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Dear Parents

Transfer day

The year four children all had a wonderful day at St Mary's and met their new teachers and classmates. The other children loved being a year higher for the day.

Police day out

Dorset police are having a 'Blue Light Day' on Sunday 13th July at Dorset Police Headquarters in Winfrith. It is from 10.00am to 4.00pm. I sent a small flyer home on Thursday but more information is available on their website at <http://www.dorset.police.uk/Default.aspx?page=2061>

Jam jars

Next week we are collecting clean, dry jam jars with lids. We have some beautiful glass paints and the children are going to paint the jars. We will then send them home for you to 'fill' for the School Fete!! Maybe you could be creative with the fillings - sweets, shells, biscuits, bath goodies - I'm sure you'll have some much better ideas - then send them back to be sold at the fete. Do make sure you keep 12 July free.

Music

Next year's music tuition is being arranged - booking letters will be available shortly. We have had a couple more children asking to take up guitar. If you want to have lessons please do contact Sandy in good time.

Tesco Vouchers

We received over 11,000 vouchers this year so a massive thank you to everyone who sent them in. Please also thank all your friends, neighbours and relatives. We have been able to get two hand held camcorders for the children to use. We got two with the last lot of vouchers. We can still bank any more vouchers so if you have any down the sofa or 'safely' put away do send them in - we can spend them next year.

Dorset Book Award

Mrs Price and Mrs Chaffey organised a Dorset Libraries competition where the children and staff chose their favourite books. Our school had the greatest number of participants for the number of pupils and we won the competition. Well done to Mrs Price and Mrs Chaffey - the

prize was £130 worth of books. I know they will love choosing them and the children will love reading them.

Whole school outing

This year our whole school outing will be to Swanage and Corfe Castle. We are going on a coach then transferring to the steam train and then having a great day at Corfe. 'Cheselbourne School Friends' fund the whole day, so a big thank you to them for all their hard work. A letter will follow and we still need a signed permission slip to go!

Reading Challenge

Christine Snape from Dorchester Library will be visiting the school on 7 July to launch the Dorset Reading Challenge for 2008. Lots of our children have participated in this challenge in the past. It gives them a focus for reading throughout the holidays as well as enjoyment.

Art

On 1 July, as part of our art enrichment, we are having a sculptor in for the day to work with the children on wire sculptures. It sounds as if it is going to be brilliant but maybe older clothes would be better than your school uniform.

The children have had a fantastic three weeks with Laura from the Cheselbourne Gardening Club and this week made 'shoe box' gardens. A big thank you to Laura for all her hard work. Do try and visit their fete and see our children's creative work - and their beans!

Reports

These are not completely ready to go out today, as we said on the website, but they will be with you shortly.

Leavers service

This will take place on Thursday 17 July at 1.30pm in the village hall. We hope you can join us to wish our leavers success at their next school.

Have a great weekend

Kind regards

Ann Herridge

