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Dear Parents

Everyone has returned to school looking good and raring to go. Everyone has settled in beautifully and a big Cheselbourne welcome to all our new children.

Curriculum

You received, on Friday, a curriculum web informing you of what we are teaching each class this term. Hopefully this will help you to be aware of what we are doing so that you can support your child.

Afternoon club

We are now running an afternoon club called Caterpillars for the children in our reception year group. Also, we have started a weekly (possibly bi-weekly) club for the children who begin school in September 2008. The club started today, but will be held on Thursdays from 27th September. There will be a charge of £3 per afternoon session. Do let parents in the Hilton, Ansty and Melcombe Bingham area know that this is happening so that they can join us too. We hope this will help to make the children more familiar with the school, the people in it and, even more eager to start. Our Tuesday morning Scarecrows Club, will still happen where parents/carers and their little and very little ones can join with Mrs Price.

Last day for registration for reception 2007

Please make sure that anyone who wants to be sure of a place in Cheselbourne School for September 2008 knows to register by 23rd November 2007. Mrs White will provide you with the forms necessary.

New Reading Record Books and Reading Workshop

In your child's reading folder is a new reading record. You will see lots of new parts in it. There is a page 'Eager Readers' for you to write the titles and dates of books your child reads at home, possibly ones they have got from the library. If all ten places are completed your child will receive a certificate from us. Books completed at school will be recorded in the 'crowns' with a bronze, silver or gold certificate being awarded as each chart is completed. Do write in these books when you hear your child read and put in a comment if you wish. Group reading will be done in school where your child will be involved in developing higher order reading skills. You will also find, in the book, some helpful ideas to support reading with your child and a list of our homework programme.

Next Friday, 21st September, we will be having a reading workshop. We will be sharing some of our strategies for encouraging reading and informing you of some web sites that may also help the positive process. We will begin at 1pm with a session for our reception parents and continue at 1.30pm for all other years. Reception parents are also welcome to stay as the rest of the afternoon will hopefully prepare you for what is coming!

PE kit

All the children had their PE kit in school – THANK YOU. Can I ask that it remains in school until half term so that the children are correctly dressed for every PE session?

Football, tennis

Thank you to everyone who paid 'up front' for the football lessons. We are really sorry they did not begin last Wednesday (12th). Sandy, has returned the extra week's money to everyone. Tennis began on Friday last and football will begin this Wednesday (19th). Some children from Milborne may be joining our children for football on Wednesdays. We look forward to them being with us.

Mrs Freeman has organized for the 'Action Van' to visit every Tuesday 3.15pm to 4.15pm beginning after half term. The "Van" has teachers who run sessions on rugby, hockey, basketball and other sports. More information will follow but this club is also open to any child in the community. Our sessions will begin with hockey after half term.

Music lessons

A new guitar teacher started on Monday. Our lessons were so exciting. Recorder, clarinet and keyboard are also continuing really well and there is still time for your child to join if they wish. Drums are being organised and there is space for one child for 15mins if anyone else wanted to start. As we are fortunate to have a full set of drums in school this is a major benefit.

Website

Do have a look on our website. It has changed considerably and has lots of links for the children (their work in school) and for you as parents. Mr Duffin is really keen and has been updating it almost daily!!

This week Mrs White will send out a list of many of the dates for the year. I hope this will help you to organise your time especially celebrations we are having in school. It may not be all of them but it will be most. Bob will put these on the website.

Do keep in touch with us all if you have any concerns over your child. A quick comment in the morning or make an appointment if you need more time.

Book People – in the entrance lobby

We have a display of super books in the entrance lobby. Do feel free to pop in and have a look. This time books include a set of Michael Murpogo (an excellent children's author), a set of audio books (original cost - £129.00, £22 to you!), Delia Smith, children's cookbook, fairy books, etc. The prices are very, very good, excellent for Christmas or birthday presents - but they are only here until 21st September. **Do mention these to villagers too** – we get commission on the books but usually we take books for our children.

Messages from staff

- Don't forget the savings club – this is such a good way to introduce your children to having good money sense – OFSTED thought this was absolutely brilliant – Mrs Watson will collect your child's money and they can watch it grow
- Please name ALL uniform – even just writing on the label - PLEASE

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our harvest festival celebration this year in the village hall on Friday 19th October at 1.30pm. Do feel free to ask grandparents and villagers if they would like to join us, especially any older citizens. Along with the 'harvest' songs, the years 3 and 4 will share some World War II songs for everyone to join in with. We will be collecting, from now on, any non-perishable goods, to make up 'Harvest Presents' for our older villagers. Do please give generously.

As always, do come and talk to us if you have any concerns about your child in school. After school is better than before and an appointment if you need longer. Do talk sooner rather than later, smaller issues are much easier to manage.

Kind regards

Ann Herridge

