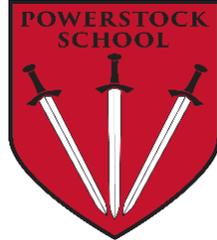


Powerstock Primary School

Learning together to be the best that we can be ~ for every child, life in all its fullness.
I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10



April / May Newsletter

Note from Mrs Greenham

Welcome back everyone! We were delighted to welcome back Burton and Cogden Classes but it was a very quiet first week with Seatown away on their exciting PGL trip! See below. Our school value this half term is Truth and we will also continue to learn more about Ukraine and think about those that are suffering and be thankful for the freedom that we enjoy. We have some exciting events planned this term, please check the diary dates at the end.

First Aid

This term, all the children will be doing First Aid classes with a friend of the school Tom Staple. Tom is a local paramedic with South West Ambulance Trust and also masterminds our website. We know first aid is such an important skill for everyone to learn and that you are never too young to learn!



School Council

We will begin our fortnightly meetings this week with a focus on healthy and planet friendly lunchboxes. The group will also be working on a bid for improving our play equipment for break times.



Celebration Assemblies

We are delighted to invite parents and family to our weekly Celebration Assemblies each Friday at 9.10. There we hope to show you any special work that has been done that week and also present our prized Golden Tickets. These can be won for extra effort, a great attitude, really showing one of our school values and other "over and above" acts during the week - the children are so proud to win them! Come along and join in this chance to celebrate!



Burton Class

Parents of Burton Class children are warmly invited in to join in with some reading on Mondays each week at 3pm. Please let Mrs Oxenbury know if you can attend, there is a maximum of 5 per week.

Queen's Jubilee

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee early with a tea party on Thursday 26th May at 2.30pm. We will be serving tea and cake, showing our jubilee crafts and sharing some fitting songs - come and join us to wave a flag!



Governor day

We are holding a Governors' Day in school on Wednesday 22nd June. We hope to really show what we get up to in school and for the governors to have a good understanding of children's learning and wellbeing, safeguarding, health and safety and other elements to the running of the school. The school council will look after the visitors and they will also get a chance to join our intrepid forest goers!

Powerstock Fete

The Powerstock Stock Fete is to be held on Saturday 30th July this year and the PSA will be running a stall as usual and this time their theme is "Jolly Jars" stall. The hope is that we provide as many jars as we can as a school to then sell on the day. If you could please help by starting to collect empty jam jars and then fill with anything nice! For example, marshmallows, sweets, craft items, stationery items, ribbons, beauty items - anything nice you can think of would be a fantastic help - please start saving jars! Thank you.

Could anyone do any face painting on the day - we would be glad of your services if you haven't been able to help before and have a talent with the paints!



Nuts



You will have seen from an email that we now have a child in school who is severely allergic to nuts, sesame and dairy products if ingested. We have asked the whole school community to avoid bringing nuts and sesame or products that contain them, into school to help keep the pupil safe. Please do contact the office if you have any queries about this matter.

Be prepared

Please remember to label your child's clothes (they take sweattops and jumpers off and leave them around this time of year!) and make sure that they have a water bottle each day and a sun hat for warm sunny days. Please feel free to provide sun protection cream. Burton Class have a separate email regarding this. Thank you.



PGL

Seatown did the school proud on their visit to PGL in Osmington Bay last week. The children had a truly wonderful time, exploring new skills, experiences and food! Many had not been away from home before but were all fantastic in the way they managed and also looked after each other. Mrs Cleden, Ms Allsop and Mrs Patten were delighted with them all.

Please have a look at our website which has some great pictures and videos of what they all got up to: <https://powerstock.school/learning/classes/seatown-class/>



Free School Meals (FSM)

We are aware that many families may have experienced a change in their finances recently and may be unaware they could not be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). As well as receiving a healthy and nutritious meal in school, children are eligible for a subsidy on school uniform and free holiday activities run by the local authority. Additionally, schools also receive funding which we use towards extra teaching support or activities for our school.

Please visit <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals>

For more information and to see if your child is eligible—it's a quick, easy and confidential online application form, the financial information you provide will not be seen by anyone in the school.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th May—SATS week Year 6

Friday 13th May—“Seatown Sail for a fiver” - details to follow

Monday 23rd May—KS2 Farm visit / local history—details to follow

Wednesday 25th May—Class photos

Thursday 26th May — Jubilee Tea Party in school 2:30—all welcome!

Friday 27th May — School closed for the day due to Platinum Jubilee

Monday 6th June—Inset day—no children in school

Tuesday 7th June—First day of term

Monday 13th June —KS2 Exeter cathedral and mosque, more details to follow

Thursday 16th June— Burton trip to Washing Pool trip, more details to follow

Thursday 30th June—Moving up day & Teddy Bear Picnic (New Reception intake)

Tuesday 5th July—Year 6 Salisbury Cathedral leavers service

Tuesday 19th July—Whole School Production afternoon performance 2pm

Wednesday 20th July—Whole School Production evening performance 6:30pm

Friday 22nd July—Last day of term

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September—inset days—no children in school

Monday 5th September—First day of term