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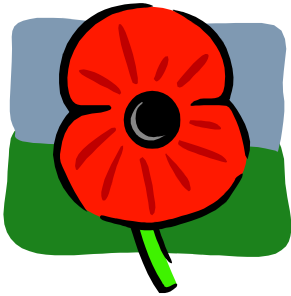
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Dear Parents

Remembrance Service



All of the children have been learning about the symbolism of the poppy. Various activities have been undertaken by the children to help make this more relevant such as making poppy wreaths, writing group and individual poems, and 'dressing up' to 'get the feel' of the time.

We will be gathering with parents, grandparents and villagers to remember those that fought, were injured and died in all wars. We will assemble in the village hall on Friday 13 November at 1.30. We hope you will be able to join us.

Eco-Schools

As you are aware, last year as well as attaining Rights Respecting Schools status, we also became an Eco School with a silver award. Last year three of our pupils gave a presentation at Kingston Maurward showing others what we had done to achieve the award. We were asked to give another presentation to all nineteen DASP schools at the Thomas Hardy School. Josie, Rebecca and Ewan gave a superb presentation. I was so proud of them.



Pupil Voice

As you know we have a School Council who meet every week to 'lobby' for things and practices they would like in school. This week they have decided they would like a modelling club at lunch time which they are going to run and a quiet area for those that don't want to join in the 'rough and tumble' of playtime. Year four children also represent our school at the termly Pupil Voice sessions in St. Mary's Middle School and the yearly session at a location in Dorchester.

The next level - mega high - is one pupil from each of year 4, 6, 8, 11 and 13 throughout the partnership discussing with Dorset County Council re their ideas for children in the Dorchester area and to bring to the attention of the council things that they are not happy with. This year the one year four child from all 13 first schools is Ewan Murgatroyd. What a responsibility, representing hundreds of children in all of our DASP first schools.

Well done Ewan.



Harvest Festival

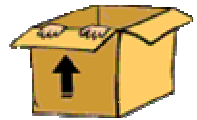
Thank you to everyone that sent in 'goodies' for us to donate to the Salvation Army in Dorchester. There is still time for you to send in any more goods if you wish. Janie and Eileen will be coming on Wednesday. Thanks again for your generosity. The Salvation Army will be very grateful for every single thing.

PE Kit

A plea from Mr Duffin. Children are not having in school a complete PE kit and a change of shoes. Please send them in and leave them in school until the end of term. Everything must be clearly named.

Tesco's - Oscar and Emily

Cheselbourne were chosen by Tesco's in Dorchester with four other schools to be presented with a box of 'goodies'. Oscar and Emily represented the school and received the box from Oliver Letwin. We had a special assembly for them to open the box and see what was inside. Footballs (always a favourite), skipping ropes, eggs and spoons for races and a 'bee bop' - a programmable toy - in the shape of a car. Emily and Oscar were super and their photo will be in the local paper next week.



'Bus Parents'

Please let us know as early as possible if your child is not going home on the bus to ensure Yvonne can get them on the bus smartly and home in time.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

By law, we must inform you that information on the Child Protection and Safeguarding policy, a statutory local authority policy, is in our prospectus and can be viewed in the office by speaking to Mrs Herridge.

Kitchen in the Village Hall

I do hope you all had a chance to see the new kitchen installed by Dorset County Council in the village hall. I think it looks super. It was expensive but the committee will be able to build on what is there as DCC ensured the cupboard frame's were a 'standard' size and the best quality. A microwave and hotplate are still to come. It is great that the school, through DCC, were able to make this contribution towards the refurbishment of the village hall.



Kind Regards

Ann Herridge



