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Visits to the library in Book Week

Dear Parent,

It has been a busy fortnight and with so many updates we thought we would send them out in one newsletter.

Staff and pupils had a fun filled book week last week, which included visiting Bridport Library and, of course, dressing up on World Book Day. The week was poetry themed, so the children listened to, read and learned to recite poems throughout the week, culminating in performances to the school in assembly on Thursday. There was a wide range of poetry performed; from classics like The Jabberwocky to funny poems and even a poem about a chameleon! All the children enjoyed finding poems that they loved, and their ability to learn poems off by heart was impressive. The school were also visited by Antonia and Nikki from 'The Book Shop' in Bridport, who read each class stories and showed them some of the wonderful books they stock. Hopefully, the children and parents will support Bridport library and the local bookshops, and continue to share poems and stories with family and friends. Nothing can beat a good book!

UPDATES

DON'T FORGET - Red Nose Day
Red Nose Day this Friday – children can wear non uniform - ideally something red and bring in favourite jokes to share with their class. Bring

NOTICES

BULBS AND SEEDS REQUEST
If anyone has any spare bulbs or seeds to donate please drop off at the school office - we are hoping to plant up the beds in our Key Stage



COMING SOON

Drama club have been busy practising their play 'The Peace Child' Set in the fictional land of Mambica, this is the story of two opposing tribes with different lifestyles and traditions. The performance will be on Wednesday 3rd April at 5:00pm. Tickets will be available from the school office by Friday this week and will cost £1.

POP-UP CHOIR OPPORTUNITY

For children aged 8-10 Years 6.00-6:45pm on Mondays. First taster is free – contact info@bsharp.org.uk

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to everyone who has handed these back in – we will be sharing the feedback and our action plans within the next few weeks.

TEXTING

Did you know that the text service costs the school around £20 every time we send out a text to all parents? Last year we spent around £600 on texts. We would like to use our Mailchimp email service for all communication as this is free! If you are not yet signed up to the service and are happy to sign up please let the office know and we can add you to the mailing list.



PTA NEWS:

Quiz Night - Saturday 27th April

Easter Show - 4th April Flyers will be sent out shortly but event categories are a Picture Creation or Bake.

Terracycle: The PTA are working with Terracycle, an innovative recycling company that has become a global leader in recycling typically hard-to-recycle waste.

TerraCycle offers free recycling programmes funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help you collect and recycle your hard-to-recycle waste. The Biscuit and snack programme means we are looking for any brand of biscuit, cracker and cake wrappers and the crisp packet programme means we can recycle any brand of crisp packets.

Children can bring in their wrappers and packets and put them in the correct box at school, these will be sorted by the Eco club and sent off. The more we recycle the more we'll earn



MOON BALLS AND SWAP CARDS

We have had a number of first aid accidents with these balls as it can be very painful when they accidentally hit someone. We therefore ask that children do not bring these into school.



Worthless Campaign:

Since 2010 school budgets have been reduced by between 8-20% in real terms. Schools are still not being provided with adequate funding to deliver the level of provision and support that our families and children deserve. Headteachers have written to the Secretary of State for Education on three separate occasions since September 2018 and have been told there are more pressing issues. We continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and therefore want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.

Headteacher colleagues and I, feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much-improved level of funding for our schools and pupils.



We appreciate that collecting and swapping game cards can be lots of fun but the swaps can sometimes be agreed and then later regretted! It is better for children to take part in this outside of school with friends and with parent agreement, so we will be asking the children not to arrange the swaps at school.

PE KIT REMINDER

Please have a check of the kit your child is bringing to school to ensure they have:

- Red t-shirt
- Black/Grey Shorts or Tracksuit Bottom
- Trainers suitable for inside and outside (different from school shoes where possible)

SCHOOL NURSE DROP INS

We run a regular school nurse drop in session for parents to discuss any medical queries they have regarding their child. The next date will be **5th April 2019 at 9.00am.**

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP ZONE DROP IN SESSIONS

The family Partnership Zone are going to run monthly drop in sessions where you can pop in for advice on any of the following issues: finances, advice around SEN needs, parenting advice and personal support. Look out for the fliers on the Key Stage noticeboards for future dates.

Author Visit:

We have the author of Lightning, Mary-Anthea Simmons coming in to meet and discuss writing with Years 4, 5 and 6 on April 3rd

