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Dear Parents

Celebration Assembly Awards

Well done to this week's award winners who are - for Good work in class: George and Kieran, Hedgehog Spelling Awards to Joe, Bonnie, Gabriel and Rowan. Hedgehog Homework awards to Daniel, Joe, Digby, Gabriel and Bonnie. The Teaching Assistant award goes to Kieran and the lunchtime Supervisors' award to Kieran and Laila.

Staffing

Today we say a fond farewell to Mr Lees-Smith and wish him well in the next stage of his career as Year 3 Head of Year in Branksome. Ben was appointed to Cheselbourne in Oct 2016 and since then has worked tirelessly first in Year 2 and recently in charge of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I know that all the children, parents and staff will miss his enthusiasm and commitment to Cheselbourne. We all wish him well. Donations from parents and staff were combined and we presented him with vouchers this morning in assembly together with a card from all the children.

Teacher Interviews

Yesterday we welcomed three teachers to school who taught in the Hedgehog class and were then interviewed for the post of Classteacher. I am pleased to advise that we have appointed Mrs Jacquie Mowlam. Mrs Mowlam will commence teaching in the class from Mon 19th February 2018 – straight after half term.

Jurassic Fortnight (Mon 19th February - Fri 2nd March) A message from Mrs See

After half term Cheselbourne Village School will be taking a trip back in time to discover all things Jurassic. We are in the process of planning an exciting couple of weeks to coincide with our Mary Anning themed Theatre Visit in Week One and our Dippy the Dinosaur Museum trip in Week Two. Our plan is to conclude the fortnight creating our own 'hands-on' museum in school to share all our learning and exhibit our findings. This coincides nicely with the CSF Fairtrade Coffee morning (Fri 2nd Mar) in which the children will present some of their learning and then invite parents back to school to visit their museum (more details to follow). During the half term *if you happen to* visit any museums, heritage centres or exhibitions (particularly Jurassic themed ones) then please encourage children to really take in their surroundings so they can share these experiences when back in school. If you have any ideas or things you think would be good to bring into school during this fortnight, then please do speak to me when we return next term. Many thanks, Mrs See.

Earrings and Watches

Please would parents check that if children wear earrings, these should be the single stud type and children will need to remove these for PE. This is for Health and Safety reasons. **Watches.** I understand that there are now watches that can take pictures and record sound. Please could these type of watches be left at home. Ordinary watches (digital or with hands) are great because they reinforce learning to tell the time.



Fair Trade Fortnight - Coffee Morning 2nd March 9am-11am

This year's Fair Trade Fortnight runs from 26th February to the 11th March. Mrs Clarke has been very busy contacting firms and shops asking for fair trade goods to highlight this important initiative. We have received some wonderful fair trade goods and I am most grateful to Mrs Clarke for her considerable efforts to source these. The children will be sharing their dinosaur learning at the Coffee Morning and there will be an opportunity for parents to sample and buy some of the fair trade goodies we have received.


CSF Easter Bingo Fri 23rd March 2018 and Non-Uniform day Wed 21st March.

Grab your dobbers and come along to the Easter Bingo on **Friday 23rd March** 6pm for 'eyes down' at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. There will be a Non-Uniform day on Wed 21st March. Children may wear play clothes on that day in return for donations of Easter Bingo prizes – Easter eggs or Hamper items. Thank you in anticipation.

INSET Training Day

Tomorrow (Fri 9th Feb) is a Staff training day and then half term. I hope that everyone has a lovely break. We return to school on Mon 19th February. If children and parents are coming along to Dorchester Museum tomorrow, please see the note from Mrs See attached to this newsletter.

Kind regards,



Bob Duffin
Headteacher

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 this year are as follows.

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)

Diary dates for this term – Spring 2018

Fri 9th Feb - INSET day.

Mon 19th Feb - All back to school.

Wed 28th Feb - Whole School trip to see Dippy the Dinosaur in Dorchester.

Fri 2nd Mar – Fair Trade Coffee Morning

Thu 8th Mar - Kingfishers DASP Concert at St Osmunds at 6pm

Mon 19th Mar - Parent Consultations

Wed 21st March Non Uniform day

Fri 23rd March Easter Bingo 6 for 6.30pm

Thu 29th Mar at 2pm - Easter Service in the Church then break up for Easter Holidays.

Mon 16th Apr – All back for Summer Term.

