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Dear Parents,

*The Countdown has begun! Only **6** weeks until the new Caterpillars Pre-School opens.*

**Our Official Opening is on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

*On Mon 16<sup>th</sup> October we are holding a Welcome Afternoon in school from 2pm. Come along and find out about the new pre-school.*

### **Celebration Assembly Awards**

Well done to this week's award winners who are; for Good work in class, Harrison, Rowan, Daniel, Evie and Kieran. The Teaching Assistant award goes to Daniel. The lunchtime Supervisors' awards to Summer and Bonnie.

### **Milton Abbas Street Fair Money.**

Further to last week's newsletter. I am told that the actual cheque received from the Milton Abbas Street Fair was actually £850 which is such a fantastic amount. This amount has already been 'earmarked' for a Reading Cottage in the playground. This will be such a lovely addition to our school and will house some of our reading books.

### **Mrs Mullet**

Well done to Mrs Mullet who has received an award from the Scouting Movement in recognition of her considerable contributions to Scouting. If there are any children who are interested in joining Cubs, Scouts or Beavers; please see Mrs Mullet for details.

### **Breakfast Club.**

We are very lucky to have our own Breakfast Club at school. Please see the attached letter for more information.

### **Home School Agreements.**

If you have not sent back Home School Agreements, please could these be sent in to school as soon as possible.

### **Pupil premium.**

If you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium support, please read the attached letter or contact Mrs White.

### **CSF meeting.**

The friends met last night and have already begun planning events for this school year. More information to follow.



## Data information Sheets.

Attached to this newsletter is the Data Information sheet outlining the information we hold for your child/children. Please could parents check this info and if necessary adjust – in particular could mobile numbers be checked to ensure they are ones which are monitored in case we need to contact parents rapidly.

**Please return the sheet even if all the details are correct.**

## School meals.

Universal Infant Free School Meals are provided for all children free of charge up to and including Year 2. Parents need to choose from the online menu and then 'book' meals in advance. The school receives funding so that we can provide these meals and then at the end of the year, according to a complicated formula we have to 'payback' money for meals not taken. The formula is generated from the number of meals being taken on the 5<sup>th</sup> October. Therefore, if parents could please be encouraged to book a meal specifically on the 5<sup>th</sup> October we will then have less money to payback.....#everylittlehelps!

## Coffee Mornings

Mrs Clarke has set the dates for this term's Coffee Mornings as follows. Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct from 10am (after the Literacy Workshop) and Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am. To include the 'Pop-up Uniform shop' Come along for Quality coffee, cakes and good company.

## The Governing Body.

Our Governing Body met for the first time this academic year on Wednesday evening. Our Governors are Mrs Barbara Southcott (Chair) Mrs Clabburn, Mrs Bendall, Mr Turner, Mr Thomas, Mr Maslin, Mrs Price and myself. Mrs White is our Clerk to the Governing Body. Please get to know our Governors; there was a super feeling of enthusiasm and positivity at this week's meeting!

## Swimathon A message from Miss McIntyre.

For the last two years Miss McIntyre, the children and parents from Cheselbourne have taken part in the Wareham Lions Swimathon. This is a really fun and rewarding activity that raises money for our school and for the Lions chosen charity, 75% to us, 25% to the Lions charity. This year's event will take place at the Purbeck Sports centre on Saturday 14th October 2017. It would be great to be able to take an even bigger team this year. If your child can swim one length with arm bands and the support of an adult swimming along side them they are welcome to take part. We also like to have lots of parents swimming as well, you only have to swim one length each in turn. So if there is a team of eight that is only every ninth turn. This is a really fun event with families coming along to support and then usually staying for lunch in the lovely cafe within the sports centre. If you wish to take part could you see Miss McIntyre as soon as possible so that she can get an idea of numbers to book the swimming lanes. Go on have a go, you won't believe how rewarding and how much fun it is. ( Just ask the children that have done it before.)

Kind regards,



Bob Duffin  
Headteacher

## Dates for this term



Thu 21st Sep Friends Meeting at 6.30pm. Venue – in school  
Wed 4th Oct Literacy Workshop. 8.45am-10am  
Sat 14th Oct Swimathon  
Thu 19th Oct Diwali Celebration in the Village Hall 2pm. Parent Consultations from 3.30pm  
Wed 1st Nov Kingfishers School trip  
Fri 3rd Nov Cheselbourne Pre School Grand Opening  
Fri 10th Nov Remembrance at 1050 in the church  
Wed 15th Nov Back to school for maths for parents 6pm  
Wed 13th Dec Christmas Event (more details to follow) 6pm

**INSET dates for the School Year 2017 - 2018**

There are 5 INSET (Staff Training) days when the school is closed for children and these are adjoining school holidays.  
INSET 1 Mon 4th Sep 2017 INSET 2 Tue 5th Sep 2017, INSET 3 Mon 30th Oct 2017, INSET 4 Fri 9th Feb 2018, INSET 5 Mon 4th Jun 2018.

**Term dates next year are as follows.**

Autumn Term 2017 Wed 6th Sep 2017 to Fri 15th Dec 2017 (Half term Mon 23rd-Fri 27th Oct 2017)  
Spring Term 2018 Tue 2nd Jan 2018 - Thu 29th Mar 2018 (Half term Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2018)  
Summer Term 2018 Mon 16th Apr 2018 - Wed 25th Jul 2018 (Half term Mon 28th May - Fri 1st Jun 2018)

