/packedwithhopecampaign)

*Thank you for your generous support.*

**Music afternoon – Friday 25th March, Year 6**

The next class to have a special afternoon of music on Friday with Sarah Pugh is Year 6. I’m reading a brilliant book about the crucial part music plays in the brain development of children. It talks about the huge benefits to children who play instruments for at least one hour a week. Music uniquely combines three parts of the brain at the same time, simultaneously developing auditory, Kinaesthetic and visual skills.

**TLW Dance sessions for Year 1 and 2 – Wednesday 23rd March**

Please send your children from these year groups in PE kit next Wednesday for their dance taster session. Reception will get their session another time.

**Easter Holiday Club**

Below are the booking links for the Premier Education Holiday Camp (11th to 14th April) which is taking place at Shaftesbury Primary this Easter.
<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19842-755559/>

**Forest School sessions**

Forest School sessions continue this week. Year 3 will take over this Wednesday afternoon. Then Year 2 after Easter followed by Year 1. Reception children also have sessions on Wednesdays, they go in half-class groups with some of our staff to Fontmell Down in the mornings. Some children from Year 5 and 6 will continue to have forest school club after school until Easter.

**Red Nose Day**

Thank you to everyone for your donations to Comic Relief, we raised £250.61 which is fantastic!

**Lost property**

The lost property box is over flowing at the moment with most of the items unnamed.

Please can you ensure all your children’s clothes and belongings are marked so we are able to return any lost items to the right child.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

 **September 2021 to August 2022**

**Spring Term**

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| INSET DAY | Tuesday 4 January 2022 |
| Children start back | Wednesday 5 January 2022 |
| Spring half termINSET DAY | Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022Monday 14th March 2022 |
| Spring term endsINSET DAY | Thursday 7 April 2022Friday 8th April 2022 |
| Easter holidays | Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022 |

**Summer Term**

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| Children start back | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| Bank Holiday | Monday 2 May 2022 (May Day Bank Holiday) |
| Summer half term | Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022 |
| INSET DAY | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer term ends | Friday 22 July 2022 |
| Summer holidays | Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022 |

**TERM DATES 2022 – 2023**

Autumn Term

Inset Day Thursday 1st September 2022

Inset Day Friday 2nd September 2022

Children start back Monday 5th September 2022

Autumn Half Term Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October 2022

Autumn term ends Friday 16th December 2022

Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Children start back Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring half term Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

Spring Term ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

Summer half term Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

Summer holidays Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023