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Friday 2nd October 2020

Weekly Note from Mrs See...



Down on the Farm - we've had a great week continuing with our whole school theme of farming, with a particular focus this week on Tractors. The children arrived on Monday to two tractors outside the school. Huge thank you to Mrs Green and Mr Collett for bringing the tractors for us to learn about and to Mrs Collett for organising it all.



Phonics and Early Reading Workshop - Thursday 8th October - Next Thursday we are holding our first Parent Workshop of the year. The focus is Phonics and Early Reading and invites to join the workshop via Google Meet have been sent to parents with children who are at this stage in their learning.

Parent Meetings - We will be holding Parent Meetings on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th October. With the current restrictions in place we are unfortunately unable to hold these meetings face to face and so I have sent out with this letter a questionnaire for all parents to sign up for a time slot for either a phone call or virtual meeting on one of those days. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Donation - We are incredibly grateful to the Fox at Ansty who have chosen the school to be the beneficiary of their summer fundraising. The pub has raised £470 which we have decided to spend on developing a wildlife pond on the school site. Thank you very much to all at the Fox and those in the community who have supported their fundraising efforts. We look forward to developing our outside area and creating a new learning environment for the children.



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



Forest School Kit - NEW NOTE as the weather is getting cooler and damper, and because children are wearing forest school kit all day rather than changing, please can you send in waterproof trousers for your child. Even if it is not raining the children often kneel on damp ground when outside and so get wet and mucky. If you are unable to get waterproof trousers then please send in a second pair of trousers for children to change into after their session. Any problems, please let me know. Thank you for your support with this!

Parent Governor Vacancies - following the resignation of one of our parents governors and another parent governor (our Chair of Governors) changing to become a Co-Opted Governor, we now have a two vacancies for two new parent governors. We have a wonderfully supportive and committed team of governors who work together to help Mrs See with the strategic running of the school, so if you have the skills, interest and commitment to join the team and fulfil this rewarding role, then we would love to hear from you! Please see the letter sent last week, deadline for applications is next **Friday 9th October.**

Celebration Awards for this week...



Well done to our superstar award winners this week:

Butterfly Class - Libby and Sophie Kingfisher Class - Oscar, Emily and Jake Lunchtime - Daniel J and Florence PE - Mr Dailey: Harrison C Mr Treble: Lars DASP Citizen - Harry, Harrison C, Jacob and Mabli





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Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event	Details
Date Thursday 8th October	Virtual Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year One Parents	We are just waiting to confirm this date and details will follow as soon as we know. Thank you to all parents for Y1 and Reception who completed the survey!
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	Details to follow.
Wednesday 14th October AM	Farm Visit: Year 2, 3 and 4	
Wednesday 14th October PM	Children Only - Harvest Celebration Festival	We unfortunately cannot invite parents to our assembly this year but we will be sharing with you via video what we get up to. 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 October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term - Halloween Dress Up Day	Most of the children LOVE halloween and in lieu of not 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. For Halloween costumes we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children do not wear masks that might



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		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.		
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	Details will follow.		
Thursday 11th November	Remembrance Day	This occasion will be marked with a service at school.		
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			

<u>2020-21 Term Dates</u>

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



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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 **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 (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

