

Loders News

Friday September 15th 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Family and Friends

What a fantastic first full week back at school! All of the children have been working so hard and I've had some amazing work brought to me already across all classes. We had a visit on Tuesday from the MAT's new Early Years Lead, Nicki Bland, who had never been to the school before – she was very complimentary about our learning environments and our lovely children, especially how settled our new children are already.

End of Day

We are delighted to have nursery children with us this year as well as an oversubscribed Year R intake. With more children now on site it gets very busy by the gate at the end of the day. From Monday please collect children in Eype class (Nursery and Year R) from the classroom back door via the playground to ease congestion under the colonnade. Please can we also ask all parents not to stand and wait right next to the gate?

Uniform

Please remember our school uniform policy, which has been circulated previously and is available on our website. Don't forget that P.E. kits need to be kept in school all week.

New Website

We are excited that our website will be receiving a much-needed revamp soon. In readiness we will have a photographer visiting on Wednesday 20th September. Please make an extra special effort with smart uniform on that day so we can show off our best!

Homework

We are trying a new approach to homework with a Pick 'n' Mix approach alongside regular times tables and spellings practice. We hope this encourages children to try out some different tasks and works flexibly around the differing needs of many of our families. Do pass on any feedback and if you have any questions please direct them to your child's teacher in the first instance.

RNLI and Coastguard visits

Next week we will be welcoming the RNLI on Wednesday and the coastguard on Friday. Both will be bringing a range of equipment to show the children and will talk about safety at the coast. Based on our topic work so far, I know that the children will come along with lots of interesting and thoughtful questions for our visitors.

Health and Hygiene

We have noticed a few children with head lice so please be vigilant in checking your children, especially now they have come back together following the summer break with greater potential for these to spread. We have also been informed of a diagnosis of threadworm which can spread easily but is easily treated. The risk of infection is greatly reduced through good hand-washing so please reinforce this with children at home.

PTFA News

As well as reporting on PTFA news and events in our weekly school newsletter, hopefully you found it helpful to read more detail in the PTFA's separate newsletter last week. We are hoping to make this a more regular thing and feedback is always welcome. The PTFA do a great job raising much-needed funds for the school so please continue to support what they do.

Clubs

Most clubs will start next week. Thank you for being prompt with your forms to sign up. We are hopeful that a parent-funded basketball club can be started after half term and the teacher will be coming in soon for some taster sessions during the school day. If you have any other requests or ideas do let us know and we'll see what we can do.

LEGO Club

I am pleased to say that this has proved to be very popular. Rather than disappoint anyone, we have decided to split the club into Group A and Group B, each group meeting on alternate Mondays. Due to its popularity, we could really do with some more LEGO! If anyone has any spare lying around and would be willing to donate it then we would love to hear from you! A list of children in each group and in each club is now on the playground noticeboard, along with start dates and collection times.

Road Closures

The electrical works in the village started this week and are likely to cause disruption for much of the rest of the term. We will do our best to keep you updated with which roads are likely to be affected although the order of events has surprised us already! Do look out for notices and diversions and where possible car share or park a little further away.



Music Service

Demonstration

On Tuesday we welcomed visitors from Dorset Music Service for a strings demonstration which was much enjoyed by everybody.

A date for the start of the continuation brass lessons is being negotiated and we will let those parents concerned know as soon as possible.

Achievers

Eype:	Frankie, Polly and Hermione
Chesil:	Thomas, Sophie, Amy, Lola and Ruby
Monmouth:	Daisy, Max, Freya and Leila
Cogden:	Ben, Sam and Noah
House Cup:	Congratulations to OAK

Dates to Remember

Monday 18 th September	Craft club starts (notice of children attending on noticeboard)
Wednesday 20 th September	Sports and Biodiversity Clubs start (list on noticeboard)
Thursday 21 st September	Running Club starts (list on noticeboard)
Monday 25 th September	Lego Club starts (list on noticeboard)
4 th October – 6 th October	Year 4 residential trip to Hooke Court (forms in by 22/09/2017)

Have a great weekend!

