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Friday 25th September 2020

Weekly Note from Mrs See...

We enjoyed welcoming the official start to Autumn this week, this season often informs much of our teaching and learning across the school at this time of year. The change in weather has also shown that Autumn is here so please can parents make sure that children come into school with warm, waterproof coats to wear when they're outside.

We have had a new child join us in Reception, a warm welcome to Clayton and his family, we hope you enjoy your time with us at Cheselbourne.

Diary Dates - At the end of this letter (and all future newsletters) will be a copy of dates for the term. This is a much depleted list to normal as in the current circumstances many of our usual events cannot be held. We will endeavour to continue with as many things as we can in school and share these with you in different ways to how we normally would. Please see the details section of each event for the specific notices about it.

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 attached with this email for more details.

Visits to School - thank you to all parents for their support in not entering the school site; given the updates in government guidance and the need to remain vigilant of not spreading coronavirus we need to continue with this. Therefore our Parent Meetings for this term (date below) will take place by phone or video call. If you do need to make a face to face meeting with one of the team, we will make sure these follow social distancing rules and we are requesting that any non-regular visitors to the school wear a face covering when on the school site also. Thank you.



Help shape the future of childcare provision in Dorset - complete a short survey

Dorset Council has launched an online survey encouraging parents of children aged 0-14 (18 if they have SEND) to take a few moments to share their experience and circumstances of needing, finding and using childcare - [read the press release for more details](#). The survey

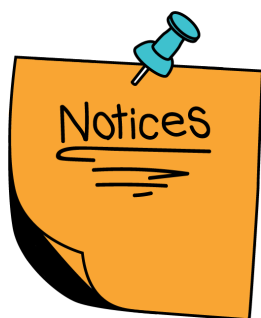


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takes less than 10 minutes to complete and we want to encourage as many responses from Dorset parents as possible. We really need to understand what parents and carers need, and what the challenges are, in terms of accessing early education and childcare provision and help shape future development of childcare in the area to make it flexible, sustainable and responsive to the needs of the community. There is also a chance to win one of two £25 Amazon vouchers as you will be entered into a prize draw if you submit a full survey response. (contact details will only be used for this purpose). The closing date is 11 October 2020



First aid - we have updated our first aid reporting system. All accidents requiring first aid need to be reported and recorded at school. To continue to reduce paperwork being sent home, we will send your child home with a wrist band with the details on any accident that required first aid treatment. If you require more information on this from the first aider that treated your child then please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Forest School Kit - please make sure children have a coat and waterproof trousers for wet weather. Some children need socks for their wellies please.

Celebration Awards for this week...

Well done to our superstar award winners this week:

Butterfly Class - Mabli and Daniel C
Kingfisher Class - Daniel J and Harrison
Lunchtime - Gabriel & Alexa





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Dates for the diary...

Autumn Term 2020

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>
Friday 25th September	DASP Music Lessons Begin	<i>Please speak to Mrs White or see the DASP Music website if you are interested in your child learning an instrument.</i>
Date TBC (Likely to be a Thursday afternoon before half term October)	Virtual Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year One Parents	<i>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!</i>
w/c Monday 12th October	Virtual Parent Meetings	<i>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.</i>
Wednesday 14th October	Children Only - Harvest Celebration Festival	<i>We unfortunately cannot invite parents to our assembly this year but we will be sharing with you via video what we get up to.</i> <i>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.</i>
Friday 16th October	Last day of first half of Autumn Term - Halloween Dress Up Day	<i>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.</i> <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</i>



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		<i>to be worn.</i>
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

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



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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

(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



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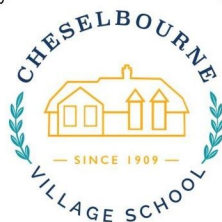


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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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.