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Dear Parents,

What a great start!

The school has got off to a great start again this term. All have settled in well and we look forward to continued success. Special mention needs to be made of the following:

- Our new YR children have settled so well into the routines at Curdridge that it seems like they have been here for a lot longer than a month! Well done to them all.
- The Ceilidh Club performed 3 dances at the church fete on Saturday 23rd September. We received some lovely comments from the local community about how well they performed and them being a credit to the school! Well done all – I also thought you were amazing!
- Well done to class 3 who were excellent ambassadors for CPS during their visit to Manor Farm. It's just a pity that the cows were not so well behaved...

Staff news

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Helen Chambers is leaving at half term. Mrs Chambers has been a real asset to the school in leading the improvements in Early Years during her 2 years here. I am sure you would want to join me in wishing Mrs Chambers all the very best in her plans for the future.

So what does this mean? This obviously means a change in staffing in class 1 after the half term break and I am delighted to announce that Mrs Sophie Pennington will be joining the Early Years team having just completed the maternity cover in class 4. Mrs Pennington is an established member of staff who knows the children and school well; she is very much looking forward to adding the Early Years role to her SENDCo role.

With a new team in place there will be some changes to the organisation to the week for class 1. Mrs Pennington along with Mrs Grocott will each teach 2.5 days per week. Mrs Pennington will teach class 1 on Mondays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays. Mrs Grocott will teach class 1 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and alternate Fridays.

Parents' evenings

These have been planned for Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October during the following times:

Tuesday 17th October: class 1, class 2 and class 4 from 3.50pm until 6.30pm.

Tuesday 17th October: class 3 from 2.30pm until 6.30pm.

Thursday 19th October: class 2, class 3 and class 4 from 1.30pm until 4.50pm.

Thursday 19th October: class 1 from 2.00pm until 4.50pm.

We ask parents to sign up for an appointment time with the teachers from tomorrow morning onwards. Signing up sheets for class 1 will be in the classroom and sheets for other classes will be on a board outside school or in the entrance area in case of poor weather.

Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we hold our Celebration Assembly in the hall when we look back at all the fantastic things that have taken place during the week. During this time together the following take place:

- We celebrate the school's Achievements Book. Throughout the week children are sent to show me work or talk through an activity they have done well in class. This is entered into the 'Achievements Book.' Parents, please look out for our 'spingly, spangly, sparkly stickers' or stickers stating that I think your child is a star or is fantastic! This means that your child has had a special mention in our Celebration Assembly for super attitude and effort.
- We celebrate your child's achievements out of school so if your child has a certificate or medal for an out of school activity, let us know. Your child will then be entered into the Achievements Book and a special mention will be made in our assembly.
- Nomination for the weekly Longman Award. Each week the teachers nominate a child from the class to receive the Longman Award; this is historic to the school and was first introduced by a member of staff by the name of Mrs Marg Longman who upon leaving the school gifted medals to be awarded each week in class. Now children are awarded a certificate and a badge (both designed by the children.) If your child comes home with this it shows that he/she has had a fantastic week in school!

Thank You

Thank you to all the parents who came to our homework and curriculum information meetings; we hope that you have found the information given by the staff to be useful in supporting your child's continued learning at home. Remember to look on the school website where we place a range of useful documents to help you support your child at home.

Operation Shoebox

This week your child will be coming home with a leaflet about the Rotary Shoebox Appeal which we support every year. The leaflet gives details of suitable items to place in the boxes that will go to disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Filled shoeboxes need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 31st October** – please also remember to tape £1 on the top of each box as a donation towards transportation and admin costs. Thank you.

Our door is always open...

We are realistic enough to know that there are times when perhaps we do not 'get things right' or perhaps your child may be unhappy for whatever reason. We do have an 'Open Door' policy whereby we would want you to let us know of any concerns so that we may work in partnership with you to alleviate any worries. Please do not feel that any issue is too small; we would rather deal with 'little niggles' before they become major issues. Likewise if you feel that we are 'getting things right,' please let us know!

Governor News

During our first full Governing Body meeting on 26th September, Mr Martin Horn was voted as Chair of Governors and Mr Andy Denyer the Vice Chair; I look forward to working with them both in these roles. Other Governors are:

- Parent Governors – Mrs Debbie Gallagher, Mr Martin Horn, Mr Andy Denyer and Mr Scott McDermott. LEA Governor – Mr Andy Sly
- Co-opted Governors – Mr James Hillyear, Mr Simon
- Local Authority Governor – Mr Andy Sly
- Staff Governor – Mr Simpson
- Clerk to the Governing Body – Mrs Annette Towgood

CSA News

The CSA has continued to go from strength to strength with new fund raising initiatives being added to the calendar every year! Last year was a bumper year for the CSA with a significant amount of money raised; a huge well done and thank you to all involved. We held the CSA AGM last week followed by our meeting to plan and organise the year's events. We are always on the lookout for new members to join the committee or to become 'friends' of the CSA. At the meeting Mrs Lisa Denyer was voted Chair of the CSA with Mrs Nicky Cozens as Vice Chair. Mrs Anne Small was voted Treasurer; we look forward to working with them in these roles.

Currently the committee is busy planning for the Christmas Fair which will take place on Friday 1st December. Closer to the date we will be making requests for volunteers to help run stalls at the fair but in the meantime if you (or the company you work for) are willing to donate a raffle prize, we would love to hear from you! Please let us know in the office. Thank you.

Working in partnership with the Church

Messy Church takes place regularly and rotates between Botley, Durley and Curdridge schools. Messy Church will take place here at Curdridge on Friday 13th October after school; it involves children and parents taking part in art and craft activities and also sitting down to eat a meal together prepared by the church volunteers. It really is a lovely experience.

Reminders...

Plea for help

We are always on the lookout for parent helpers to help classes either on a regular basis or when special events occur. If you feel you are able to support us in tasks such as art and design, reading, library work, ICT etc, we would love to hear from you. Also if you have a particular talent or hobby that you think would be of interest to the school, please do let us know! We look forward to being inundated with offers!

Pupil Premium Grant and Service Child Funding

We would encourage all parents of **both** infants and juniors to let us know if they fall into any of the following categories as this will not only provide KS2 children with a free school meal but will also enable the school to claim extra funding of £1,300 (Pupil Premium Grant) to help support children in class. The Pupil Premium Grant applies to infant and junior children even though infant children are already receiving free school meals. **PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...are you in receipt of any of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs)
- Working Tax Credit

Are you serving in the Armed Forces?

If the answer is yes, school will be eligible for a Service Premium Grant which is designed to address the emotional and social well-being of these pupils.

In either case, please contact myself or Mrs Chadder in the school office to help determine eligibility. Thank you.

Lost property

Be warned - We no longer have a lost property box in school but instead encourage children to take greater care with their belongings! Please help your child by checking that all items of school uniform are clearly named so that owners can easily be traced!

Day closures for 2017-2018

The remaining day closures for this year have been agreed as follows:

Friday 20th October 2017

Monday 19th February 2018

Monday 16th April 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Keeping our roads safer around school

I have noticed a significant increase in the number of cars that are driving past the school when children and parents are trying to cross to the church. I would like to remind all parents of the recommendations set out by our Travel Plan Working Party.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of all parents and visitors to the school to ensure that their actions keep our children as safe as possible.

TRAVEL PLAN:

A) We encourage parents and children to walk as often as possible.

B) Wherever possible please 'car share'. *(If you are interested in this, please contact the Travel Plan Committee in writing via the school office.)*

C) Church Lane (by the school) to be voluntarily closed to all school traffic between 8.30am and 9.10am, 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

D) Parents/carers currently using the church car park to continue to do so. Consideration when parking would also mean less congestion in the car park.

E) Parents/carers wishing to "drop off" in the mornings can do so at their own risk at the upper church gate (next to Hopscotch).

F) Special arrangements have been made for disabled parents/carers and children. *(Please contact Mrs Wood).*

G) PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do not drive past the school during the suggested times; there is now no excuse, everyone knows the system, so let's have NO moving cars by the school.

H) There will be **no** collection zone, all parents to use the car park and collect their children from school by foot.

I) Parents to use the opportunity of walking to and from school as a chance to teach and reinforce road safety to their child/ren.

J) Please pass this information onto Grandparents and Child Minders so that they too can help make outside of school a safer place to be.

K) Please be aware of the local residents; ensure that your parking does not affect the access into and out of local driveways.

Changes in contact details

Please remember to inform us if you have any changes for your child - this might include changes in medical details, change of address, home phone, mobile numbers, work contact or email address. Thank you for your support in this.

Permission to walk in the local area

In completing the form giving contact details for your child, you have all given permission for us to take your child out of school to walk and work in the local area. Occasions when this takes place are visits to the church; KS2 walking to the recreational grounds for PE and occasional walks locally for all classes. For any other visits we will write to you separately asking for your permission.

Diary Dates:

Monday 9th October am
Tuesday 10th October am
Wednesday 11th October

Friday 13th October 3.30pm
Saturday 14th October 10.00am
Tuesday 17th October
Thursday 19th October
Thursday 19th October
Friday 20th October
Monday 30th October
Wednesday 1st November am
Tuesday 7th November pm

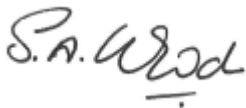
Friday 17th November
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Wednesday 22nd November
Friday 24th November
Thursday 30th November am
Friday 1st December 4.30pm
4th – 6th December
Thursday 7th December
Friday 15th December
Tuesday 19th December 10.00am
Wednesday 20th December 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th December 6pm
Thursday 21st December
Thursday 4th January
Week beginning Monday 14th May 2018
Week beginning Monday 5th June 2018

Harvest Festival for staff and children
Open morning for YR 2018
Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Discovery Centre
Messy Church @ CPS
Civic Award Ceremony (Y7)
Parents' evening
Parents' evening
School closes for half term
Day Closure
School reopens
Open morning for YR 2018
Cross Country team to Swanmore College
Individual photographs
Children in Need day
Messy Church @ Botley
Class 4 to Sea City
Fire Service visit to lower school
Open morning for YR 2018
CSA Christmas Fair
CSA Christmas Shop
Children to sing at the Luncheon Club
Christmas Jumper day
Lower school Nativity to parents
Lower school Nativity to parents
KS2 Carol Concert
School closes for Christmas break
School reopens
KS2 SATs week
East Dene, IOW residential visit for class 4

***Further details of many of these events will be given closer to the date.
Details of other events will be confirmed in the near future.***

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sally Wood
Headteacher