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*“Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life”  
(Philippians 2:15)*

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Good afternoon everyone,

Welcome to the first addition of the Pamphill Post since mid-March, I am sorry it has been so long coming. There's lots to celebrate and lots to be excited about as always so please keep reading...

### **Bluebell Walk and Picnic Event Tomorrow**

I'm really looking forward to seeing all those who can make it for our community walk and fun day tomorrow. We're aiming to set off from the cricket pavilion at about 11am, returning to the green in time for some games and a picnic. I'm all set to provide the sporting

equipment but I can't stretch that to catering for everyone so please provide your own picnic! The latest weather update shows that we should stay dry with no rain forecast between now and Sunday (touch wood). The PTFA have been out marking the route and getting things set up for what should be lots of fun, if you would like to make a contribution to the school, they will be on hand to collect.

As always the school is enormously grateful for the PTFA's support. Without them, and all of you generous people chipping in, we simply would not be able to offer the children the broad range of experiences that we do. Like so many of our public service organisations, we are adapting to tightening of budgets and rising costs. I know how much our families value the trips and visits that we take the children on, and we are so grateful to you for enabling that through your voluntary contributions to the PTFA and school.

### **Poet's Visit**

Last Wednesday we were delighted to welcome Akula Agbami in for some poetry workshops with Foxes and Stags classes. The children focused on the topic of 'the sky', becoming immersed in conversations about the night's sky and space - and showcasing a great deal of knowledge too, I might add. The reason for this was recognising that in more rural settings there is less light pollution, providing enhanced views of our night's sky. We thank Cranborne Chase National Landscape for commissioning Akula's work.

We will also look forward to welcoming Akula back later in the year to teach the children about Windrush and Hip Hop music (separately) as we strive to broaden the children's experiences and understanding of our world and its people.



### **Music at Pamphill**



This half term we have been delighted to welcome back Mr Whitmarsh from Dorset Music service, who is delivering his wonderfully engaging Samba lessons to Stags class. They really are an absolute joy to be a part of and we look forward to showcasing the children's talents towards the end of the learning sequence. Thanks also to Mrs Pinto for keeping this link alive. Mrs Martin-Papp and James Loncake continue to add further vibrancy with their piano and guitar lessons respectively. Do get in touch if you would like your child to have the chance to start learning one of these instruments. While playing an instrument is not in my skill set, there are so many benefits and it is great to see so many of our pupils thriving in this area.

## Book Fair

Last week we built on the wave of enthusiasm our children have for reading with our Scholastic book fair. Once again your desire to engage has reaped benefits not only with your purchases making their way home with you, but also because a percentage comes to the school to invest in its library stock. Mrs Woolnough is now enjoying one of her favourite types of shopping as she gets to spend **£194.44** on new books for our library thanks to all of you!!! Of course we are all forever in Mrs Woolnough's debt for sharing her enthusiasm and time in organising these things too.

## Sumdog



This seems a while ago now but our students were enormously successful in the recent Sumdog contest with 10 children placing in the top 50. **We even had all of the top 3 individual scores!!!**

Stags class were placed 2nd overall with **Foxes in 1st across the South West of England** which is just amazing!!! The next contest starts on 17th May and I would love to see if we can match the high levels of engagement from the last effort. I have also antagonised Mr Rayner at Colehill by boasting of our success, so there is also a friendly contest within a contest against the pupils of Colehill. Don't let me down - it will cost me!!!

Remember, the aim is to answer 1000 questions across the week and the children's score is based on the number of correct answers. **It's a challenge of accuracy as well as speed, so be quick without rushing!** If you need login details, please contact your child's teacher via Class Dojo.

## Drinks Bottles

One final polite request, please make sure your children come in with a drinks bottle. We have noticed that staff are increasingly having to go and collect cups of water because the children do not have one. We never deny the children a drink but would obviously rather the children can independently access what they need and avoid disrupting staff workflow.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekends and I hope to see lots of you tomorrow for our walk and some fun on the green!  
Thank you again for all of your support,

Mr Wheeler

## Upcoming School / PTFA Events

**Saturday 4th May, from 11am on Pamphill Green** - Bluebell Walk, Picnic and Games Event

**Monday 6th May** - Early May bank holiday (school closed)

**Friday 10th May** - Year 4 Cricket Festival @ Dumpton School

**Thursday 16th May** - School Class Photos

**Friday 17th May** - Stags' Careers Trip to Wimborne with DMW architects and Gulliver's Bookshop (more details to follow next week)

**Thursday 23rd May @ 3:30pm** - Leeson House Residential Information Evening for Year 4

**Tuesday 11th June @ 6pm** - New starters information evening for September '24 starters