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Friday 9th October 2020

Weekly Note from Mrs See...

Phonics and Early Reading Workshop - a very big thank you to Mrs Mowlam and the two parents that joined her for the workshop on Thursday. Information from this meeting will be put on our website and sent out to parents for children in Reception and Year 1 next week.

We've got a busy final week coming up with a number of events happening, please see below:

Farm Visit - Reception and Year are visiting the farm on the afternoon of Monday 12th October and Y2, 3 and 4 on the morning of Wednesday 14th Oct. Please see the letter from Mrs Collett for the details. We're very much looking forward to these trips.

Parent Meetings - We are holding our Teacher/Parent Meetings on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October and you should have been contacted with the time of your appointment. Please let us know if you've not heard anything. Thank you.

Harvest inc. donations - We unfortunately cannot invite parents to a Harvest assembly this year but we will be sharing with you via video what we get up to to celebrate Harvest this year, which will involve a visitor from Wessex Wild. We will still be accepting Food Bank donations which is incredibly important in current times of much financial hardship for many. We will have a collection point outside of the school for any donations of dried or canned food for all of next week. These will be stored in a COVID safe way before they are taken to the foodbank. Thank you.

Halloween Dress Up Day, Friday 16th October - Most of the children LOVE halloween and in lieu of not being able to hold one of our most popular events for the children, the annual Halloween Disco, this year we are inviting the children to come to school in 'fun' Halloween Dress Up on the last day of this half term. We will do some halloweeny themed activities in school including some party games and dancing in our PE slot with Mr Treble (PE kits will be sent home on Monday and *will not* be needed on Friday). For Halloween costumes we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children do not wear masks that might scare our



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younger children. Some of the scary masks you can buy are not suitable for children and will not be allowed to be worn. Thank you for your support with this. We look forward to a fun final day of half term.

Parent Governor Applications - Thank you to those parents who have applied for our Parent Governor roles- more information about this will follow next week.

Staffing - as most of you will know, Mrs Jacquie Mowlam from Butterfly Class left the school last November to have her baby, George and has been off on maternity leave since then. We are really looking forward to welcoming her back to the school at the beginning of December. She will be returning on a part time basis, three days a week (Wed-Fri). Miss Becky Taylor has done an amazing job covering Mrs Mowlam's maternity leave and we have been so lucky to have her on the team during what has been a very challenging time for the school. Miss Taylor is keen to pursue a new *full time* position and so unfortunately will not be staying on at Cheselbourne school once Mrs Mowlam returns. Shhh, don't tell her, but we will be sure to do something to celebrate Miss Taylor before she goes!

Following interviews held this week we are delighted to announce that Mrs Elizabeth Price will be joining the team as Butterfly Class Teacher for Mondays and Tuesdays in a job share with Mrs Mowlam. We are really looking forward to welcoming her to our school community and excited by the new ideas, skills and experience she will bring with her. After half term Mrs Mowlam and Miss Taylor will begin handover and Mrs Mowlam will be in school on some days as part of her transition back into school.



Flu Immunisation - the school will be hosting the annual NHS Flu Immunisations for all children after half term on Thursday 5th November. Please see the separate letter from the school nursing team about this. The immunisation programme is run by the school nurses and the school doesn't handle any of the administration of this process, so please read through the information carefully. Thank you.



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Celebration Awards for this week...

Well done to our superstar award winners this week:

Butterfly Class - Florence and Connor

Kingfisher Class - Evan and Gabriel

Lunchtime - Wilfred and Sophie

PE - Mr Dailey: Daniel J and Mackenzie

DASP Citizen - Amelia



Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event	Details
Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th October	Virtual Parent Meetings	This year our first scheduled Parent Meetings will need to take place virtually by video or by phone call. Details of how to book an appointment will come out separately.
Monday 12th October PM	Farm Visit: Reception and Year 1	Please see letter and Google Form from Mrs Collett
Wednesday 14th October AM	Farm Visit: Year 2, 3 and 4	
Wednesday 14th October PM	Children Only - Harvest Celebration Festival	We will still be accepting Food bank donations which is incredibly important in current times of much financial hardship for many. We will have a collection point outside of the school for any donations of dried or canned food. These will be stored in a COVID safe way before they are taken to the foodbank.
Friday 16th	Last day of first half of	Most of the children LOVE halloween and in lieu of not



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October	Autumn Term - Halloween Dress Up Day	<p><i>being able to hold our annual Halloween Disco this year, we are inviting the children to come to school in 'fun' Halloween Dress Up. We will do some halloweeny themed activities in school.</i></p> <p><i>For Halloween costumes we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children do not wear masks that might scare our younger children. Some of the scary masks you can buy are not suitable for children and will not be allowed to be worn.</i></p>
Monday 19th - Friday 30th October TWO WEEK HALF TERM		
Monday 2nd November	Children return for second half of Autumn Term	
Thursday 5th November	Whole School (not Pre-School) Flu Immunisations	<i>Details will follow.</i>
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day	<i>This occasion will be marked with a service at school.</i>
Monday 16th November	School Photos - individual and family groups	
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term	
Monday 21st - Friday 31st December CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
Monday 4th January 2021	All return to school for Spring Term	

2020-21 Term Dates



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AUTUMN TERM 2020

Tues 1st/Wed 2nd September - INSET DAY 1 & 2

Thursday 3rd September - Children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 3 and Year 4 return

Monday 7th September - Children in Year 1 and Year 2 return

AUTUMN HALF TERM - Monday 19th October - Friday 30th October (*Two Weeks*)

(Mon 19th/Tues 20th October - INSET DAYS 3 & 4)

Monday 2nd November - start of second half of Autumn Term

Friday 18th December - Last day of Autumn Term

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY- Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

SPRING TERM 2021

Monday 4th January - Children return for Spring Term 2021

(Friday 12th February - INSET DAY 5 (School closed for children))

SPRING HALF TERM - Monday 15th - Friday 19th February

Monday 22nd February - start of second half of Spring Term

Thursday 1st April - Last day of Spring Term

EASTER HOLIDAY- Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Monday 19th April - Children return for Summer Term 2021



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(Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday 2021)

SUMMER HALF TERM - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021

Monday 7th June - start of second half of Summer Term

Friday 23rd July - Last day of Summer Term

SUMMER HOLIDAYS



We nurture young, enquiring minds in a fun and caring way to inspire a lifetime love of learning.

Newsletters and Information - Please don't forget that all key information and copies of all letters are all put on the school website. www.cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk