



# Our Newsletter

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Vision: Making a difference today, for tomorrow

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy term with plenty of exciting learning going on in all stages. The school also looks busy with the Easter displays and the Spring photography competition display. The new photo canvases in the main entrance have attracted the attention of visitors, who comment on how it brings the focus of the school back to the pupils.

The staff have been thinking about the vision of the school, and we have placed our aim at the top of the page. We hope you feel that it reflects the ethos and aim of the work we do in school.

We thank you for attending our parent/carer meetings. Alongside the annual reviews, it ensures that we can have up to date conversations about progress and your child's individual needs.

I would also like to thank you for the response to the parent/carer questionnaire. The comments that you make are important to us and the Senior Leadership Team will be taking account of them when we decide on our foci for next term. Thank you for the personal comments, there were so many, and the staff really appreciate them. We will de-personalise some of the responses and put on to our website, so that visitors to the website can read them.

We are looking forward to the Easter break, and hope that the weather will be kind, and that the sun will shine.

Have a good holiday.

Lesley Cook  
Acting Headteacher

*Thank you Rosemary, and farewell. We all wish you well in your retirement.*

## Early Years



We enjoyed taking part in Sports Relief. The children walked and cycled around the playground and some used the hydrotherapy pool to swim.





Some of the children in Early Years have been to the Donkey Sanctuary this term. They have enjoyed riding the donkeys and using the wonderful facilities, including the outdoor play area and sensory room. They have done really well at being in the different environment, even getting to eat their lunch outside in the sunshine.



Sue, Natalie and Early Years Team

## Learning & Life

In learning and life we have been enjoying our WriteDance programme.



Learning and Life love going out into the community.



Bev, Tracey and Team

## Developing Independence

This term we've had some great fun with our flight topic. We've concentrated on learning about how airlines and airports work. We've been lucky to get a visit from a pilot called Steve. He told us all about his job flying luxury aeroplanes all over the world. He also told us about when he had been a pilot in the Royal Navy. Later in the term, some of us visited Exeter Airport. A different Steve showed us around and we saw aeroplanes take off and land. We were shown behind the scenes,

including meeting the fire fighters of Blue Watch. We ended the topic by role-playing - catching a flight to Las Vegas from our own Mountjoy International Airport - the flight left on 2 April!



The DI team (Kevin, Richard, Jeanette, Julie, Hillie, Taryn, Dawn, Rachel, Lorraine, Lisa)

## Health & Fitness Week

What a brilliant week!

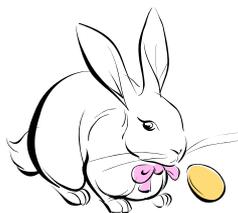
Fully engaged students participating in some great activities and learning opportunities.

Everyone enjoyed sports activities with Action Van. We loved Harold and the Life Education Bus, and we especially liked learning circus skills with Ricky.

Let's do it all again next year!



## News from FLO



Happy Easter! Our parent/carer coffee mornings have been running with much success. Holding them in other venues, such as the Bridport Children's Centre and Dorchester Poundbury Garden Centre, has proved to be a success. During the past term we have visited the parent/carer conference at Kingston Maurward, and they have asked me to let you all know they have a new email: [dpcc@dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk](mailto:dpcc@dorsetparentcarercouncil.co.uk)

Remember, if you want to take advantage of the Beach Huts, you need to be a member. It is free to sign up. The beach huts that are available are larger than standard beach huts to accommodate wheelchairs and are fitted with ramps and locker space. Beach huts are at Friars Cliff, Christchurch, Knoll Beach, Studland near Swanage or Marine Parade, Lyme Regis.

I hope to see as many of you as can make it at the next coffee mornings. You can find out when they are in the Dates to Remember section at the end of this newsletter. I will also be posting on the Mountjoy Website with additional information about speakers and special days ahead.

Sandra Hutchings  
Family Liaison Officer

### Dates to Remember

Thursday, 3 April	9.30 - 12.00 pm Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, Mountjoy
Monday, 31 March - Friday, 4 April	Easter Week Celebrations
Friday, 4 April	10.30 am Easter Service, Mountjoy Last day of term
Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday, 22 April	Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils
Wednesday, 23 April	First day of term for pupils
Monday, 5 May	Bank Holiday - school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 6 May	9.30 - 12.00 Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, Bridport
Friday, 23 May	Staff Training Day - school closed to pupils
Monday, 26 May - Friday, 30 May	Half Term
Monday, 2 June	First day of term for pupils
Thursday, 5 June	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, Dorchester
Tuesday, 1 July	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning, Mountjoy
Thursday, 3 July	7.00 pm FOMSS Meeting
Friday, 4 July	2.00 - 3.00 pm Beaminster Festival, Mountjoy
Tuesday, 8 July	Sports Day
Tuesday, 15 July	Sports Day - Reserve
Friday, 18 July	2.00 - 3.00 pm Leavers' Disco
Tuesday, 22 July	Last Day of Term