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Book Week & Other Exciting Events at Sherborne Primary

Even the snow couldn't dampen the exciting activities which defined our Book Week this year! The children enjoyed World Book Day (*in the snow! See photos below*), took part in a high quality Reading, Reciting and Debating Competition, performed 'Extreme Reading', entered our '100 Word Writing Competition' and took part in a whole host of other activities during the week. We also have an author visiting next week alongside a Book Fair (which will not only provide excellent books for our children to purchase, but help restock our library and reading books)

Our Reception children have been learning about people who help us and enjoyed visiting Sherborne Fire Station, exploring a Police Car on our playground and will be viewing an ambulance! A huge thank you to the local emergency services (and Mr Higgins - ambulance service) for kindly supporting our school. Also a large thank you to Mrs Rose and Mrs Maskew for arranging these exciting activities.

Years 1 to Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed going back in time and exploring the dinosaur age with visits to 'Dippy the Dinosaur' at the County Museum in Dorchester. They all really enjoyed this hands on experience!

Sing-Up - 'Oliver!' - Sherborne Area Schools - Thursday 8th March

A huge thank you to the Gryphon staff for kindly supporting all of our Year 5 and 6 children in the massive performance of Oliver at the Gateway Church in Yeovil. I know there were over 250 children singing the famous songs from this West End show! All of our Year 5 and 6 children sang their hearts out and provided by far the largest contingent of singers. Thank you to Miss Durrant and her Year 5 and 6 staff team for supporting this event so well.

Parental Information Evenings - Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd March

We welcome all of our parents / carers to attend the Spring Term Parental Consultations at school. We all realise that education is a partnership between home and school and know the importance of this dedicated session to relay information about your child/ren progress.

Alongside the chance to discuss your child/ren, you will also be given their 'Spring Term Report Card' which will also provide brief evidence of your child's achievements and their attitude to learning.

Please see the office / entrance hall for booking arrangements

SCAPA – Breakfast Club and After-school Club – Please contact the School Office in school hours on 01935 812619 and/or SCAPA out of school hours on tel: 01935 810001 to enquire about bookings. Opening times are 8:00am until 8:55am and 3:30pm until 6:00pm during term time. Booking for term time have become very popular to ensure a place please book on-line in advance. Holiday SCAPA – programme will be on our website very shortly.

School Uniform and Winter Weather Clothing

A brief reminder that children are required to have the appropriate school uniform which includes their green jumper, white t-shirt, trousers, skirt and black shoes. During these colder winter months, a warm coat is also essential **and your child may not be allowed out at playtime without this item for their own health.**

Online Payments and Bookings

To support everyone with saving time we would strongly recommend utilising our School Money online payment system to pay for things like SCAPA and school trips etc. This will again save queuing at our busy office hatch. Please click on our web-site for the link and more information. This will be found under Parents – School Money <https://www.schoolmoney.co.uk>

Closure Due to Adverse Weather

As we have just experienced, at times the British weather can be unpredictable and dangerous to both



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students and staff. We never make the decision to close the school lightly! We make this important decision based on the health and safety of our children and adults (many of whom live away from school).

Please ensure that all your telephone numbers are up to date to ensure we provide you with the latest information (please update any numbers via the office)

If we do need to close the school (or other important messages) we will provide this information via several means:

- The text message system (our 'teacher2parent' text message system has a new app! Please try it out)
- Our school website (*address above*). This is the BEST way to find out latest information and is update regularly when severe weather occurs
- Our Facebook page also provides up to date information

We always recommend unless it is an emergency DO NOT telephone school (when the weather is adverse) as need to keep the phone lines clear for emergencies

Medicines at 12:15pm

We understand that at times some of our children will require us to support in taking vital medicines. Please can we keep this to a minimum and ensure that we can give these at 12:15pm. Thank you for your kind support. *If this is not possible, you are most welcome to discuss this with the office / myself*

Head Lice and General Health Advice

Head Lice - From time to time the dreaded head lice appear! We would appreciate EVERYONE within that class kindly treat their child/ren, otherwise reinfection occurs time and time again and is highly frustrating for everyone concerned. Thank you for your kind support

Sickness - Although at school we have many first-aiders we are technically medically trained and so (like all schools and many organisations) have a **strict 48 hour rule** for bouts of sickness and diarrhoea. I know this can be frustrating as the child seems well but cross infection still occurs. We have had VERY high rates of sickness in both pupils and staff this term and would appreciate everyone's kind support with the 48 hour rule. Thank you.

PTA - Quiz and Easter Events

Thank you to our amazing PTA who hosted an excellent 'Adult Quiz' just before half-term. It was attended by over 50 entrants and won by a group of amazing quizzers! The event also made over £300 for our PTA!

This year the PTA is raising funds to support the construction of a new 'playtrail' within our KS1 Playground. The construction of this brilliant and fun addition should be completed within the Summer Term this year! The PTA also supports a multitude of other 'extras' including the 'Bugfest' event for ALL our pupils as part of a 'Science' themed event during the 1st half of the summer term.

This half-term the PTA will be holding a fun family 'Easter Egg Hunt' on **Thursday 29th March straight after school at 3:30pm** as well as a 'blown egg' Easter decorating competition. *More details to follow!*

Fold up bed

The school has a fold up bed - ideal for the extra guest for sale cost £30.00 please come to the school office if interested

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2nd Half – Spring Term 2018

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Date	Time	Details
W/c Monday 12th March 2018	All week	Last week of school clubs
Monday 12th March 2018	3:30pm - 4pm	PTA - 'Bug themed Cake Sale' - outside the main school office
	1:30pm - 3pm	Grasshoppers Class baking alongside the Hayes Old People's Home
Tuesday 13th March 2018	3:30pm - 4pm	Eco-Committee - Juice and Smoothie Bar
	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament - Sherborne Abbey School - 2 teams (<i>new date after cancellation due to weather</i>)
Wednesday 14th March 2018	3:30pm - 5pm	Year 5 & 6 Football / Year 3 & 4 Netball Tournaments - Sherborne Abbey School
Friday 16th March 2018	3pm - 3:30pm	Parental Assembly - Achievements & School Choir performance - all welcome
Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd March	Appointments	Parental Consultations & Spring Term Report Cards (<i>booking via the board in the entrance hall</i>)
Tuesday 20th March	1:30pm - 4pm	Year 5 & 6 Netball Tournament - Leweston School
Friday 23rd March	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Sherborne Area Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament - Sherborne Primary
	3pm - 3:30pm	NO Parental Assembly (<i>due to the Tag Rugby Tournament</i>)
	All Day	'Bug Fest' visit for all - kindly funded by the PTA
Wednesday 28th March	11am - 12pm	School Choir performance at the Hayes Old People's Home Sherborne
Thursday 29th March	3pm - 3:30pm	Last Day of the Spring Term Parental Assembly - Pupil's of the Term & Achievements
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	PTA - Easter Egg Hunt - around the grounds
<i>Easter Holidays Friday 30th March – Sunday 15th April</i>		
Monday 16th April	8:45am	1st day of Summer Term 2018



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Exciting Events at Sherborne Primary - Reading, Reciting and Debating / Snowy Day / Emergency Vehicles

