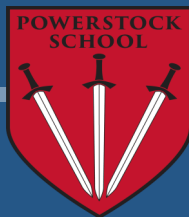


Powerstock CE VA Primary School



Prospectus



Welcome to
our School

We are a small, busy and happy Church school in the village of Powerstock, set in the heart of the beautiful West Dorset countryside. Our Christian school values its unique 'smallness' and is proud in saying that every child is cared for and valued as an individual. We set high standards in learning and teaching, that enable children to always improve themselves by acquiring new skills and knowledge. Our aim is for all our children to leave us happy, confident and independent individuals with a positive outlook on life and ready to take on their next challenges. We hope that you will find this prospectus helpful as an introduction to our school. We are always happy to show visitors around our school and answer any questions you may have. I hope you will join our wonderful unique school community!

John 10:10 - He came that we may have life more abundantly

Our school pursues excellence in learning and teaching, encouraging every child to seek and achieve their potential within a balanced and engaging curriculum. We provide high quality care and support. We promote wellbeing with individual rights, responsibilities and Christian and British values at the centre of our school ethos.

Our School Aims and Vision

Our vision is to live life in all its fullness according to John 10:10—this we aim to do in all aspects of school life.

In our commitment to achieve the above we aim:

To provide a rich and exciting curriculum which engages and motivates children and in which every child can develop and flourish fully as an individual and achieve their full potential

To provide opportunities for every child to feel part of and be able to contribute to the school, local and global community through the teaching of Christian values, rights and responsibilities

To provide a secure, supportive, caring environment where children can develop respect for themselves, others and their surroundings resulting in pride in themselves, their peers and their school and who are equipped to meet the changes and challenges in their life ahead.

These aims are integral to all that we do along with our

School Values:

Respect – yourself, others and our environment

Friendship – encouraging, supporting, listening and making time for each other

Compassion – knowing when and how to help others and having the courage to care

Generosity – giving our time and loving others as ourselves

Truthfulness – making the right choices and having the courage to be honest

Perseverance – meeting personal challenges and running the “race of life”, having a go and trying again!



Looking for different leaf shapes in the orchard!

What pupils say:

"Powerstock has been my second home, I've been so happy here! The staff and other pupils are so friendly and I have learnt that you can achieve things you never thought you could"

From a chat with 2 year 6

pupils.

What parents say:

"When I speak to my child's class teacher, she makes me feel like my child is the only pupil in her class—the individual care and attention the staff provide is incredible."

The progress my child has made since coming to Powerstock, both academically and personally has been astounding!"

"Powerstock is a hidden gem—it has amazing facilities inside and outside."



"Fossil" making and story-Telling day at Kingcombe.



Learning Together!

Classrooms

We are proud of our learning spaces which are designed to promote flexible teaching and learning styles and meet the needs of all our pupils. From allowing children to solve maths problems standing up, doing art-work on an angle, to desks that genuinely allow children to concentrate on their own, our classrooms are able to provide our children with what they need. Each class is provided with a set of iPads to promote ICT access at their desk and outside. Our aim is to prepare children to use ICT effectively and safely as they encounter it in the 'real' world.

Our new Reception and Key Stage 1 class room allows children to learn and play in our inviting enclosed outdoor area and garden.



We have three mixed year group classes in our small school:

- Burton class (Rec, Y1 and Y2) with Mrs Oxenbury
- Cogden classes (Y3 and Y4) with Mrs Seal and Mrs Greenham
- Seatown class (Y5 and Y6) with Mrs Cleden



The Curriculum

At Powerstock we provide an exciting set of learning experiences

which gives all our children the essential knowledge and the skills for learning and ultimately working in our constantly changing 21st century.

We are especially proud to be **Forest School Accredited** offering high quality sessions for all children each week delivered by Mrs Seal. We use Merriott Woods as our base and the children love the freedom of learning that Forest School provides.

We follow the National Primary Curriculum, and teach many of the

'Foundation' subjects (like History and Geography) through a termly theme which always contains a visit out or a visitor in to 'wow' and inspire the pupils.

The themes are planned over a 4 year cycle and include for **Cogden and Seatown classes**:

Year A: Celts/Iron Age, Jurassic Coast, (local Geography and Fossil Festival), Mayan Civilisation

Year B: Romans (incl local studies), Fame/ Leaving My Mark British History Theme Eg WWII, Monarch changes, Leisure, Railways, Clothing

Year C: Reach for the Stars (space), Ancient Egypt, Anglo Saxons (incl local studies)

Year D: Ancient Greece, (achievements and influence, Vikings/ Anglo Saxons, Field to Plate

For **Burton class** the themes include:

Year A: Who am I and where do I live? Visit to Washing-pool

Toys and games, Visit to Bridport, Hot Places/Cold places Seaside and Antarctic

Year B: Where we live and our place in Space, Homes and Schools, From field to plate

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform is based on the colours red and black. Currently school uniform with the school's logo is available from myclothing.com. Good quality second hand uniform is available from the office.

Winter ~ Red sweatshirt or cardigan, Red polo shirt, Dark grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress, Black, grey or white socks, Black school shoes

Summer ~ Red sweatshirt or cardigan, Red polo shirt, Red gingham dress, Dark grey or black shorts, skirt or trousers, Black, grey or white socks, Sandals or black school shoes

PE and games ~ For hygiene reasons, all children are expected to have a full change of clothes for games and PE. A full PE kit needs to be kept in school at all times. We ensure that all kit is sent home to be washed at the end of each half term: Black or White shorts, Red plain t-shirt, A pair of plimsolls or trainers, A change of socks. Track suit bottoms are allowed during cold weather.

All articles of clothing worn to school must be clearly named and labelled. We believe that is important for children to learn to take responsibility for their belongings: clearly named clothes really help with this!

Hair and jewellery ~ Long hair should be tied back at all times (this is so that it does not distract from learning and for hygiene reasons). Items that are absolutely required by a religion are allowed. Other jewellery is limited to a watch (non smart) and plain stud earrings. Local authority guidance is that no earrings are worn for PE; however, we allow small studs but only at the risk of the wearer. No make-up is to be worn.

Our School Day

The school day starts at 9am and finishes at 3:30pm with registration ending at 9:15am. We have a daily act of worship at 9:10 am and on Wednesdays we walk the children to Church for our weekly service on alternate weeks. Each Friday morning after registration, we have a Celebration Assembly where parents are warmly invited to see children encouraged and praised for work done.

Morning Playtimes ~ Children have a morning break from 10:30 to 10:50am. Healthy snacks are encouraged to be eaten at break time and children may bring in a 'pocket toy' to play with at playtimes. Any pocket toys are brought at the owners risk and **not** be 'war' toys. The school also provides large outdoor equipment for the children to play with as well.

Lunch ~ All Children have their lunch at 12:15pm, then go out to play in our beautiful grounds. Lunchtimes end at 1:15pm Hot school meals are provided by Local Food Links. All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free Hot School Meal through the Governments universal infant school meals scheme. Meals can be ordered directly from Local Food Links website or the school office. Parents may of course also choose to send their child to school with a healthy packed lunch each day.

Drop-off and collection ~ The playground is open to parents at the beginning and end of the day to parents. From 8:45am the playground is supervised and parents may 'drop off' their children. Class teachers are available to talk to before school until 9 am. This helps to build up a close relationship between home and school – we want to have good links with all parents. You can always make an appointment to see a teacher however. If normal arrangements have to be altered (e.g. you are delayed or another person is collecting your child) please let us know. This avoids any confusion or upset.

Attendance ~ we expect each and every child to be in school every day unless absence is truly unavoidable. We support families if there is a difficulty regarding attendance to ensure pupils can access their education.

Getting to School ~ Parking is available in front of the school, however the village '3 Horseshoes' pub has kindly given permission for parents to use their car park at drop off and pick up times.

There is also a bus that runs from Bridport through to Powerstock each morning and returns in the afternoons with limited spaces.

Extra-Curricular activities

Clubs

We ensure that there are opportunities for all our children to take part in either a lunch-time or after-school club. We try to provide opportunities for children to try some new and different sports and activities such as Archery and Street Surfing as well as Gardening club, Cooking and Puppet making.

There is always a mixture of free and paid clubs.

The children all enjoy our trips to support topic work including making “fossils” and story making at Kingcombe and days out at @Bristol.

School Community — Governors

The School Governors are legally responsible for all aspects of school life. This includes the curriculum, staff appointments and financial control. In practice however, day-to-day management of the school is vested in the Head Teacher and Staff. The Governing Body meets four times a year. All Agenda, Reports and minutes of meetings are held in the school office and are available for parents. As a voluntary aided school the majority of our governors are ‘Foundation’ (Church) governors. Parents are represented on the Governing Body in the role of Parent Governors and are always open to hear from parents about any issues concerning the school.

Powerstock School Association

The school is lucky to have a very active, friendly group of parents who are happy to support the school in any enrichment activities and simply to make the school experience the best it can be for our children. The PSA meets regularly to organise fundraising and social events for everyone from our annual talent show to making Christmas decorations with the children to supporting the more formal events in school.

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