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" Love each other as I have loved you." John 15 verse 12

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a look at what is happening in school next week:

Monday 6 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Willow and Oak Classes Apple and Chestnut Classes "Meet the teacher" meetings after school
Tuesday 7 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Chestnut & Birch Classes London Plane and Oak Classes "Meet the teacher" meetings after school
Wednesday 8 th September	Apple Class children to be dressed for "Forest School Activities" (see separate letter for details) Piano lessons for named children Birch Class on local walk am (see separate letter for details) Willow and Birch "Meet the teacher" meetings after school
Thursday 9 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Chestnut, Willow & London Plane Classes
Friday 10 th September	PE kits being worn by children in Apple, Oak, Birch and London Plane Classes



Welcome Back! It was an absolute delight to hear the school filled with excited voices and happy smiles once again this week. The children enjoyed catching up with their "old teachers" first thing yesterday and having the opportunity to share their holiday news before being warmly greeted by their "new teachers". Thank you to you all for your support re. returning to school ie keeping to the school timings, not sending your children in with book bags etc - just with what they need e.g lunch boxes, water bottles.



A Warm Welcome We extend a warm welcome to the new additions to our Chidham School Team! I am delighted to introduce you to our new teaching staff.: Mrs Stephanie Clark is job sharing with Mrs Seton in Birch Class. Mrs Hannah MacDonald is a Teaching assistant working in London Plane and Birch Classes throughout the week and Miss Beth Knight is an additional Teaching Assistant in Cherry Class. With Mrs Farquhar off unwell we are pleased to welcome Mr Elliot Porcas who will be teaching those in Oak Class until the half term break.

And the children in London Plane Class enjoyed meeting Carmen-Jayne. We look forward to getting to know her. We hope her family soon feel very much part of our school community.



Congratulations! The sun shone and Dawn in the school office just sparkled on her wedding day in August - there were huge smiles all round. It is my pleasure to introduce Mrs Hawthorne to you all!

MEET THE TEACHER

Meet the Teacher The "Meet the teacher" meetings will take place at the end of the school day (any children will be looked after on the field if dry or in another class if not!) and will finish by 4pm. The teachers will use the time to introduce themselves, explain how a school day looks, their expectations and routines, specific plans for the year ahead etc.

The meetings will take place on:

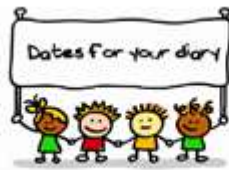
Monday 6th September: Apple and Chestnut Classes

Tuesday 7th September: London Plane and Oak Classes

Wednesday 8th September: Willow and Birch Classes

(We did our best to ensure siblings classes were not on the same day - appreciate it may not work out for all of you and you will have to decide which to attend - apologies)

In the first instance please collect your children at the end of the day as normal and then once all the children have filed out through the green gate you may join the teacher in their class. All school aged children will be cared for by members of staff on the school field.



Dates These are the dates we have in our diary for the rest of the term that you may appreciate advance knowledge of. We are mindful that DfE advice may change and where we think we can invite you into school for events, we may find we can't. But this is our plan A!

- Friday 24th September Macmilan Coffee Morning : children to come with a cake and bring a donation for the charity
- Wednesday 13th October School Harvest Service: children to come with harvest gifts for us to give to a local food bank
- Thursday 14th October YR parents in at 2.45pm for their child to show them their new class
- Tuesday 19th October, Wednesday 20th October & Thursday 21st October Y1-Y6 parent consultations from 3.30-5.30pm each day
- Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October YR meetings with parents & carers through the day
- Friday 22nd October: INSET Day
- w/b 25th October Half Term
- Monday 1st November: INSET Day
- Tuesday 9th November Yellow Photograph - they will take individual & sibling photographs
- Wednesday 17th November NHS flu vaccinations for all children
- Tuesday 7th December Oak & Willow Class Christmas presentation pm
- Wednesday 8th December Apple Class nativity play pm
- Thursday 9th December Cherry Class nativity play pm
- Monday 13th December Birch & London Plane Christmas concert at St Mary's Church at 2pm
- Sunday 19th December Chestnut Class participating in the Christmas service at St Mary's Church at 6pm



Topics In amongst a few "settling in days" the children have been slowly introduced to their new exciting class topics. The class topic letters with topic information & homeworks tasks are being sent out via Parentmail, these include the weekly spellings!



Spellings To enable the children to meet their end of year writing objectives at the end of the academic year we are continuing to teach spelling in school in a way to help the children have an improved ability/knowledge/understanding of words.

There are lots of different ways to teach children to spell, and we recognise the problems of giving children a list of words every week for a spelling test. There are few things more frustrating when the children get 10/10 in the test each week, but can't replicate that in their written work or generalise words from a spelling pattern they've learnt:

Teacher: You've spelled 'wall' wrong.

Child: We haven't done that spelling yet.

Teacher: No, but you can spell 'ball', 'call' and 'small'.

Child: Yes, but we haven't done 'wall' yet.

As a school we follow the Shakespeare and More Spelling Scheme (link can be found here: <http://www.shakespeareandmore.com/>) as it matches our teaching of spelling philosophy and it is a scheme that sits well within the National Curriculum. There are 32 lists of words for children to learn. The lists get progressively more challenging, matching the year-on-year content of the National Curriculum. (The demands of different year groups are drawn from the 2014 National Curriculum.)

Lists 1-6- Year 1

Lists 7-12- Year 2

Lists 13-18- Year 3

Lists 19-24- Year 4

Lists 24-32- Years 5 & 6

Across each year group, the word lists contain a mixture of new words and words previously learnt earlier in the scheme. This should give children the opportunity to revise words they know already, ensuring they don't simply learn them for the test and then forget them.

In practice this means your child will come home on Mondays (after a spelling input in class) with words to learn for a test on Friday. The following Monday another small group of words will be given and on that Friday the children are tested on this & the previous week's words. By half term the children will be tested on all they have learnt and the process begins again after the half term break.

This over learning method supports the embedding of letter strings words and hopefully better retention.



Skip We had hoped for our building works to have been completed before the start of term. (We are having an extension added to the main building but due to a national shortage of glass it cannot be completed just yet!) The builders have had access via the "Cherry gate" hence the skip on that side of the playground. It was meant to have gone by Thursday....I have been promised it will have disappeared by Monday and then those in Apple & Cherry Classes can use their entrance to come in and out of school.

Today the builders have blocked off the double gate - please be mindful of that re pick up at the end of the day today - there is less space on the playground for you all I'm afraid.



Breaktime Snacks If your child wishes to have a mid-morning snack (which they can eat during morning break time) please send them in with fruit or vegetables cut up ready to eat in a food bag or named container if needs be. The children in KS1 i.e Cherry (YR), Apple (Y1) and Chestnut (Y2) Classes will be provided with a daily healthy snack as part of a government initiative.



Water Bottles Please ensure your child's name stays on the bottle and is brought into school daily. If they forget, please do not worry as your child can have access to water in their classrooms. Please can I remind you that the bottles for classroom use are for water **not** squash. As a school with "healthy school status" we cannot endorse and encourage other drinks in the classroom.



Naming things Please do check that all your child's belongings and clothes are clearly named. One sweatshirt looks very much like another and sometimes children can have the same packed lunch box etc.



P.E Kit PE lessons begin again as of next week. w/b 14th . As I explained last term we will continue the practise of children wearing their PE kits to school on their PE days. These will be highlighted on the Friday Flyer (the day doesn't change). In addition to wearing their school PE kit on these days please ensure any long hair is tied up and earrings are either taken out or taped up to comply with PE health & safety regulations.



Parking Just a reminder to say, if driving your child/ren to school please do use the village hall or the Bosham Inn car park if you can. This leaves Chidham Lane less congested and your act of kindness will be much appreciated by our neighbours.



Please adhere to the Highway Code and not park on the yellow zog zag lines



Messy Church I received in the holidays an email from Emma Vigor who is starting a new Messy Church in Chidham, alongside Fr Andrew of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. Please read the email below and read the poster attached to this parentmail.

Hi,

I am starting a new Messy Church in Chidham, alongside Fr Andrew of St Mary's and St Wilfrid's. We are hoping to help build connections with families and individuals from the local community.

Please may you advertise the monthly group to your students and families?

There will be no charge (donations accepted for the running of each session) and we will be providing healthy snacks and drinks for everyone to enjoy.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you in advance,

Emma Vigor



COVID-19 Safety If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please remember to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please note the updated advice from the DfE should you become unwell with COVID but your child appears not to:

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test and if the outcome is negative the child can attend school

The DfE are clearly wishing to keep schools open and children in school. The advice about possible "bubble closures" has this term changed ie a class would only be sent home now if:

- 10% of children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period (for example 3 children/staff in a class of 30 would meet the threshold), or
- 5 children, pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely (for example in a sports team), test positive* for Covid-19 within a 10-day period

Paul Wagstaff the WSCC Director of Education & Skills has asked that we send the updated NHS information to you all. Please see the attached leaflet

...and with thoughts of a new school year beginning:

