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Dear Parents

### Savings Club

I know many of you are aware of the savings club organised by Mrs Watson but this is just a reminder. A number of children save regularly with Mrs Watson and then take out their money when they have saved up for something they really want. This is a super system getting children in the habit of both saving regularly and putting money aside for something they really want. They can withdraw the money whenever they wish. Ofsted thought this was first rate too. Children can start at any time and can put as much or as little in as they wish. The aim is to encourage the children to have good financial habits as they grow.



### Home Based Play Workers

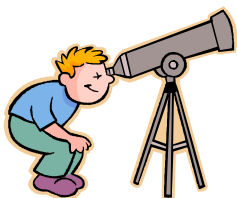
This is a new scheme to enable people to do 'child minding' in their own homes. CRB and first aid training will be provided and ALL training is provided by the local authority. I am not sure of all the details but, what I do know is that the scheme is only for children of school age, up to three hours each day. I have had this information from 'Extended Schools' staff but Lyn Beesley, who is running the scheme, will be contacting me shortly. It would be possible for me to organise a briefing session one afternoon in school if anyone is interested. Please let Sandy know.

### Science Sessions for children

Ewan Murgatroyd recently attended a DASP Science Family Fun Day at the Thomas Hardy School which he enjoyed tremendously. This day was organised by Mr M Januszewski from the Thomas Hardy School in partnership with Crest Ltd. Three more days have been organised:-

- St Mary's Puddletown on Saturday 16 January 2010
- Dorchester Middle on Saturday on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010
- St Osmund's Middle School Dorchester on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2010

During these days the host school will be offering an exciting range of science activities and all students will be given certificates for participating. All students who attend three of these events will be awarded Crest Investigator Awards -Star or Superstar - and possibly British Science Association awards in due course. Do contact us to find out more.



## Ann Donnelly is Leaving

As you know Ann is leaving at the end of November. Ann has supported the school in so many ways it is impossible to state them here. We would like to give her a good 'send off' with a tea party on Friday 11 December - following the carol concert. This will be your opportunity to say farewell to Ann and to have a cup of tea and a cake before taking your children home. We would love to see as many of you as possible and we know Ann will too.

## Children in Need

The children, with Mrs Smith and Mrs Watson, made Pudsey Bear biscuits today. We talked to the children about the charity and how maybe they could support it. As the note says, we did not ask for any donations, although some children did bring in money. This we will pass on. What we did suggest to the children is that you make your own donation as you feel fit. Enjoy the biscuits.



## Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Fayre, organised by the 'Friends' is on Saturday 5 December between 10.00 and 1.00pm. The children will be singing from 10.30, they do not need to wear school uniform and Mr Duffin hopes parents, visitors and villagers will join in. He is also hoping that Santa will be there!! Thank you, in advance, for supporting the 'Friends'. As you know, all the money they raise comes to us to support the children and the school. They provide so much for the school and we really are so very grateful.



## Toy Pushchair

Mrs Smith has asked if anyone has a toy pushchair that they do not need. If anyone has one which could be donated to the school we'd be very grateful.



## Car Seats

We have two car seats in perfect condition which have been given to the school. These are for younger children than we have in school. If anyone would like to have either of them for a small donation to the school, or you know of someone, please contact Sandy.



## Calendar

The 'Friends' have produced an absolutely brilliant calendar for 2010 using lots and lots of photos of the children. A copy is available for you to see in the entrance lobby. I'm not sure how much it costs but it would make a super present for grandparents - especially ones that are far away like myself.



Kind Regards

Ann Herridge



