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NEWSLETTER 7

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Dates for the Diary

Staff training days (school closed) – Friday 13th November, Friday 12th February & Friday 18th June

Parent consultations – week beginning 19th October

October Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 26th October

End of Autumn Term- Friday 18th December

Start of Spring Term- Monday 4th January

Spring Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 15th February

Class Photos- Friday 5th March 2021

End of Spring Term- Thursday 1st April

Start of Summer Term- Monday 19th April

May Day Holiday- Monday 3rd May

Summer Half Term Holiday- w/c Monday 31st May

End of Summer Term- Friday 23 July

Hello everyone,

With only a week left until half-term I would like to say a huge well done to all our children for how hard they are trying with their learning. Mrs Butler, Mrs Shale and I have met with the teachers this week to discuss the progress the children have been making now they are settled in to the school year. There has been lots of fantastic learning so far that the teachers look forward to talking with you about next week. I hope the parent consultations go well with the new system in place.

Parent/ Teacher Consultations

Consultations will be taking place next week by video link. If you have not already made your appointment please do so by going to <https://mudfordinf.schoolcloud.co.uk> and filling in the required details. Please note that you must book your appointment before 4.00pm Monday 19th October.

Remote learning

If a class group has to self-isolate, or the school has to close during term time, we will provide learning tasks for your child to complete at home. So that we can make this as easy as we can for parents to access, we are busy getting to grips with Google classrooms as well as making sure we have a whole range of educational online resources to access. Rest assured that we will try and work with you every step of the way in the first few days and please bear in mind that this will be new for all of us.

Christmas Cards

This week your child will be bringing home their Christmas card design and order form. If you would like to place an order please return everything to school, in the envelope provided, before Friday 23rd October (before the half term holiday). Please make sure you fill in all your child's details correctly on the order form and also your details along with a telephone number.

Harvest Celebration

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed towards the Harvest celebration collection. You have been very generous and the food will be collected on Monday by Christchurch Foodbank to help those families in need.

Starting School in Reception 2021

If you have a child due to start school for the first time in September 2021 you should now apply for a school place. Please submit your application on line by going to <https://bcp.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>



Year 1 Parents

This year we are trialling the use of Tapestry in our Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Whilst we are developing how this will look, we have temporarily de-activated your parent accounts. We are hoping to reactivate them in the Spring Term, however should we decide not to do this the PDF links that parents normally receive at the end of Reception will be e-mailed out to you so you can download your child's Reception Learning Journal. Thank you for your patience at this time and

should you have any questions please e-mail Mrs Butler at the school office e-mail address. Many thanks.

Year R Parents

There are currently reforms taking place to the curriculum for children in Reception. This year we are classed as an 'Early Adopter School' as we have opted to adopt the new curriculum this year (one year ahead of when it becomes statutory). We are required to make you aware of the following exemptions that will apply to us as a school:

- As a requirement of participation in the EYFS reforms early adopter scheme, we are following in full the EYFS reforms early adopter framework (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-adopter-schools-eyfs-framework>).
- We are still able to disapply specific requirements of the revised EYFS in line with other non-early adopter schools in the event of legislative prohibitions, restrictions or requirements being applied as a result of coronavirus where it is not 'reasonably practicable' for those schools to comply with those requirements. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2/early-years-foundation-stage-coronavirus-disapplications>)
- The safeguarding and welfare requirements of the 2017 EYFS will continue to apply and have been included in the EYFS reforms Early Adopter framework.
- At the end of academic year 2020/21 we are required to complete the EYFS Profile as set out in the EYFS reforms early adopter framework for all children in reception in school. We are still required to submit this data to your local authority.

The provision in the classroom will not change and the curriculum requirements will be built in to our already existing exciting projects for each half term. Should you have any questions regarding this then please contact Mrs Butler at the school office e-mail address.

Best wishes

Mr Pope

COVID-19 guidance for parents

Just a reminder that children must not attend if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

<http://www.mudfordinf.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/What-if-my-Child-is-ill-160920.pdf>