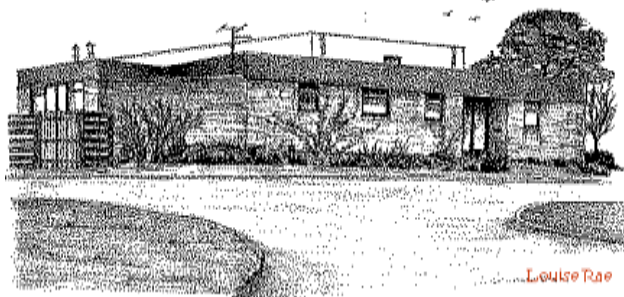


# Parrett and Axe News



## School Year 2023-24 July 2024 No 11

### Diary Dates (Please keep!!)

Every Tuesday in July	Hockey Club	3-4pm
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Drama Club	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Athletics Club	3-4pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Weymouth beach trip	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Beaminster School Transitions for Y6 Whole school transition mornings	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sir John Colfox transition for Y6	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 residential to Pinkery	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers service at Mosterton Church	1:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Days	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First day back in school (Y1-Y6)	8:30am

### Dear Parents

Can I take this opportunity to wish our marvellous Year 6 all the best for their future at whichever secondary school they are attending in September. I am so proud of them all and they are a shining example of what our school is all about.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Deinhardt, Mrs White and Mrs Harris who are all retiring at the end of term and Mrs Swatridge will be taking on more hours at her other school from September. We would like to thank them all their dedication and hard work and wish them all the very best for the future.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back in September.

Mr Smith

### **PTFA**

We are really pleased to announce that our summer fayre made £1553.39! We are absolutely over the moon with this amount! May we take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated to our raffle, helped out before the event and on the day, all your help is very much appreciated! Also thank you to the staff for your support on the day and for making absolutely delicious bakes for the staff bake off.

Don't forget that we are still running our school lottery. Every week there will be a guaranteed winner from our school lottery group plus a chance to win the national prize of £25,000. All for as little as £1 a week. The school gets a percentage of every ticket bought.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/Parrett-And-Axe-Primary>

### **Super Stride**

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Super Stride we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We managed to raise an amazing £1009.50 to go towards an outdoor classroom. Thank you!

### **Sport**

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 went sailing at the WPNSA in Portland. They had a fabulous time in the sunshine learning lots of new skills and taking part in kayaking, giant paddle boarding and sailing in groups of 2 or 3 in lightweight sailing boats. They learnt how to navigate, steer and how to use the wind to propel them across the water. All the children learnt new skills and how to work as a team during the day. As per an email that has been sent previously, the Andrew Simpson Centre offers many different activities for children from the age of 5. It is certainly an activity that all children remember even when they are at Secondary School.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June saw 16 of our year 3/4/5/6 pupils attending the Quadkids Athletics Tournament at Beaminster School. The year 3/4 had to run in a 50m sprint, 400m distance run, standing long jump and a vortex howler throw. Year 5/6 had a 70m sprint, 600m distance run, standing long jump and vortex howler throw. Both groups of pupils ran in a shuttle relay where they really excelled. A special mention to Reggie who came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall for the year 5/6 boys running 70m in 10.89 seconds and 600m in 2 minutes 13 seconds. Korbin deserves a special mention for his magnificent howler throw of 28.43m. Arienne came 1st overall in her year 3/4 sprint running it in 7.64 seconds and was the 2<sup>nd</sup> overall winner of the year 3/4 girls. Holly R jumped a magnificent 1.82m in the standing long jump and threw 21.49m with the howler. Holly R came 1<sup>st</sup> out of all the year 3/4 girls with 279 points only 3 points above Arienne. Two excellent athletes. Caitlyn came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the year 5/6 girls scoring 172 points just 7 points behind the leader. She also threw the furthest in her year group throwing 24.45m and jumping 1.63m. These are just a few of our fabulous results from our superb athletes who definitely uphold all our school and sporting values.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June saw the whole school out on the field taking part in our wonderful sports day. All children ran superbly and KS1 took part in a fabulous obstacle course race. Year 6 as per usual had a water race and thoroughly enjoyed getting each other and members of staff

and parents very wet! Equality were the overall winners and Korbin and Harris received the shield for their team.

This will be the last sports update that I will write after a fantastic 30 years at Parrett & Axe. I am so proud of all our children who take part in so many events and tournaments. We are a school that is known for its sporting prowess and the amount of cups and shields we win. This is all down to pupils past and present who embrace our values and Christian ethos. My mantra has always been, I don't mind where you come first, second or last, it's the taking part that counts. As I write this we are still waiting to hear as to whether we have achieved the platinum level award for schools that we are so proud to have achieved since 2016. My last thank you must go to all our wonderful parents who have supported the children and myself at so many events to enable us to take part and showcase our wonderful children. I will miss you all.

Mrs Jayne Harris

### **Annual Written Reports**

These are due to be distributed soon. Please be aware that the teachers spend hours and hours producing these documents and marking the assessments to support your data sheets. Please make an appointment with a teacher if you would like to discuss a report in more detail or even just to say thank you.

Please be aware that Mrs White produces the statements for Computing and Mrs Harris for P.E. This is yet another indication of what a wonderful staff team we have here-there are not many schools where the support staff team contribute so much.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

The Summer Reading Challenge is a flexible programme, designed for all levels of ability. It is open to all children aged 4-11 and runs throughout the summer holidays in the majority of UK public libraries. Children can sign up at any time during the challenge period, either at the library or online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> Check the start and finish dates with your local library service.

At the library:

- A child visits their local library to sign up and pick up a summer reading challenge folder
- They set a reading goal and borrow books of their choice
- They collect bespoke stickers and incentives from the library for their reading, including a certificate for reaching their reading goal

Online:

- Alternatively, children can take part in the challenge online at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> where they will set a reading goal and inlock digital rewards including a PDF certificate. They'll get book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.

### **Instrumental Tuition in September**

We are looking into the possibility of providing instrumental lessons for children in school in September. We would like to gauge the level of interest before I approach any visiting music teachers. The lessons we have a possibility of providing include:

- Keyboard
- Ukulele
- Woodwind

If you are interested in the possibility of musical tuition for your child, please do reply to the office and if possible, indicate your preference of instrument. Please email if you have any further questions about this.

Miss Nash

### **Inset days 2024/25**

Please find a list of Inset Days for 2024/25

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### **Hot School Meals**

Local Food Links are our hot school meal provider. To find out about the meals they provide, please visit <https://www.localfoodlinks.org.uk/> If you haven't received an activation code letter, please ask the school office for a code which is required when you use the system for the first time. Meals can be ordered, changed or cancelled 7 days in advance.

All Corfe and Chesil Key Stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals under the Government Universal Infant Free School Meals Scheme. Meals for Key Stage 2 children are very reasonable at £2.50 each.

Please log in to your LFL account and check that meals have been ordered and that you have noted the days where you need to send a packed lunch for your child. If you have any problems ordering meals during the holidays, please contact Local Food Links they will have staff that can help you.

### **Free School Meals, Pupil Premium**

If your child qualifies for free school meals, not only will they receive a healthy meal on every school day, they'll also get

- Access to free holiday clubs
- Extra money for their school towards more teachers and activities

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete Dorset Councils confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or telephone 01305 221090

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, you could get extra £££'s for your school! Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](http://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

### **ParentLine 5-19**

ParentLine 5-19 is a NHS text messaging service which allows parents and carers of school children aged 5-19 to gain confidential advice and support from the School Nursing team for issues such as:

- Healthy eating/weight management
- Toileting
- Sleep
- Development
- Behaviour

- Emotional health and wellbeing
- School refusal.

Parents/carers can send a text to the ParentLine number 07312263131 and a trained healthcare professional from the School Nursing team will respond during office hours 9-4 Monday to Friday during School term times.