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## Summer 2 Update

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our final half-term of this academic year!

We have an exciting few weeks ahead as we continue to push on our core objectives for this year -

🔄 **Raise attainment and accelerate progress**

🔄 **Improve the quality of teaching and learning**

🔄 **Improve the conditions for learning**

🔄 **Develop the school as a professional learning community**

Staff will be working hard to maintain our high standards and ensure we make the most of every minute for learning right up until we break up for the Summer Holidays. We thank you in advance for your continued help and support.

### 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 96.6% (this did take a dip last half-term).**

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.

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.

### Staffing September 2018

As we work hard this half term, we also look to the future and we have already began a programme of transition, particularly for those learners joining us for the first time in Pre-School or Reception and those leaving us to move on to Middle School in Year 4.

On the afternoon of Thursday 5th July, all children will have the opportunity to 'bump up' and spend time with their new class teacher.

Staffing for September 2018, will be as follows -

Year	Teacher	Team
Reception	Mrs Johnson	Mrs Hall Mrs Smith
Year One	Mr Gibson	Mrs Webb
Year Two	Mr MacBean	Mrs Bernard Mrs Thompson Mrs Hibberd
Year Three	Mrs Thorpe (Mon-Wed) Mrs Entwistle (Thur-Fri)*	Mrs Scott Mrs Cornell Mrs Rogers TBC
Year Four	Miss Johnson	Mrs Howell Mrs Long Mrs Brooker Mrs Thomas

**\*Please note - Mrs Bishop (SENCO) will be covering Mrs Entwistle during her Maternity Leave.**

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Spracklen', with a small horizontal line and a dot below the name.

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## REMINDER - Summer Term - Dates

**CORRECT AS OF - Wednesday 6th June 2018**

### June

**INSET DAY (NO SCHOOL) - 04/06/18**

Transition Visit A - New Reception Intake - 05/06/18

**PARENT FORUM - 06/06/18**

Year 1 Phonics Screen Check - 11/06/18 - 15/06/18

Fiver Challenge Week - 11/06

**Transition Visit B - New Reception Intake - 12/06/18**

**DORCHESTER CARNIVAL (POW ENTERING) - 16/06/18**

**GLOBAL AWARENESS FORTNIGHT - 18/06/18 - 29/06/18**

Year 4 - Assessment Week - 18/06/18 - 22/06/18

**Transition Visit A - New Reception Intake - 19/06/18**

Full Governing Body Meeting - 19/06/18

**CLASS PHOTOS - 20/06/18**

**DANCE DAY - 22/06/18^**

Transition Visit B - New Reception Intake - 26/06/18

KS2 (Year 3 and Year 4) Sports Day - 26/06/18\*

**EYFS and KS1 (R, Y1 and Y2) Sports Day - 27/06/18\***

Year 1 - Portland Bill Visit - 26/06/18

**POWSA SUMMER FAYRE - 30/06/18**

### July

Reception and New Starters BBQ - 03/07/18

**TRANSITION DAY/BUMP UP AFTERNOON - 05/07/18**

DASP Awards Evening - 09/07/18

**Year 4 - Roundhouse Sleepover (Boys) - 18/07/18**

Year 4 - Roundhouse Sleepover (Girls) - 19/07/18

Year 4 - Leavers Assembly - 25/07/18

**LAST DAY OF TERM - 25/07/18**

^ Please Note: Dance Day will run from 2:30pm - 3:20pm.

\* Please Note: Both our EYFS and KS1 Sports Day and KS2 Sports Day will run from 1:30-3:15 pm.