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Friday 12th March 2021

Weekly Note from Mrs See...

Return to School - it has been so lovely to have all the children back in school this week. We expect there will be tired children (and staff) this weekend as it has been a long week getting back into the swing of things, but everyone has done really well. A huge thank you also to a group of our pre-school parents who have put together a collection which will be used to fund some new Early Years resources. We really appreciate the generous donation along with the lovely cakes for staff to enjoy in school! We're so lucky to have such supportive families with us.



STEM Week - Normally we would hold our STEM Fortnight in this half term as Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths is our key curriculum focus. This year we will just be holding a week of focus on STEM and as part of this will be focusing on the theme of Natural Science and Biodiversity on the week commencing Monday 22nd March. Mrs Price, our new Science coordinator, has organised the week which will include a range of different STEM activities, speakers and virtual visitors across the week. Usually our STEM fortnight would culminate in our annual STEM Fair, however due to current restrictions and the limited time we have in school this term we have a different plan. Please look out for more information coming at the start of next week about our STEM Biodiversity Bake Off!

We are also collecting 2 litre plastic bottles for this week (see note below) and on Thursday 25th March the children will need to bring in an empty, clean tin can for forest School. (Please make sure the can has no sharp edges, a ring pull one rather than a tin-opened one is best, thank you.)

Tree Planting - there has been a lot of tree planting activity around the village over the last couple of months and we have been invited to take part in some tree planting ourselves. Next week during our Outdoor Forest Learning session each class group will have the opportunity to



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learn about why trees are so important to our environment and plant some themselves. This will take place at some land owned by a school family who live up Streetway Lane. On that day children will be walked up to Rose Hill Lodge to take part in the session. The visit has been fully risk assessed and will not require a specific permission slip as it falls under our blanket permissions of a local visit. Please do speak to me if you have any questions. As usual on Forest School days, the children will need wellies, waterproofs and warm coats please. Thank you.

Hooke Court - we have an exciting update for Year 4 about Hooke Court. Please see the separate letter sent to parents of Year 4 children.

Parent Meetings - on Wednesday 24th March we will be holding parent meetings. Request forms via google forms will be sent out next week, please look out for this.

Preparation for Handover - there are only three weeks left of this half term and very sadly, my time at Cheselbourne. Myself and Mrs Chaffey, the incoming Acting Head, are beginning to work on our handover. I will be starting to reduce the emails to my personal headteacher account as part of helping to ensure a smooth handover of communication. Therefore please could future headteacher correspondence begin to be emailed to the office@cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk email rather than my own.

Teacher Emails - we are also aware that with all classes now having a job share for the teaching (inc Caterpillar Pre-School) it will be easier for us to track emails and make sure they get to the right people if they also go via the office email. So please could parents ensure that emails for staff now go via the office to be forwarded on to the right person. Thank you for your support with this. Just as a reminder that staff emails are not accessed during evenings, weekends and holidays as part of our supporting staff with their work life balance. Please be aware of this if you are awaiting a response, thank you.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and all our mums enjoy a nice Mother's Day on Sunday too!

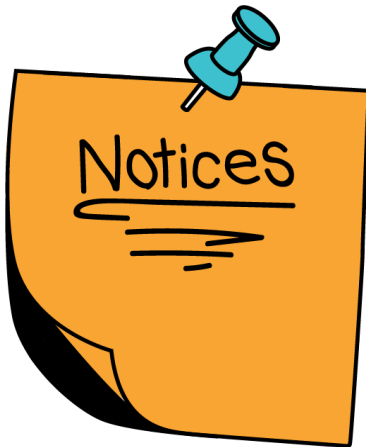
Yours Sincerely,



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Mrs See



2 Litre Plastic Bottles - Please could parents collect any 2 litre drinks bottles (like the one in the picture) that they may have at home for a project we have coming up this term. All bottles can be brought to school when the children return and will be placed in the gazebo to store for a few days until they are used. Thank you.



World Book Day 2021 Vouchers - these have come home with all children today, we had lots so I sent two each. They need to be redeemed by 28th March 2021

Book Changes - Mrs Mowlam was unfortunately unwell and so not in school today so book changes for Reception and Year 1 didn't take place. We will check and update books on Monday.



Don't forget: we are also registered with easyfundraising and given that it is likely that more shopping will happen online, each of your online purchases could help raise money for the school. Please go to the [easyfundraising website](https://www.easyfundraising.com) for more information. Thank you!



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Safeguarding Support

If you ever have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs See

Or in the absence of Mrs See speak to our deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs Collett.



Celebration Awards for this week...

Well done to our superstars this week:



Butterfly Class - Wilfred and Harry G

Kingfisher Class - Alicia and Emily

Lunchtime - Evan and Minnie

PE - Mr Crowe: Archie and Lars

DASP Citizen - EVERYBODY!

Dates for the diary...

Spring Term 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
Thursday 18th March	Forest School Tree Planting Visits	<i>We have been invited to plant some trees in Cheselbourne and will be doing this as part of our Outdoor Forest School learning. More details to follow.</i>
Wednesday 24th March	Virtual Parent Meetings	<i>Normally we would have a Parent Meeting in the first half of the Spring Term and so we would still like to offer these</i>



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		<i>which will also give us a chance to catch up following the remote learning and the children's return. Details of how to book an appointment will come out separately.</i>
Monday 22nd-26th March	STEM Week	<i>More details to follow.</i>
Thursday 1st March	Last Day of Spring Term	
Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 19th April	Children return for Summer Term	

2020-21 Term Dates

SPRING TERM 2 2021

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

(Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday 2021)

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



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Headteacher:
Mrs Mary See

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

Friday 23rd July - Last day of Summer Term

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

CHESELBOURNE RESPECTS
We treat people, our school and the environment the way we want to be treated.

CHESELBOURNE CHALLENGES
We try, try and try again to push our limits, because can't is not in our vocabulary.

CHESELBOURNE NURTURES
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