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Welcome Back Everyone!

It was so lovely to see so many happy, smiley faces back after the holidays, we hope you all had lovely break over the summer.

As well as having a break ourselves we have also been very busy over the summer getting ready for the new school year and are excited by the updates we have been preparing. I would like to thank all the staff and parents who have given up their own time and worked so hard in school during the holidays!



One of our main updates is the expansion of Caterpillar Pre-school which now runs every day in term time and takes children from when they turn 2 years and 9 months. We are excited by the opportunity to support the younger children within our community and have them be a more permanent part of our lovely school.

We are also really pleased to be able to offer our daily after-school club running everyday alongside our daily breakfast club and termly extra-curricular clubs.

New Children – we are delighted to have 4 new reception children – Eloise, Libby, Grace and Mary join us this September. We are also really pleased to have new children join us in other classes and pre-school too – a warm welcome to Lilly, Hope, Ethan, Alfred and Ella and their families. We really hope you enjoy your time here at Cheselbourne.

Overleaf is some useful general information and reminders for the start of the school year. Newsletters will come out weekly on a Friday- starting next week. Letters can be sent home via email, if you haven't already set this up with us please let Mrs White know your email address for letters and information to be sent directly to. Specific information from teachers about each class will also come home alongside this letter.

I look forward to working with all our dedicated staff, hardworking children and their extremely supportive families over the next year and hope we have lots of fun whilst all being inspired to learn and achieve our best!

Warm regards,

Mrs Mary See
Headteacher, Cheselbourne Village School

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Cheselbourne Village School Useful Information for Parents Sep 2019

School Website

Our website also has lots of information about school on and this is constantly updated throughout the year so please take a moment to familiarise yourself with it- www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk. We will also continue to update our Facebook and Twitter with all the exciting things we get up to in school so keep a look out for that [facebook](#) and [@cheselbournevs](#). We also love to hear your comments and feedback on our pages but please remember when doing this, it is a very public domain and all can see what is put on there. If you do have any issues or concerns with the school, then please be sure to speak to Mrs See or a parent governor in the first instance. Thank you very much for your support with this.

Permissions, Medical Information/Allergies and Emergency Contacts

Please remember to let us know if there are any changes to your children's permissions (e.g. photographs online), medical information or allergies and ensure that we have at least two **up-to-date** emergency contact numbers (from different locations e.g. not from the same house) please. All this information is held on your child's school file. Please speak to Mrs White if any of this needs updating. Thank you.

Drop off/Pick up

School **starts** at 8:45am with activities prepared that are tailored to each child. Therefore, children need to be in school ready to start the day at this time so they don't miss out on this time. The gates will be closed following the arrival of the school bus and any children arriving after this will need to come into school via the office. School finishes at 3:15pm and children should be collected from the side gates too. We won't let a child into the front playground until we can see their grown-up.

Messages and Communication with teachers

We run an Open Door Policy in regard to speaking with parents and are very keen to work together with you to provide the best education we can for your child. However, the mornings are not the best time as we cannot give you enough time for a proper talk due to teachers needing to be in classrooms. Therefore, if you need to speak to your child's teacher please make an appointment to meet them or catch them at the end of the day. General messages can be given to Mrs White or Mrs See who will make sure they pass them on to teaching staff.

If you would like to speak with Mrs See and she is unavailable around drop off/pick up times please do make an appointment to see her too.

Lunches /Snack/ Milk/ Water (Healthy Schools)

We aim to be a healthy school and provide the children with a good education around food and being healthy, therefore, we encourage you to consider this when packing lunchboxes please. This means that sweets or fizzy drinks are not allowed in lunchboxes.

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However, we understand that some not particularly healthy food is a nice treat for your child's birthday and so we are happy for you to send a cake or biscuit treat for their school/classmates if they would like. If sending cake, please make sure these are individually wrapped as school staff don't have the time to individually package these.

Our provider for school meals is Local Food Links; please order food through them via the link on our website. Please contact them directly if you have any problems ordering online.

Butterfly Class children (Reception to Y2) are entitled to Free School Meals, a fruit/veg snack during the day and milk (free until they are 5). If your child in any class would like milk at school please complete the milk form, available from the office. Kingfisher class can bring in their own fruit/veg snack from home to have during playtime.

Water fountains are available on the playground and children can also bring in their own **named** bottle of **water** that will be kept in the cloakroom lunch trolley that they can access throughout the day.

Attendance

We believe that good attendance is critical to your child achieving their very best at school. Whilst we appreciate that your child will occasionally be unwell and unable to come to school, we expect them to be in full attendance for the rest of the school year. With this in mind we are unable to allow time off school for holidays etc. Please find our full Attendance Policy on our school website for more details. If your child is unwell, please phone or email Mrs White in the office before 9.30am on the day your child is ill.

Uniform and Lost Property

We believe that the children should take pride in their appearance and always come to school looking smartly dressed in the correct uniform. All of the Cheselbourne uniform is available to buy via the link to uniform on our website. We may also be able to provide help to any families who need financial support buying their child's uniform, if this is the case, please speak to Mrs White.

PLEASE make sure that your child's uniform is **clearly named** and check this regularly as sometimes labels etc. can come out/wash off. Any lost property is kept in the cupboard in the office or box in the cloakroom. Please check this for any missing items in the first instance.

PE

Mr Dailey's role within DASP has changed for this year and he is now working with all 16 DASP schools rather than just the seven in the Puddletown Pyramid. Therefore, we won't be seeing Mr Dailey as much. However, we are really pleased to announce that Mr Steve Treble, who previously worked in one of the other Dorchester pyramids as part of the DASP PE team, will now be running the PE at Cheselbourne and will be in school every Friday afternoon. We will also continue to have Mr Voss from Premier Sports running sports on Wednesday afternoons.

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PE Kits -Please make sure your child has correct, named PE kit – blue t-shirt, navy blue or black shorts (tracksuit bottoms for when it's cold in winter) and trainers or plimsolls. Children must not wear jewellery for PE and should take off any earrings or other jewellery beforehand please. The whole school has PE on a Wednesday (not for Reception children on Wednesday) and Friday afternoons. Children need to bring kit in with them on these days to change into before the lesson.

Home Learning, Reading, Spellings and Times Tables

Our aim is to help your child achieve their full potential and be successful in school and we understand that your support at home forms a big part of this. Therefore, we would appreciate your support by reading regularly at home with your child and recording this in Reading Records, helping with Home Learning tasks, spellings and times tables. We will send out more specific information about all of these over the next couple of weeks as we begin to set them.

Throughout the year we will also be putting on some Parent Workshops and inviting grown-ups along to see what we do in school and offer ways to help you support your child and be an important part of their education journey. Dates for Autumn Term events will come out with next week's newsletter.

CSF

Our very supportive parent association the Cheselbourne School Friends (CSF) will be starting up again for this year this coming **Tuesday 10th Sep, 7pm at the Rivers Arms**. Please come along to meet other parents and find out ways in which you can support our school further.



Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low-income families can perform less well at school than their peers. The pupil premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates. Please speak to the school office if you think you could be eligible for this.

House points/Behaviour

At Cheselbourne we have four houses that the children are sorted into- Copper Beech / Willow / Sycamore/ Cherry. They stay in these houses for their time at Cheselbourne and will work as part of this team to earn points and rewards for their house. More information can be found on the website.

We have a traffic light behaviour system in school where all the children are 'good to be green' unless their behaviour falls below that which is expected. If this happens they will move to orange as a warning and class teachers will address this behaviour. If behaviour falls well below the expectation they will move to red and in this case, they may need to speak to Mrs See and parents will be informed. We're very lucky that we have few behaviour issues at Cheselbourne and so we are hopeful that this system will help maintain and acknowledge all our 'Good to be Green' children who will receive house points for staying on green.

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Bus Children

For those children travelling to and from school on the bus please make sure that bus books are filled in each day either to say they're on the bus, doing clubs or being picked up. If you don't write anything in the book we will assume they are on the bus and therefore will put them on the bus at the end of the day. Parents need to meet their child(ren) off the bus at their bus stop please.