

Friday 8 September 2017 Newsletter



Welcome Back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to enjoy some sunshine.

It has been such a pleasure to see all the children arrive back at school looking so smart and with such enthusiasm for their learning. We enjoyed saying hello to so many of you on the first morning too. It is amazing how quickly we all settle back in to routines and expectations – there has been some amazing learning this week!

Mrs Matthews and Mrs Frampton

This week's challenge....

This week in assemblies the children were challenged to use kind words and to behave in a way that our new Reception and Goslings children could copy next week. They've done a great job at this. We hope they can continue this over the weekend too!

Home School Books

Your child has been given their new home school book this week. Please have a look at the information contained within. In particular, please read and sign the *Home School Agreement* and the *Internet Acceptable Use Policy*.

Thank you

Penalty Notices

We have been asked to pass on some information to you from the Dorset Attendance Team.

Since April, the number of penalty notices issued for unauthorised leave of absence (holiday) is 559 and we have also issued 71 penalty notices for poor attendance (unauthorised absence).

In recent months we have been contacted by a number of parents who have asked to pay the penalty notices by instalments and, depending on their circumstances, we have agreed in some cases.

I am now writing to ask if you could inform parents that, from September 2017, we will no longer be able to agree to payment by instalments. Therefore, any penalty notices issued by us from the start of this school year must be paid in full by parents.

It is important that parents are aware of this fact and I would be grateful if you could inform parents of this.

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Parking

Unfortunately we have already received complaints from local residents that parents have parked over driveways meaning that residents have been unable to access their homes.

Please be considerate of our neighbours and park carefully and safely.

Where possible, we would encourage you to walk to school. If this is not possible, please obey all road markings and drop curbs and allow our neighbours access to their properties.

Thank you for your cooperation.

New Reception and Gosling Children

We are excited to welcome our new children next week to their allocated sessions. We hope you found your home visits useful this week. If you have any questions or concerns at any time while your child is settling in to school, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher.

Y4 Swimming



This half term Year 4 will be swimming at the 2Riversmeet Leisure Centre. Swimming will commence on 18th September and will be £2 per 30 minute session. Further details and permission slips will be sent home shortly.

Safety on site



Please may we ask parents to remind your children that they must not be riding their bikes and scooters inside the school grounds. This includes toddlers. This is for everyone's safety.

Thank you.

Access for Grange Children

As last year, if a Grange child needs access to the Somersetford site to collect a sibling, they need a Grange sticker in their contact book to authorise this. They can collect a sticker from the main office if you write a letter authorising this access. No access will be granted to the site without this.

Thank you for your understanding.

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Nut free school

Please may we remind you that we are a nut free school. Some children have brought in crepes and pastries containing a chocolate spread this week. This spread contains hazelnuts. Please look at the ingredients if you are not sure.

Uniform

The children look very smart in their new uniforms but already there are items of UNNAMED lost property on the rails. We do try to return lost items to their owners as soon as possible but that is impossible if items are not named. Please ensure every item has your child's full name. Thank you.

Parent nominated Somerset Stars



This week we are celebrating the following children

- ◆ Louise in 4SC for having a fantastic first week in Year 4. Mummy and daddy are very proud of you.
- ◆ Harry in 5DC for raising £18.82 for the Macmillan unit in Christchurch.

Well done to all our stars!



KS Library Volunteers

We are still looking for volunteers to help in our KS2 Library. If you have a morning or an afternoon that you could spare and you would be interested in helping, please leave your name and contact number with Miss Miles and Mrs Hudson will be in touch.

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News from our community

Citizens Advice Christchurch

For Advice and Information about Debt, Benefits, Employment, Housing, Relationship Breakdown and many other issues, you make an appointment to see the Citizens Advice Advisor at either Somerford or West Christchurch Children's Centre's by phoning 01202 221338.

Messy Church

The September Messy Church at High Cross Amethyst Road Somerford takes place on Thursday 21st September from 3.30pm. Still only £1 for each child for a fun craft session, short service followed by a hot meal. Children up to about 10 years old together with a parent or other carer are welcomed.

Dates for the rest of the term are 19th October, 16th November and 14th December.

MacMillan Unit

The MacMillan Unit at Christchurch Hospital has a small charity stall at The Emporium at Christchurch (old Mostyns Factory shop) and are desperate for some good quality bric-a-brac to sell on their stall.

We have plenty of clothes, books and CDs/DVDs and we cannot take electrical items. We do lack good quality objects eg ornaments, vases, jewellery, kitchenware, especially anything bling!

If you have any lovely objects you can bear to part with please either take direct to The Emporium, clearly labelled for our stall, MacMillan Unit, or drop off at the MacMillan Unit, Christchurch Hospital, any weekday 8-5pm for the attention of Anita Rigler 01202 705353. You can park free of charge in the turning circle by CAR PARK B/Day Centre if dropping off bags or boxes.

Brownies

Are you 7 or soon going to be?

Are you interested in fun, friendship, lots of laughs, games, crafts and outings?
3rd Christchurch Brownies meet at St Joseph's Parish Church Hall Purewell on Thursdays
4.30-6.30pm.

Contact Annette.bowden@btinternet.com for more information

The next newsletter will be on Friday 22nd September 2017.

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