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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the 38th and final newsletter of this year. This week we say goodbye and farewell to all our lovely leavers, many of whom have spent 7 years with us since arriving as cute little four year-olds in our Reception class. We will miss them all and hope they will build on all they have learnt here over the years.

The results that our Year 6 children have achieved are absolutely brilliant. The table below shows that our children have scored about 20% or more above the average for ‘At and Above’ and 10% above for ‘Greater Depth’

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| Subject | % At or Above Expected  | % At Greater Depth |
|  | School | Dorset | National | School | Dorset |
| Reading | 93 | 74 | 74 | 37 | 27 |
| Writing | 90 | 67 | 69 | 27 | 13 |
| Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar | 98 | 71 | 72 | 40 | 25 |
| Maths | 90 | 69 | 71 | 30 | 20 |

Huge thanks to Mrs Saunders and her team for all their work with these children. Mrs Saunders is changing classes in September after 10 years in Year 6, this is a fitting set of results for her final year in there!

**Summer Fair – What a beautiful afternoon we had.**

Thank you so much to everyone who made our Summer Fair such a huge success on Friday afternoon. So many things were donated for sale, prizes and refreshments. All the classes had really well-supported and well staffed stalls, and the Year 6 children did a great job with the running and designing of their stalls (thank you to all their parents for prizes and resources they provided).

We loved having Connor Smith singing and playing his guitar. He donated all the money that was dropped into his guitar case to our PTFA, a highly generous act, please book him for your event and parties!

Masterminding the whole event were the brilliant PTFA committee, fabulously lead by Sarah Adams and Charlie Dymock who even stayed on to count all the money when I left at 6.30pm, total dedication to the school! The amazing figure after taking away all costs was £1,703.59!

**Heat this week**

We made contact by email on Friday and Sunday, changing from PE kit to non uniform for greater comfort, and adding the option to take children home at 1pm on Monday if you would like to do so.

With the forecast predicting temperatures over 30C on Monday and Tuesday afternoons we are adapting what we do at school to protect the children and staff. Outdoor after school clubs will not take place on Monday or Tuesday. Children will be kept inside in the afternoons on those days.  If you’re concerned about how your child will be affected in the hottest part of the day, you can collect your child at 1pm on Monday (not Tuesday as it doesn’t currently look to be as hot). Please go to the normal collection places at 1pm, the side gate will be opened at that time.

Swimming will not take place on Monday afternoon.

Children should come in cool home clothes for these two days.

They must all have a bottle of water and a hat, with sun cream if needed.

We'll provide Ice lollies in the afternoon, please send an alternative if they can't have a fruit flavoured lolly or ice pole.

**Musical performance – Tuesday 19th July at 9.30am**

Our Year 4 class have been learning the Ukelele this term and will play for the school in their final lesson on Tuesday 19th July. The school band and some of Mrs Pugh’s other piano and recorder students will also perform, along with one of our Year 6 children on the flute. If your child is performing you are welcome to come along to hear them, we start at 9.30am and finish by 10.15am.

**Leavers Service – Friday 22nd July at 2pm in the Hall**

Parents of our Year 6 children are invited to join us in the Hall on the last afternoon to bid farewell to our lovely Year 6 children and wish them well for the future.

**Forest School Summer Holiday sessions at Fontmell Down**

Please see this message from our Forest School leader, Claire Harding:

*Summer Holiday Forest School Days*

*Fontmell Down National Trust Forest School Site (spread Eagle hill)*

*Wednesday 3rd August  9-4pm*

*Wednesday 10th August  9-4pm*

*Myself (Claire Harding; Level 3 forest school leader, primary teacher, first aider) and Emma Stephens (Level 3 Forest School Leader, first aider) or Emma Henwood (Level 2 Forest School practitioner ) will be the forest school leaders running the days. There will be 2 leaders each day one being myself and one of the Emma’s will join me each day. We are all DBS checked and have many years of experience with children in mainstream and special educational needs.*

*The session will be held at the Fontmell National Trust forest school site. The drop off point for this will be the spread Eagle car park at the top of the hill of the Shaftesbury road just opposite the airfield. (Drop off can be from 8.50-9.15 to ease parking as it’s limited)*

*There is a toilet and water on site and the day will be a day full of crafts, forest school exploring, campfires 🔥 and FUN!!*

*The cost of the day is £30 for all day. (9-4pm) and includes a snack and campfire light tea time meal (will be around 3pm!)*

*I’m happy to offer a 10% sibling discount when attending the same day so this means that;*

*1 place-£30*

*2 places-£54*

*3 places-£81*

*Please email forestyogiminds@yahoo.com*

*For details of how to book. Please state the date you wish to book for as there is more than one!*

**The Three Musketeers – Shaftesbury Arts Centre 6th-16th July**

This will be a wonderful production for children and adults to see at the Arts Centre. It’s a brilliant thing to do for your children to take them to see live theatre, really inspirational for them.

Tickets from the Arts Centre, or by phone 01747 854321, or at [www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk](http://www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk)

Do go along to keep these things going in our town.

**Summer Holiday Camps**

Please use the link below to book places at summer camps in Shaftesbury during the summer holidays

 <https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/19842/?location=shaftesbury>

**Sun safety**

As the weather gets more sunny, please make sure that your child has a hat to wear outside, a bottle of water and some sun cream if they need it.

Michael Salisbury, Head teacher

**TERM DATES 2021 – 2022**

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| 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

Inset Day                                                         Monday 13th March 2023

Spring Term ends Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term

Summer term starts Monday 17th April 2023

May Day Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

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

Inset Day                                                          Monday 5th June 2023

Summer term ends Friday 21st July 2023

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