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Dear Parents

## ***The Caterpillars Pre-school is now OPEN!***

*Thank you to everyone who planned and prepared for this new addition to our school. Mrs See is the 'Manager' of our preschool. Miss McIntyre leads the day-to-day running, ably assisted by Miss Bagwell.*

*It was great to have Mrs Southcott here to officially open the preschool and 'cut the ribbon'.*

### **Open day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

We will be holding an Open Day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a chance for NEW parents to visit school, tour the classrooms and meet the staff and children. There will be more details in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, if there is anyone you know who may be interested in coming to our Open day please would you let them know.

### **Celebration Assembly Awards**

Well done to this week's award winners who are: for Good work in class, Emily, Jake, Digby and All the Kingfisher class. The Teaching Assistant award goes to Abbi. The lunchtime Supervisors' award to Oscar.

### **New website**

Our new website is now live! There are a few items still to do but I am sure parents will agree that this certainly brings our school up to date with a really intuitive and smooth new site. The site has been designed and built by Mr and Mrs Gregory. Dan and Casey have generously given their time and considerable skills and expertise for free, for the good of our school, children, parents and staff. I am immensely grateful to them for this and I know that the Governing Body has arranged a formal acknowledgement at our Maths event on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. More details below for this. The new site has also involved much technical work 'behind the scenes' and this aspect has been kindly paid for by the CSF. We hope that everyone enjoys using the new site and that the content is useful for both parents and children.

### **Maths –back to school – Wed 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 6pm**

We are inviting all parents and carers to come along to our Maths Workshop again this year. The staff have planned an evening of workshops and information sessions so that parents can see how we teach maths in school. The event is primarily pitched at input for parents though there will be a room set aside for staff to look after children if they come along too.

### **CSF MEETING- THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 6.30pm at School**

The CSF are having their half termly meeting to make plans for the school open day and upcoming Christmas activities. Please come along if you would like to be part of this friendly team and join in with helping in the upcoming events. **All welcome.**

### **Nothe Fort**

The Kingfisher class had a wonderful trip on Wednesday when they became Evacuees for the day and went to Nothe Fort. Thank you to parents for supporting this trip with costume for the day and to Miss McIntyre and Mrs See who were suitably attired too.



**Please could the Year 3s and Year4s wear the same costume all day on Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November for our Remembrance Service.** The volunteers at Nothe Fort made a point of remarking to me how good the behaviour of our children was together with their engagement, questions and love of learning. **They said that they were the best children ever to visit.** I think this is another example of how all parents and staff work so well together and always for the good our young learners.

**Remembrance Fri 10<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 10.50am at Cheselbourne Church**

(Kingfisher class in Evacuee costume please. All children should come to school at the normal time on this day.) We hope that lots of parents, families and villagers will be able to come to our Remembrance Service on this date. The children will be sharing their thoughts on this important theme and how it impacts our lives today. The Last Post and Reveille will be sounded at 11am and we will hold the traditional 2 minutes silence. **If there are any parents who could kindly assist with walking children to the church please could they see me or Mrs White.**

**Great Big Garden Clear up, THIS Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2pm-4pm**

We are going to have a big clear up in the school garden on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November (similar to the one in the Spring time). If there are parents who could give up some time to help then this would be greatly appreciated as the garden is becoming very overgrown. Please bring garden tools, brooms, wellies, old clothes, gloves and Land Rovers. Children are of course most welcome but please be responsible for your own child. Tea and biscuits will be provided. Please see Mrs Green for further details

**Staffing**

Welcome to Miss Gatrill who started this week as a full-time Teaching Assistant, principally in KS1 and Early Years and also to Mr Dominic Lawrence who will be working alongside Mr Lees-Smith in the Rec and Y1/2 classes for the next month. Mr Lawrence is a Student teacher from Plymouth University and will return to Cheselbourne for a second placement in April 2018.

**Swimathon – More good news!**

The children and parents have all received certificates noting their contribution to this event again this year and I am again most grateful to Miss McIntyre for organising this again. This week we found out that our school will also be awarded a shield 'For Endeavour' in recognition of the efforts of our small school. This will be presented on sat 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018 and if there are any children with parents who would like to accompany Miss McIntyre for this presentation, please let her know.

Kind regards,



Bob Duffin  
Headteacher

**Dates for this term**

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)

