

Welcome back, I hope you had an enjoyable Spring Half-term break.

SPACE WEEK WAS AMAZING!! (See Photos overleaf)

Thank you to everyone for your brilliant support during space week in January. Our children had an amazing time learning about Earth, Space, Science and all about the interesting world around us in a cross-curricular way. We celebrated with 'space art', sci-fi stories, experiments about space suits, viewed the sky within a planetarium and designed our own rockets!

Our PTA joined in and kindly organised a 'Space Cake Competition' which generated literally hundreds of cakes (a massive thank you to everyone who kindly entered). This raised another £209 towards supporting our children for those lovely 'extra's to their education.

At the same time the children attempted to 'ride to the moon' (about 384 400km!) on our new fitness bikes. We are nearly there but need YOUR HELP! Could you kindly email or send us pictures of your children, your friends / family or YOU running, cycling or swimming etc. with a read out of the distance you have achieved on your fitbit / stepper / bike / phone etc. We will then add it to our total and see if our Sherborne Primary Community can 'make it to the Moon!'

KINDLY SEND ANY PICTURES TO THE OFFICE / FOR THE ATTENTION OF MISS LAYTON VIA EMAIL OR PRINTED OUT. THANK YOU!

NEW Outdoor Multi-Gym for Sherborne Primary!

I am excited to announce the construction of a new outdoor multi-gym which will be situated between the KS2 Classes (roughly outside Hawks / Owls / Eagles) and the grass bank. The construction of this brilliant new facility will take place in March (weather allowing!) and will consist of eight 'stations' for our pupils to enjoy, exercise on and use during both PE sessions and break times.

The equipment has mostly been funded by our excellent and hard-working PTA, with the rest via our Sports Funding from the Government.

At Sherborne Primary the health and well-being of our pupils is paramount and we are very pleased with this latest addition to our diverse outdoor facilities.

Our staff will receive appropriate training to utilise the gym to its full potential and we apologise for any inconvenience during the construction of the apparatus.



SCAPA – Breakfast Club and After-school Club – Please contact the School Office in school hours on Tel: 01935 812619 and/or SCAPA out of school hours on Tel: 01935 810001 to enquire about bookings. SCAPA Opening times are 8:00am until 8:55am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm during term time.

SCAPA Holiday Club is operating in the Easter Holidays Monday 10th April to Thursday 14th April & Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st April. The activity programme will be on the school website and booking will open shortly.

Easter Eggshibiti n

Monday 3rd April to Friday 7th April – entries accepted from 8.45am Monday 3rd April

It is a long established tradition at Sherborne Primary School that the children take part in an 'Easter Eggshibition'. This involves making a model at home according to a set theme and bringing it in during the last week of term for some 'gentle' judging by Governors. Each exhibitor will receive a chocolate egg and certificates will be awarded for extra special entries.

This year's themes are:

Grasshoppers and Ladybirds – Easter bonnet or hat

Oak, Ash, Elm, Hawks, Owls, Eagles, Jaguars, Tigers & Leopards - Please create a Scene with a **Farm theme**.

Your scene is to include an egg and if using a real egg please can it be hard boiled!

Parents' Evening - Spring Term - Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd March 2017

The purpose of Parents' Evening is to inform you of the progress your child has made so far this school year. Consultations are confidential with one family at a time within a class. Your child's work will be left in the corridor to view. A list of available appointments for each class will be displayed in the main foyer from **Monday 6th March**. If you have more than one child, please allow for ten minutes between appointments. We would encourage **everyone to kindly attend** as this is an important part of home / school liaison.

Internet Safety - Thank you

A huge thank you to Mr Maitland for kindly arranging for the Dorset Police force's Safer Communities Team to support ALL of our pupils with 'internet safety workshops' last half-term. The officers told me that they were very impressed by many of the sensible comments made by our pupils around this potentially dangerous area.

Our pupils learnt how to speak appropriately to others on line (as though they were in front of them) and to ensure that they don't give away any sensitive details to strangers.

Thank you to everyone who kindly attended the parental workshop during the day. If you were unable to attend there is a useful document available on our web-site (*I know many of us are worried about the escalating inappropriate use of sites for older people such as Facebook etc.*)

Mr Maitland also organised an Internet Safety Poster Competition. The winners were: KS1 – Bradley & Ophelia / KS2 – Brandon & Sadie. They all received a £5 book token.

Parental Forum - Suggestions & Ideas for Topics

Our Spring Term Parental Forum (held in February 2017 and notes, presentations and actions are all hosted on our web-site within the Parent's Page) suggested that all parents / carers have the opportunity to think of ideas / topics etc. to discuss at the next forum in the Summer Term. Our next forum will commence at 4pm after-school to attract more of our school community. We will vary the times etc. to attempt to engage with as many people as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Please find below a 'tear off' section where you can add your suggestions for our meetings. However, if you have an issue that needs addressing / discussion sooner (or ideas to move our school forward), please do not hesitate to contact myself via our office

Potential School Closure in Extreme Weather

The school has only closed a few times during the history of the school, each time due to heavy snowfall. The advice is that the school will open if at all possible but if there is a snowfall...

Children arrive at school at 8.45am due to staff possibly arriving late.

Children are properly clothed - Wellingtons, coats, gloves, hats (all named please) - **your child will be disappointed**

NOT to be part of the fun without these items of clothing.

Contact numbers are current. If the school closes during the day, parents will be contacted first - children may be sent to "safe" (friends') house(s) etc. by agreement.

No child will be sent home without a safe arrangement being in place.

Parents of the youngest children may choose to keep their children at home if they feel this is appropriate.

No bicycles/scooters etc. are to be brought to school.

The school may only be able to offer childcare rather than its usual lessons

In case Chartwells are unable to provide hot meals, please send your child to school with a packed lunch.

When the decision is made to close the School, a text message will be sent to all parents as early as possible on the day.

Please ensure the School Office has your up-to-date contact telephone numbers - thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2nd Half - Spring Term 2017 & Beyond

As known at time of printing

Date	Time	Details
<i>Tuesday 28th February</i>	2:30pm onwards	Pancake Races - main front playground. All just for fun. Starts with EYFS at 2:30pm and finishes with Yr 6 about 3:15pm. You are welcome to have a go too!
Wednesday 1st March		National Secondary School offer date - Year 6 Pupils
<i>Wednesday 1st March</i>	<i>4pm - 4:40pm</i>	<i>Sherborne Area Cross-country Championship - Gryphon School (selected pupils - 6 x boys & 6 x girls - KS2)</i>
Thursday 2nd March	All day	World Book Day - dress up as book character - £1 donation
Friday 3rd March	All day	Year 6 'Be the Boss' - Business Enterprise Day - The Gryphon School (selected pupils)
	3pm - 3:30pm	Parent's Achievement Assembly - ALL WELCOME
Monday 6th March	4pm	Closing date for Parental Forum 'topics' ideas - office
Thursday 9th March	5:30pm onwards	Youth Makes Music Concert (School Choir) - The Gryphon School
Friday 10 th March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - ALL WELCOME
Friday 17th March	All day	NO SCHOOL - Sherborne Area INSET Day (no staff in school)
Monday 20th March	Onwards	NO MORE SCHOOL LED EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS
Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd March	3:45pm onwards	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS - see above when you can book an appointment.
Friday 24 th March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 28 th March	3:30 - 4:00pm	School Council Cake Sale
<i>Wednesday 29th March</i>	<i>1:30pm - 3pm</i>	<i>Sherborne Area Netball Tournament - Sherborne Girls School (selected pupils)</i>
Friday 31st March	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly - Year 3 & 4 'Bugsy Malone' Concert
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th April	8:45am	Receiving entries for PTA 'Eggshibition' Event (closes 9am Fri 7th)
Tuesday 4th April	All day	Jaguars Class trip to Bath Rugby Club - all day
<i>Tuesday 4th April</i>	<i>4pm</i>	<i>Sherborne Area Football (Yrs 5 & 6) & Sherborne Area Netball (Yrs 3 & 4) Competitions - Sherborne Abbey School (selected pupils)</i>
Thursday 6th April	4pm - 5pm	Year 3 & 4 (Hawks / Owls / Eagles) - 'Bugsy Malone Concert' - The Gryphon School - ALL WELCOME
Friday 7th April		LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM [Holiday 8th to 23rd April]
	3pm - 3:30pm	Achievement Assembly, 'Eggshibition' Prize Giving, 'Pupil of the Term' - ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 18 th April		Primary School Offer Date for Reception Starters September 2017
Monday 24th April	8:45am	1st Day of Summer Term 2017
<i>W/C Monday 8th May</i>	<i>All week</i>	<i>KS2 SATs week</i>
Wednesday 21st June	9:30am - 12pm	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 22nd June	1:30pm - 3:30pm	KS2 Sports Day

See web-site to download our SPORTS FIXTURES & COMPETITIONS for Spring Term 2017

Spring Term 2017 - Just a few highlight of SPACE WEEK! (*more on the web-site*)



YOUR picture of helping us get to the Moon could appear here in the next newsletter!



My suggestion for a Parental Forum 'Topic' at Sherborne Primary School would be:

Parental Forum Idea (& why - *if applicable*):

Name (*you are welcome to leave this blank if you wish*): _____

***Please return this sheet to the Office by Monday 6th March 2017 for your idea to be considered.
Thank you for your continued co-operation and kind support with your child's education.***