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Newsletter ~ Autumn 2011 (1)

Dear Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to all of you especially new parents joining us this term. I hope your children settle into their new classes and routines this week and are looking forward to the term ahead. You will be receiving more information from your class teacher in due course about the term ahead and I'm sure the children will tell you any exciting news as well! I would also like to welcome Mr Holmes and Amy Keogh onto the staff this term. Mr Holmes is in Sapphire Class and Miss Keogh is helping in Topaz for the year with Mrs Mewett.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

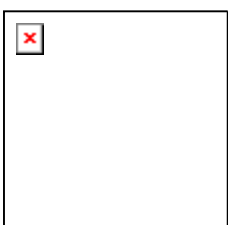
We have hopefully secured some dates for the diary but there will undoubtedly be more to come as the term progresses.

September 12 th - 14 th	Camp at Kilve Court with Year 6
14 th September	Sapphires 1 st music lesson with Mr Bertie PTA meeting 8pm
A dance production on restorative justice at King Arthur's for Years 4,5 & 6. (No cost)	15 th September
6 th October	School photos

18 th October	2pm Harvest Service in Church
24 th October-30 th October	Half term
10 th November	Bishop of Taunton to visit Henstridge School (with children from Horsington & Templecombe)
14 th November- 19 th November	BOOK WEEK
28 th November @1.15pm	Storybox Theatre
7 th December	KS1 dress rehearsal for their play
8 th December	KS1 Play in school hall
December 15th	Christmas Parties
December 16th	Church service and Commendations in Church 1.30pm BREAK UP

CLUBS

The club letter will be going out very shortly. For new parents clubs are normally at the end of the school day and are mainly run on a voluntary basis by the staff here. We are very lucky that everyone here offers at least 1 club. However we do also employ outside staff to share their expertise with us and as they



charge we do have to charge you. This term we have excellent games provision on Mondays with Gary Chapman who is a fully qualified teacher but there will be a cost of £2.00 per session. We do not offer clubs to the Reception children as they are too young and the clubs are mainly for the years 2-6. Year 1 do have an opportunity for 2 clubs this term and this is simply because we do not have enough staff to provide more. If any of you would like to offer your time to help with a club or even offer a club please come and see me.

Mr. Holmes is offering a Junk Band club and would like any donations of equipment to help him please. Anything along the lines of old dustbin lids, metal pots, saucepans etc would be great. Thank you.

HOUSES

As most of you are aware we have a house system in school and all of the new intake have now been allotted to their House. This term, as the topic for the Term is "Location, Location" the "House" homework will be to do any research of their own on the area of the country the class is researching. It can be a picture, about a famous person, the history of an area or where they've been on holiday....in fact anything they are interested in. They can bring this work in and then it will be displayed on the House notice board by the Hall.

THE FIELD

One of our projects this year is to fence off the bottom end of the field to make a Forest School area in which the children can make and do more exciting things. We would be very grateful if you could donate any old tyres, drainpipes, rope, tarpaulin, guttering, poles, wood etc for this area as that would set us on our way with this project. Thank you.

MUSIC

Mrs Kirby is still having her private piano and recorder lessons in school and would be happy to hear from any other parents who may like their child to have lessons. She is quite full but please contact her on 01963 370381 if you would like to find out more.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Mrs Dersley (Emerald Class) has lots of second hand uniform for sale so please ask her if you are short of any items.

PE KIT

PLEASE, PLEASE make sure your child's PE kit is in school every day of the week and is clearly marked. So much time is wasted looking for kit or children cannot take part because they do not have it in school. Thank you.

Finally, please don't forget to offer your services to help any of the staff if you have time. We need help with swimming, listening to readers, work in the environmental area or general helping the classroom or maybe you have a skill which can be shared with us and the children. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you

.Yours sincerely,

Helen Townson

Head Teacher