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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 thanks for supporting our Roald Dahl day; great fun was had by all and children have been really inspired to continue reading his books. (Have you seen our Dahl reading den by the hall? Mrs Curran has done a fantastic job of decorating the area with Roald Dahl fabric and Y7 made a collection for the school at the end of the summer term and have bought us 2 lovely prints to go into the den!)
- Our Y5/6 pupils who have been excellent ambassadors for the school in showing new parents around during open mornings.
- Children took part in a rugby taster morning in school and showed super sportsmanship
- All children whose names have been entered into our 'Achievements Book' so far this term – 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. (This assembly takes place every Friday.)

Well done!

Excellent Workers

Every half term the teachers have a very difficult decision to make in choosing their 'Excellent Workers.' Teachers choose just one child from each year group to receive a special award, certificate and 'write-up.' It really is something special for the children and a lovely way to celebrate the fantastic attitude and effort shown over the weeks.

Children who received this award earlier today are:

YR Tylor-John Goddard

Y1 Harry Teague

Y2 Archie Chiverton-Burt

Y3 Maks Baran

Y4 Billy Reeves

Y5 Henry de Montjoie Heard

Y6 Grace Cooper A huge well done to them all!

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.

I know that you are all busy organising and filling the Shoeboxes; please remember that they need to be returned to school by **Monday 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 27th September, Mr James Hillyear was voted as Chair of Governors and Mr Martin Horn 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 and Mr Andy Denyer. We currently have a vacancy for parent governor; a big thank you goes to Mr Phil de Montjoie Heard for his hard work and support during his time on the Governing Body.
- LEA Governor – Mr Andy Sly
- Community Governors – Mrs Ann Young, Mr James Hillyear, Mr Simon Barker
- Staff Governor – Mr Simpson
- Clerk to the Governing Body – Mrs Annette Towgood

School Priorities for 2016 -2017

Staff and governors are working hard to ensure that by the time of our next OFSTED inspection the school will be judged as 'good.' During 2015-2016 we worked hard to improve and develop children's writing; to improve and develop the provision for Early Years and SEND and also to strengthen the leadership of middle leaders and the Governing Body. Evaluations by school and county support has shown tremendous progress in all these areas.

But our job is yet to be complete... this year we will be focusing on the following:

- Developing and improving guided reading sessions across the school
- Further embedding our highly successful writing learning journeys
- Developing a CPA approach (Concrete, Practical and Abstract approach to Maths)
- Developing children's reasoning and problem-solving skills in Maths
- Completing the improvements to outdoor provision for Early Years
- Improving the provision for SEND pupils across the school.

All of this hard work involves staff being fully behind the need to make these improvements along with a great deal of discussions and evaluations. 2015-2016 was a very successful year at Curdridge and we look forward to building upon our successes this year. Should you wish to discuss any of this work, please do not hesitate to come and ask!

Meet the Author visits

Our mission this year is to inspire all children to read for pleasure and to enjoy reading, sharing and listening to books being read to them. As part of this work we have organised for children from Y1-Y6 to attend events locally to meet authors. All these visits have been funded by the CSA and we thank them for their generosity. Events taking place are:

- 19th October – Y3 and Y4 had a great time meeting Guy Bass
- 16th November pm – Y5 and Y6 are to meet Andy Seed at Swanmore Primary School (your help in collecting your child from Swanmore would be much appreciated; more details to follow)
- 17th November pm – Y1 and Y2 are to meet Chloe Inkpen at Wickham Primary School (your help in collecting your child from Wickham would be much appreciated; more details to follow)
- Spring term – we will be launching reading challenges for all children kicking off with a 'Bedtime Stories' session for parents and children in January!

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 Anne Small was voted Chair of the CSA and Mr James Evans took over the role of treasurer; we look forward to working with them in these roles.

Currently the committee is busy planning for the Christmas Fair which takes place on Friday 2nd 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 18th November 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...

Celebration assembly

We love to hear about the activities that children pursue outside of school hours; we encourage them to share their achievements with the whole school during our Friday celebration assemblies. If your child has certificates, medals, trophies etc. please remind them to bring them into school.

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 2016-2017

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

Friday 21st October 2016

Friday 17th February 2017

Monday 24th April 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

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 the Vine).

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.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 20th October

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Friday 21st October

Monday 31st October

Wednesday 2nd November am

Thursday 3rd November 3.30pm

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 8th November pm

Friday 11th November am

Wednesday 16th November pm

Thursday 17th November pm

Friday 18th November

Friday 18th November

Friday 25th November am

Friday 25th November 5.30pm

Thursday 1st December am

Friday 2nd December

5th December – 7th December

Thursday 8th December 11.00am

Monday 12th December am

Tuesday 13th December 10.00am

Wednesday 14th December 2.45pm

Thursday 15th December 6.00pm

Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January

Week beginning 8th May

Parents' Evening

School closes for half term

Day closure

School reopens

Open morning for YR 2017

CSA Cake Sale

CSA non-school uniform day to support Christmas fair

Cross country team to Swanmore College

School choir to perform @ Sainsbury's Hedge End (Remembrance)

Y5 and Y6 to Swanmore Primary to meet Andy Seed

Y1 and Y2 to Wickham Primary to meet Chloe Inkpen

Children in Need non-school uniform day

Messy Church in school

Individual and family school photographs (pre-school siblings welcome)

CSA Film Night in school hall

Open morning for YR 2017

CSA Christmas Fair

Christmas shop

Class 4 to sing at Luncheon Club

Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Infant Nativity for parents and family

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Junior Carol Service

School closes for Christmas break

School reopens

KS2 SATs week

***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; enjoy half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Wood

Mrs Sally Wood
Headteacher