

Dear Parents,

**Thank you.** It was really good to see so many parents attend the meetings with teachers last week to talk about how their child was doing at school. The meetings went well and I thank you all for your support. I also thank the pupils and their parents in Key Stage 2 for supporting our after school booster class lessons and homework club. The school is moving forward from strength to strength because of the positive partnership we have.



**Outside Activity.** Year 5 pupils are out tomorrow visiting the RSPB at the Pavilion– they will be learning a lot about our feathered friends and building bird boxes. Next week the new warden for the Lorton Valley Nature Reserve is visiting to discuss how our pupils can get involved with the Dorset Wildlife Trust. The reserve is over the hill behind Louviers Road. This is an opportunity to remind parents in Y4, 5 and 6 about our outdoor activity in the Summer Term. I have set up a savings card scheme to help with paying for these events to Carey Camp, WOEC and Springhead. You may find it easier to pay a little a week.



**Works to the school.** Part of our school budget comes to us directly from central government to pay for improvements to our facilities and to improve our ICT provision. This funding is 'ring fenced' meaning it must only be spent on such things. We will be carrying out several projects over the next few months that will improve the school and increase opportunity for our children. The projects include the following:

1. Moving the library to the outside mobile. Improving the library and making this a study and research facility for the pupils.
2. New windows and doors to the old clinic block and special room. The old clinic block will be completely gutted with internal walls being removed and a food and materials technology area fitted. The special room will become a new staff area.
3. The ICT suite will be refurbished and extended to allow for 30 computers with a teaching projector and seating area.
4. New lighting to the reception classrooms will take place during half term.
5. Unit 3, which currently houses Year1 and 3, will be decorated during the Easter Break.
6. The outside of the main school block will also be decorated during the Easter Break.

We are also hoping to extend some of our fencing particularly on the Allamanda Road entrance to the school and fix new gates. We will also be remarking the playgrounds shortly.



**Littlemoor Community Centre Association.** Now that the refurbished hall is open there are a great many events taking place. Some are organised through Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and information has appeared in the Dorset Echo. There are two large notice boards outside the centre, which display all forthcoming events. I am in the process of seeking funds to run an out of school care facility at the centre which may be of benefit to families of our school. I'll keep you posted on further news here.



**A Taste of Littlemoor.** Next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February we are holding a fun afternoon from 2.30 – 4.30 pm organised by Weymouth and Portland Food Group linked to healthy eating. Mrs Holloway has helped arrange this event which includes give-aways, competitions, cooking ideas and recipes. I hope you can make it.

