

PUDDLETOWN VC CE FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Pumpkin Soup themed continuous provision for our reception class.

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We celebrated a wonderful harvest festival at the church. The children were so sensible walking down and the year 4 buddies supported the reception children for the first ever visit to the church. The children did us proud with their fantastic singing and we learnt about harvest around the world, harvest prayers, poems and artwork. Our reception class showed great bravery as they stood up and sang the 'dingleangle scarecrow' in front of everyone and managed to wiggle their hands and feet at the same time! Thanks to Rev Sarah for her address examining all the ingredients of a delicious looking packet of jammy dodgers.

Thank you also to you, our school community, for providing so many items for the church food bank and the enormous amount of cakes to support the Macmillan coffee morning. Your generosity and kindness really demonstrates our school values in action.

We have been working on updating and revising our school behaviour policy so that it is more in line with current good practice with a better understanding of where behaviours can stem from. We have sought to make the process of support and consequences for behaviour transparent for everyone so that they can be applied consistently. The school has only 3 rules: **Be ready, Be respectful and Be safe.** We have worked with the children to investigate what those rules might look like in different situations. Our new relational behaviour policy is now available on our website.

We have listened to your views on wanting more information about your child's learning journey and each year group now has a year overview of your child's learning and a more detailed termly plan. Coming soon will be more information on a subject by subject level.

REMINDERS



Winning house colour this half term to attend in own clothes on Wednesday is: Blue and Red

wild art club paintings



We are always keen to give our pupils the broadest educational experiences. This half term we have had a visit from Parliament's Education Service who worked with years 3 and 4 to help expand their understanding of democracy and Parliament. We are always keen to promote a vibrant reading culture in the school and Year 3 and 4 attended The Dorchester literary festival to participate and share a book reading with the author Jack Meggit-Phillips which proved to be a great success. Children proudly showed me how much of their signed books they had already read by the end of the day! Year 1 worked with trees for Dorset on a nature walk and year 2 are busy this afternoon following a recipe to make Eton mess. We value all these experiences so that our children can discover life in all its fullness.

Reception children have been learning about the seasons and their learning is usually inspired by a book. The class is full of pumpkins and coloured leaves, the children have been making pretend pumpkin soup outside and modelling pumpkins in playdough and playing with a hollowed out magic pumpkin house. It is a wonderful environment for them to be learning in. They are super proud this week as they are beginning to put sounds together to write whole words. What amazing progress in just 8 weeks!

We hope you all enjoy a lovely autumnal half term.

Mrs Anna Seal

Head of school