IN BRIEF:

- The school council planned and led an assembly on advent before Christmas supervised by our Chair of Governors Mrs Hayward...
- Goodbye and thank you to Darryl Cassingham who has stepped down from his governance role due to work commitments.
 Darryl has been a staunch supporter of the school and he will be missed on the governing body.

DIARY DATES—

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Jan 20 Music workshop for Y 3/4/5 led by Mr Mizen (Gryphon music teacher) 9.15am
- Netball match vs Trent away3.30pm
- Feb 1st Netball vs Sherborne Primary away 3.30pm
- 2nd Year 6 information meeting for Y6 parents 3.30pm
- 7th Safer internet day

3pm Churchwell class sharing assembly—parents welcome

8th Music workshop for Y 3/4/5 led by Mr Mizen (Gryphon music teacher) 1.15pm

Finance and staffing governors meeting 6.30pm

9th Basket ball tournament

13th – HALF TERM

17th

21 Daniel England assembly

Governors meeting 6.30pm

23 3pm Underdown Hollow sharing assembly—parents welcome

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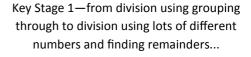
What have you done at school today?

A snapshot of learning from the 18th January between 9.30 and 11.30am...













One to one music lesson...

Coding in Five Bridges class...





Christian values

This half term, our focus Christian value is Perseverance. As a school we will be exploring this value in our Monday worship time.





Formal subtraction in Great Western and problem solving...







What a lovely, productive atmosphere in school. Children clearly enjoy their learning and are fully engaged and behaviour is excellent.

Lesson study

Some of our staff are engaging in a lesson study project this term. This involves planning lessons together which are then taught by one teacher whilst the other two observe the children carrying out activities. The teachers then talk to the children at some length in order to find out more about the learning process.

Learning together...

Other news items

Hot School Meals

Deadline date for hot school meals is 31st January. Please could you ensure you book meals for February and March. We apologise for the recent Parent Pay software issues and would respectfully recommend that if you have already ordered, it may be wise to double check your order has gone through again before the deadline date.

Term dates for 2017-18

Autumn term—INSET days 4/5th September 2017

Autumn term starts Wednesday 6th September 2017—Friday 15th December 2017

INSET day 20th October 2017

Half term Monday 23rd October 2017—Friday 27th October 2017

Christmas holiday—Monday 18th December 2017– Monday 1st January 2018

INSET day 2nd January 2018

Spring term starts Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

Half term—Monday 12th February 2018-Friday 16th February 2018

Easter holiday—Monday 2nd April 2018—Friday 13th April 2018

Summer term starts Monday 16th April 2018— Tuesday 24th July 2018

INSET day Friday 29th June 2018 INSET day Wednesday 25th July 2018

Please note that all the INSET days are subject to change.

Headteacher's message:

As ever, school is a busy, thriving community and everyone is working hard to make sure the children are achieving their potential. Education is a two way process and we highly value the support you are able to give to your children by reading with them at home through to times tables practise and support with homework.

The PTA held their first meeting of the year last week and they have raised enough money through their activities to purchase a new interactive TV for Mr Siggins' classroom which will be used regularly in class teaching. Thank you to everyone who has helped raise funds for this or volunteered their support at school events. A link to the new PTA website will be put onto the homepage of the school website in due course so you can access it more easily.

Mrs Middleton is setting up a new termly magazine with the help of some of the children which will contain news, views, children's writing and all sorts of other things. Watch this space...

Over one third of KS2 children have now attended cooking club this year! We hope that some of these new found culinary skills are being put to good use at home. As a school we firmly believe in developing a wide range of skills and knowledge in children and it is wonderful to be able to offer such opportunities.

We are pleased to allow volunteers back in school now as our building work is near enough complete. Please see your child's classteacher in the first instance if you would like to volunteer. You will then need to speak to the office to com-

mence DBS procedures/clearance if necessary.

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Kindest regards,

The roots to grow,
The wings to fly.

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Please keep an eye on the blog on the front of the website for news and events.