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Whole school half termly focus:

Enjoy using our imagination to improve our work and play.

Whole school Christian Values for this half term:

Creativity and Thankfulness (See Values letter out today and on our website in our newsletter section)

**Dear Parents/Guardians**

Isn't it just great to see the sun at last. The children have loved getting outside into our wonderful outdoors; if you are a new parent and have not been in our school learning garden, please do ask a member of staff to give you a short tour. Mrs Howell and the children have been doing lots of fantastic green finger work and we look forward to seeing our sensory area once it has been completed. Our new water feature (money raised from your support in our PTFA events) should soon be with us.

**Teacher news:**

My Governing Board, staff and I are delighted to announce our new appointment; Miss Zoe Cochrane will be joining our team in September. We had a very strong field of applicants at interviews last week. Miss Cochrane's passion and creativity to see children achieve their very best in all they do, her drive to achieve high standards and her experience to date, will ensure that our children continue to be happy in school each day. Miss Cochrane will be our new Key Stage 1 Phase Leader, our Sports/PE leader and our Computing Subject Leader. She will be working closely with Mrs McGinty and her team to bring our school to new heights.

Our other exciting news is that Mrs Bendell will be taking on a new commitment as Hedgehog Class Teacher and Key Stage 2 Phase Leader. She will remain our Science, Geography and History Subject Leader.

Mrs Bendell started off her teaching career with us in Hedgehog so we look forward to seeing her back with our older pupils. She is excited and extremely keen to have many new positive impacts on our Upper Key Stage 2.



**Our sun safety reminder message:**

In school we learn to say this - 'Sun hat, sun cream, water bottle and shelter.' This keeps us safe. Sun cream can be put on before school or you can send in sun cream in a named bottle. This year, we are also asking that named sun glasses are brought in as the most eye damage from the sun is done from 0 - 8 years old.



New starts: a very special welcome to Matthew and George who have joined us in Reception. They have settled in wonderfully well and we have to say a huge thank you to our school staff and pupils for making the boys feel so welcome. Well done to Blake in Year R for offering to give George a tour of the classroom.

**Congratulations!**

Very well done to all our dojo winners and role models over the last fortnight; your names are logged in our dojo data folder for Prize Day.



### Update on our lunches

Congratulations to our Lunchtime Staff Team - we had our County Catering Inspection yesterday and came out top! The inspector gave us his highest score ever given to a school - 91%. A superb achievement.



### Diary Dates:

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> April:** Whole school trip to Dorchester Museum to see Dippy.

**Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Miss Steninger as cover supervisor for Butterfly Class; Mrs Shearer and Mrs Bendell - full day planning session on updating our curriculum for 2018 - 2019. (Please see our class summer 2018 curriculum maps in our class pages on our website - details of what your child is learning in class this term.)

**Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** Mr and Mrs Phelps commencing Hedgehog's mentoring programme.

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> May:** school closed. Bank holiday.

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> May:** Governing Board Meeting at 5:30pm - 7:30pm

**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Miss Steninger meeting with Mrs Shearer for playtime and sports updates and 2018-19 planning - whole school provision.  
**Half term holiday - 28<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June inc. (School closed)**

**Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 Leavers' photograph + class photographs for whole school

**Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> June:** Year 6 pupils out with Mrs Shearer & Mrs Rozycki - Wells Cathedral Year 6 Prilgrim (Leavers') Day. (Workshops with other schools, finishing with a very special cathedral service.)

### Key Stage 2 Statutory Tests (SATS)

#### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May

*Our Year 6 pupils are invited in each morning of their sats week to enjoy breakfast together in our staffroom. Mrs Porter and Mrs Rozycki are kindly organising our annual bacon butties and morning drinks before each test day.*

*The children will also be enjoying a few extra treats during their test week - extra playtime etc.*

#### Here is the MAY test timetable:

**Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> - Reading Paper**

**Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> - GPS Paper 1 (grammar, punctuation & spelling) + GPS Paper 2 + Spelling Test**

**Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> - Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) + Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)**

**Thur. 17<sup>th</sup> - Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)**

**We look forward to working with you this term. Remember, if you see anything positive/negative in your valued role as parents, please do come and speak with me so I can action it.**

**Mrs Alison Shearer**