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Phase One Return – End of Week Two, 12.6.20

Dear Parents,

Latest Government Announcement

Following this week's announcement from the government that they are not planning to pursue their intention to open for all primary children before the summer, we have been consulting with Dorset Council to find out where we stand. We have been directed to await further guidance on this which we are expecting to receive from the government in the next few days. Once this has been released and the local authority have consulted on it, we will expect to hear more about how this will pan out for all schools. Following this, the governors and I will then meet and discuss if there are going to be any changes to how we are currently running at Cheselbourne and we will let you know about this in due course.

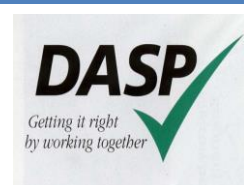
Preparing for Transition and Next Academic Year

We don't currently know the exact situation the school will be in in September 2020 but the hope and aim is that we will be running as we normally would and therefore our preparation for the new year will reflect this. However, our transition events normally held in the Summer Term will need to be different to reflect the need for social distancing and remote meeting.

Year 4 - will sadly be leaving us as at the end of this year to move to new schools for the next stage of their education. All Year 4 going to St Mary's should have now received a letter from St Mary's with details regarding their transition. Please let me know if you've not received anything. Mrs Collett and I are also beginning our side of the transition and holding virtual meetings to pass on all relevant information to their new teachers.

Having a Year 4 child at home myself, I have seen first-hand the sadness and anxiety that lockdown and school closure is placing on our children who are moving to new schools. The hope that things will return to normal so they can return to school to finish the year and their time at their First School, with the usual Year 4 events, has been fading as time has gone on. I really feel for all of you and for our Year 4 parents, some of you it being your last year with us too. Please be reassured though that we haven't given up hope of doing something to mark the end of Year 4s time with us. We have some ideas but are just waiting a bit longer to hear more from the government in terms of what we are allowed to do in larger gatherings before we make any definitive plans.

New Reception Starters - A letter will be coming home next week with details about preparation for our new children starting with us in Reception in September. We wanted to let you all know that CVS has a slight change in our anticipated staffing for Reception and KS1 in September. Mrs Mowlam had originally planned to return in September to be here to start the new school year, but she will now return at the beginning of December and take her full year's maternity allowance. This is so she can spend some more time with little George in more normal circumstances now that



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Lockdown is beginning to ease. We are absolutely delighted to let you know that Miss Taylor, who was due to leave us at the end of this academic year, is able to stay on with us into the new school year. I'm sure you'll all join me in thanking Miss Taylor for all her support for the school and for agreeing to stay to support a smooth transition into the next year. This will also enable Miss Taylor and Mrs Mowlam to have a thorough handover before December.

We hope you have a lovely weekend, see you next week.

Kind regards,

Mary See

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