

# Loders News

Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018

## *Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends*

It hasn't been the most straightforward first week back, especially for Eype class...Poor Mrs Knowles has a painful back injury and will be off work for at least another week. The children have coped amazingly, especially when the bus company then forgot to collect them for their first trip to the Bridport Leisure Centre on Monday. What a week!

I'd like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Neale for stepping in on Monday and Tuesday and to Ms Morgan, a very experienced Early Years teacher, who will be covering Mrs Knowles' absence. Miss Hill has been working extremely hard despite having to have time off herself and Mrs Spiller, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Malyon have all spent time helping the delightful children of Eype. What a great team!

## *Breakfast Club*

Just before half term, our breakfast club celebrated Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes for breakfast! The children who attend the club always have a great time with Miss Robertshaw. Spaces do need to be booked in advance for our insurance and staffing but please do get in touch if you would like to take advantage of this provision.

## *World Book Day*

On Thursday it is World Book Day. We will be taking part in a range of activities throughout the day to celebrate our love of reading ending with some of the staff sharing some of their favourite short stories.

All children are invited to come to school either dressed up as a book character, or to bring in a prop representing their favourite book. If you're stuck why not Google 'easy world book day costume ideas' – there are plenty of cheap, quick and simple ideas out there for all tastes.

As part of World Book Day, all children receive a £1 book token which can be spent in book shops either on a range of special £1 books launched for the event or towards a normal book purchase. We are hugely grateful to Bridport Book Shop on South Street who have agreed to provide us with plenty of copies of the special £1 books directly, meaning that children have been able to choose to take either a token or receive their chosen book from school on the day.

## *Lift-sharing for trips and events*

We are extremely grateful to all of those parents who offer lifts to enable all pupils to attend events such as this week's running competition. It would be very difficult for us to participate without your support. Please bear in mind that these arrangements must be made between yourselves for insurance reasons. You can of course always come and talk to us if you are stuck with dropping off or collecting your own child.

## *Bridport's war on plastic begins here*

Children from Cogden class worked with local sculptor Peter Margerum on Tuesday to make art with a message: "Save our seas from plastic pollution".

The one-day session, paid for jointly by the school and Transition Town Bridport, involved pupils making sculptures from sea-borne plastics - fishing line, plastic straws, sweet wrappings, old bits of net and rope from ships - recovered on a local beach clean, or brought in by the children themselves.

Loders is the first local school to participate but there will be others, making something interesting and colourful from ugly waste and educating the next generation too. Pupils

produced amazing creations from lobsters to dolphins to highlight the important message behind the campaign. Peter emailed us to say “I really appreciated the level of enthusiasm and creative endeavour shown by the pupils in Cogden class, and the invaluable support of the adult helpers who worked with us throughout the day.”

Henry said “I’ve enjoyed all of it – but particularly I enjoyed drilling stuff to make it perfect. I liked failing, where we had to do it again, fail, do it again, until we got it right.” Sam added “I enjoyed being able to use saws and drills and using the plastic to make awesome art.”

The sculptures will be on show in the second half of April during Bridport's Green Fortnight. For more information go to Transition Town Bridport's website, <http://www.transitiontownbridport.co.uk/content/>



### *Achievers*

Eype:	Arthur and Amy
Chesil:	Phoebe, Ner and Robyn
Monmouth:	Tristan, Morgan, Lexi and Ryan

Well done to all the runners who took part in the cross country at Beaminster this week!

### *Dates to Remember*

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	SEND Parent Event at Axminster 10am-12noon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening

*Have a wonderful weekend!*