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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting start back to the Summer Term!

### Parent Information Sessions -

This term's Parent Information Sessions will take place on the following dates/times -

**Reception** - Tuesday 7th May 2019 - 09:00am

**Year 1** - Thursday 9th May 2019 - 09:00am

**Year 2** - Friday 10th May 2019 - 09:00am

**Year 4** - Tuesday 14th May 2019 - 09:00am

**Year 3** - Wednesday 15th May - 09:00am

### PLEASE NOTE -

As well as providing information about the term ahead, these sessions will also cover information about the RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) content being taught to your child this term. With this in mind, younger children are welcome to attend, however, you may wish to distract or remove them for this specific part of the presentation.

If you have any concerns about this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Online Reporting Tool -

Reminder, all parents and carers of children in Year 1 through to Year 4 *should have* login details for our online reporting tool - **SPTO**. If anyone is having problems logging into this system or would like further information about what the data is showing them, please feel free to catch me or your child's class teacher any time.



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We will always do our best to help you and provide supporting resources where available.

**PLEASE NOTE - NEW DATA WAS ADDED TO THE ONLINE REPORTING TOOL JUST BEFORE THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO VIEW NOW.**

## Parking -



Parents and Carers are politely reminded not to park in the Pre-School or Staff car parks.

It causes problems when people do not follow our clear signage and policy, we appreciate your support on this matter.

## Attendance

It is important at this time of the year to remember the importance of good attendance. All DASP (Dorchester Area Schools Partnership) schools are working hard this term to promote good attendance and have put common systems in place to work with families when attendance drops below an acceptable level.

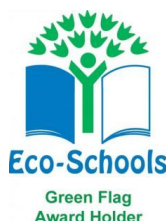
As a reminder, if your child has a medical appointment GP/hospital, etc you are required to bring in medical evidence for the office (slip from GP surgery etc) to prove this.

**At The Prince of Wales School, we celebrate good attendance and we have made some fantastic progress over the past term with our school attendance rate currently standing at 97.1% (top 10% of schools nationally).**

If a child has an attendance level of 90%, they will have missed one day a fortnight in school. Over a school year, this will represent four weeks of absence. If this level of absence was maintained for a five-year period, it would mean half a school year would have been missed.

Here at The Prince of Wales School, we are determined to ensure that all our children have the opportunity to achieve success and have an excellent record of attendance. If we are concerned about a child's attendance, we will talk to parents and write to them to explain our concerns. The school will then monitor the child's attendance expecting to see an improvement. DASP and the Dorset County Council (DCC) School Attendance Service will be made aware of the school's concerns.

If attendance does not improve sufficiently, you will be invited to a DASP Attendance Panel. This meeting is an opportunity for the school, family and a representative from DCC's School Attendance Service to meet together to discuss why your child has such a high absence rate and seek solutions to any problems.



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The Panel can recommend several outcomes, which can include: a further period of close monitoring with specified targets for attendance; issuing a £60 Penalty Notice, a Parenting Order or seeking prosecution which could result in a fine of up to £1000.

The attendance process is designed to identify children with poor attendance quickly and address the issues that are affecting their attendance. When attendance improves, monitoring will continue and, if it falls, the Attendance Process will be resumed.

All DASP schools hope that the Attendance Panel will not be needed and that all pupils will have a good record of attendance, are happy and successful and benefit from their time in school.

**I am sure I will see many of you at the next POWSA meeting on Tuesday 7th May (7:30pm in the Staff Room).**

**In the meantime, 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

