



Radipole Primary
Newsletter
February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

February has flown by, with lots of things happening at school. Thursday is World Book Day and this year we are hoping that the children will come to school dressed as an interesting word, although they may come in school uniform if they prefer. They will have an assembly and some related activities during the day.

Last week 3P visited Dorchester Museum to see Dippy the Dinosaur and take part in workshops. 3I will visit in a couple of weeks. The dinosaur will be in Dorchester until May, there is no charge to visit with your children and tickets can be booked on the Dorchester Museum website.

You will have seen the weather warnings predicting snow at the end of this week. We would only need to close the school if there were not enough staff to make it safe to remain open. The vast majority of our staff live in Weymouth, therefore, this is not something that I envisage. However, we will always communicate with you by text in the unlikely event that we would not be open. Any decision to remain open or close will be taken by 8.00am, but there will always be some staff in the school.

Do remember that I am always happy to discuss any concerns that you might have. Please contact the office if you would like to make an appointment to see me.

Yours

Veronique Singer
Headteacher



After School Club

Some of you may have seen that the local authority has applied for planning permission to build an extra room at the school. This room is needed as extra teaching space, for meetings, for our breakfast club and hopefully to house an after school club. Although we do not yet have a date for building to commence and do not know when the building will be ready to use, I understand that yesterday parents who use Scallywags after school provision received an email stating that it will close in September. This closure is unrelated to our building plans and we were unaware of it, until alerted by parents.

I have made the Governing Body aware of this and we will hold discussions at our next meeting. We were at a very early stage of planning what our after school provision would be. However, we will try our best to help parents and investigate whether we can provide a temporary solution to parents who currently use Scallywags. I will give you further details of any plans as soon as I am able to.

Sports News

Sports fixtures have been badly affected by the weather this term. The children have had one netball match in the Knock Out Cup and beat Holy Trinity 9–2. They will now proceed to the next round. The football team is due to play on Friday. Some children took part in a Tag Rugby Festival last week and had a very enjoyable day.

Please could you ensure that your child has suitable, warm clothes for outdoor PE lessons, while the weather is so cold.

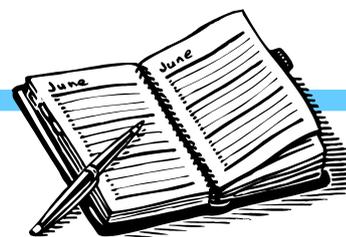


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Some staff attended training this week and were made aware of the potential dangers of this app. This app allows children to broadcast live, post videos of themselves and interact with strangers. The default settings allow anyone to like, comment, watch, and follow the live streaming and videos. The staff learned that this left children vulnerable to being manipulated into posting inappropriate content. As I know that some of our older children are using this app, I thought I would bring the dangers to your attention. If your child uses this app and you would like support to ensure that they use it more safely, please pop in and ask to speak to Sally House.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
Monday 26th	Teacher consultation sessions	3.30pm—5.00pm
Tuesday 27th	Teacher consultation sessions	3.30pm—5.00pm
Wednesday 28th	Teacher consultation sessions	3.30pm—5.30pm
March		
Thursday 1st	World Book Day	
Thursday 1st	30 Year 5 pupils at the Pavillion	
Tuesday 6th	3I visit Dorchester museum	
Friday 9th	Cake Sale	
Wednesday 14th	Year 3 production	2.15pm
Thursday 15th	3I Ukelele to parents	11.25 am
Friday 23rd	Non uniform day	
Saturday 24th	Easter Egg Hunt	3.00pm—5.00pm
Tuesday 27th	Maths information evening	5.00pm—6.00pm
Wednesday 28th	Year 4 production	2.15pm
End of term		
April		
Tuesday 17th	Summer term begins	
Friday 27th	Children run the school	
May		
Wednesday 9th	Swimming Pool opens	
Monday 14th—Thursday 17th	Year 6 SATs week	
Monday 28th—Friday 1st	Half Term	

Term Dates

Spring Term	Tuesday 2nd January—Thursday 29th March
INSET day`	Friday 9th February
Half Term	Monday 13th February—Friday 16th February
Summer Term	Tuesday 17th April—Tuesday 24th July