23 March 2017 Newsletter no.13

Dear Parents,

Please find attached with this newsletter a leaflet on Online Safety. This has been adapted from a newsletter sent out by Dorset Safer School's Team, and provides up to date information on the latest online safety issues. Although some of the information may seem to be aimed at older children, it is always useful to be aware of new things, and may be helpful to any parents who have older children.

I hope you will find it informative and we will aim to begin sending out regular online safety newsletters.

**Lollypop Man**

Please remember the lollypop man, Mr Swift will not be manning the crossing on Monday 27th March. Please ensure your child/children are supervised when crossing.

Devon County Council are looking to recruit an additional volunteer for this crossing. If you or anyone you know would like an opportunity to volunteer to work at the crossing site as a **Volunteer School Crossing Patrol,** the vacancy information and application form is on Devon County Council website <https://new.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/safe-travel/road-safety/schools/school-crossing-patrols/>

**Easter Bingo**

Tomorrow is our PTFA Easter bingo. Doors will open at 5.15pm with eyes down at 6.00pm. There will be food and drink available. It is always a fun evening so please come along and support the event if you can. As previously advised, children can wear non school uniform tomorrow in return for an Easter egg donation.

**Choir Performance Zimbe!**

The choir will be performing in the Zimbe! Concert in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 25th March. Please could all children who have signed up to participate arrive by 1.00pm. The tickets will be ready for everyone on the door. Good luck to all involved!

**Parents Evenings 28th and 29th March**

We are holding our parents evenings for Reception to Year 5 classes next week. If you have not yet handed back your slip to book your appointment please could you do this as soon as possible.

**Cake Sale**

After school on Thursday 30th March, Woodpeckers will be having their cake sale. Please could Woodpeckers parents bake or buy some cakes and bring them to school on the morning of the sale to support this.

**Parking**

Thank you to everyone who is adhering to our new system in the car park. It is clear that this is helping us to ensure the safety of adults and children alike. Please continue to support us by not parking unless you have been given prior permission and hold a school parking permit.

**School Dinners – KS2**

Just a reminder, all school dinners must be paid for in **advance**. If you are more than 1 week in arrears your child will not be able to have school dinners. Please contact the school office or myself, Mr. Melling or Mrs. Guppy if you have any concerns regarding payment for lunches.

Thank you to those parents who are starting to use the online meal ordering service. Please ensure you place your order at least 3 working days in advance. If you have any questions or queries about this please ask at the office as soon as possible.

**School Dinners – KS1**

Please ensure you are now using the online meal ordering service. Meals need to be ordered at least 3 working days in advance. The only children who do not need to use this system are those who have Meal option 1 and a regular pudding 5 days a week.

**Cross Country**

Congratulations to our resilient cross country team who battled the elements last night at the last cross country of the season at Stockland. Many of the children improved throughout the year and achieved personal best times. We look forward to competing next year!

**Parachute Festival**

Robin Class had a fantastic time and it was a great event to be part of. Behaviour was outstanding! Thank you to the helpers who supported us in getting to and from the event.

**Lost Property**

There is a large box of lost property in Reception. If your child has lost anything please come and have a look.

**School Trends**

The next deadline for ordering you school uniform is Thursday 30 March. Please order by the end of the day. This will be the last order for uniform before the end of term.

**Honiton and Axe Valley Children’s Centre**

Please see attached flyer for information on events running during the Easter Holidays.

3 - 14 April 2017 Easter Timetable - Week One.

**Dates for your diary**

Please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 31st March. All children need to be collected at this time.

***Thursday 30th March***-Netball intra house competition. KS2. Please could you make sure your child has their P.E kit.

***Tuesday 18th April***-Children return to school

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Best regards

Kate Middleton

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