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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to make a special mention to Mr Bascombe our Caretaker this week who has worked tirelessly to prepare our **Writing Hall of Fame** for it's official opening today. In total one-hundred and fifty five frames have been perfectly placed (one for each child in the school) to create a superb celebration of writing. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to see the display, I warmly encourage you to pop in at the beginning or end of a school day to see it for yourself.

THANK YOU MR BASCOMBE

THIS FRIDAY - Read, Write Inc Training

This Friday, we have Read, Write Inc Phonics Training happening at the school. This will see staff from Reception and Year One involved in training on site. This will support a new phonic programme in both years. More information to follow in due course.

On Friday, Reception will be taught by Mrs Nineham for the day and Year 1 will be taught by Mr Spracklen. Mrs Nineham and Mr Spracklen both have fun days planned for all the children involved.

In addition, we have twenty-five delegates booked to attend the training with us from schools across Dorset. The training day starts at 9am and have have been asked to park off-site to allow delegates to park in the staff car park. With this in mind, please consider whether you can park slightly further away on Friday or maybe car share?

Reception Classroom Make-Over

I also wish to thank those people who came along and supported our Community Make-Over Day in Reception on Saturday 6th January 2018. It was a fantastic way to start the New Year and much progress was made.

Last night, POWSA approved plans presented by Mr Gibson and myself to transform the Reception Classroom using POWSA funds. Plans are available from Mr Gibson on request and you should start seeing a difference in the coming 3-4 weeks as we implement our agreed design.

Exciting Times!

Parking Reminder

A polite notice - we still, despite several requests this year, have people ignoring signage and parking in appropriate places at the beginning and end of the school day. I would hope to avoid moving to a more formal method of resolving this issue and would ask that we all work together for the good of our community to follow the clear signage that already exists.

Walking Bus



A group of parents would like to explore the potential interest in parents setting up a "Walking Bus". A walking bus is a fun and sustainable way of travelling to school. Powered by good, old-fashioned legwork, the children and volunteers walk in a group along a set route, picking up or dropping off 'passengers' at specific 'bus stops' on their journey to and from school.

If you would be interested in starting up a "Walking Bus" and would like to hook up with like-minded parents to share the walks to school, please visit the dedicated Facebook page at -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1964928713773020/>

Parents will be able to commit as little or often as time allows so please get in touch even if you only have a few days that you drop off.

Holiday Club

Thank you to everyone who responded to the online form about potential Holiday Club Provision. Based on the responses we are aiming to work with 'Energy Kidz' to launch a holiday club THIS EASTER.

All prices and timings are on the 'Energy Kidz' website at:

www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/dorchester-holiday-club-the-prince-of-wales-school/

More details to follow in due course.

Reminder - Badminton - Year 3 and Year 4 -



Y3 and Y4 Badminton Skills

15:30-16:30 (Every Tuesday - Term Time Only)

Learn badminton skills with a qualified coach following a fun and engaging programme. £4.00 Per Session

For more information, or to book your child a place, please see the School Office.

Mathletics

See below for some promising Mathletics Statistics for the Autumn Term here at The Prince of Wales School -

The Prince of Wales School

Your Mathletics report: Autumn term 2017

Mathletics

Please find below your personal school report detailing your school's Mathletics usage and achievements for the Autumn term.

Curriculum progress and mastery

Teachers at The Prince of Wales School have assigned 1,578 curriculum activities	Students at The Prince of Wales School have answered 40,936 curriculum questions	Repetition of activities is proven to drive better understanding and results. Achieving >85% on a topic means students attain Concept Mastery . Take a look at how your students are progressing:		
		Results >85% 3,442	Results 84%-50% 934	Results <50% 371

Student improvement

See how much students at The Prince of Wales School are improving, by comparing their first attempt at an activity to their latest attempt.



On average, students improved by 15% last term.

Success and awards

Students achieving more than 1,000 points in a single week receive an award certificate. Certificates are continuous records of achievement which are based on a bronze, silver and gold scale.



That's a total of 212 certificates awarded to your students last term.

Can we do better this term? When was the last time your child logged in at home?

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, concerns or if there is anything I can do to help and support you with your child's learning and school life.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Gary Spracklen
Headteacher