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Newsletter 4

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Dear Parents

PLEASE NOTE: The school will be open on Friday 21st October 2016.

Open Morning

Our Open Morning for new parents was a delight. I was so proud of all the children and staff. Every classroom showed themselves in the best possible light. Thank you.

Parking in Residential Areas

You may recall my comments regarding 'Parking in Residential Areas' in my newsletter dated 30th September 2016. It is with great frustration that I am writing again regarding this subject. If you or a family member is using Coneygar Close for parking, please can I ask that you be respectful to our neighbours and park in a courteous manner. I am in contact with the local residents and the community police to try and resolve this situation.

Roald Dahl Book Days

As it is the 100th birthday anniversary of the beloved children's author Roald Dahl this year, we have prepared some exciting book days in school to celebrate it and also celebrate books and reading in general. These will be on the 1st and 2nd November (the first two days back after half term). **On the 1st November, we would like your child to dress up as a character from a Roald Dahl book or wear yellow (the author's favourite colour).** As part of these book days, we will be holding a Readathon in school. Your child will be asked to gather sponsorships for reading as much as they can over 48 hours. As part of the book days, there will be an 'Usborne Books for schools' stall in the school hall. Any money the children raise, will benefit both the children and the school.

Footie for Dorset

Lee Cuff will be starting his After School Football Club on Wednesday 2nd November from 3.00pm until 4.10pm. If your child is taking part in this activity, please ensure they have warm clothing, football boots/sturdy trainers and that they are appropriately dressed for the weather!

As Lee will also be taking Years' 3 and 4 for Sports on Wednesday afternoons, these clothing requirements will also apply.

Reception Coffee Morning

Miss Vincent will be holding a series of three coffee mornings for Reception parents. The first is on Tuesday 8th November from 8.45am to 9.15am. She will be continuing with our informal discussions over a cup of tea and a biscuit. The first discussion will be on 'Keeping Our Children Safe'.

Parents' Consultation Appointments

If you haven't already done so, please return your appointment request slip to the school office as soon as possible. There will be childcare available in the school hall on both evenings.

Reception Open Afternoon

Reception Class are having their Open Afternoon on Friday 21st October from 2.30pm. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to join us.

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform of white shirt and school tie, together with grey trousers or grey skirt / pinafore should be worn after half-term. Shorts are not part of the winter uniform. Although many children come to school by car, **it is essential that your child has a coat for playtimes**. We are pleased that most children now come to school with their PE kit and, as most of our PE lessons are outside, please ensure your child has named tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers in school.

Morning Drop-Off

A polite reminder - please do not to allow your children to run around the pre-school area during morning drop-off. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

There will be Poppies in school from Tuesday 1st November 2016. You will be able to purchase your poppy from the school office.

Term Dates For This Academic Year 2016/2017

Autumn Term 2016	
Thursday 1 st September & Friday 2 nd September	Inset Days
Monday 5 th September	Term Starts
Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 31 st October	Diocesan Inset Day
Tuesday 1 st November	School Re-Opens
Friday 16 th December	School Finishes at 1.15pm

Spring Term 2017	
Tuesday 3 rd January	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th January	Term Starts
Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February	Half Term
Monday 20 th February	School Re-Opens
Friday 7 th April	School Finishes at 1.15pm

Summer Term 2017	
Monday 24 th April	Term Starts
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	School Re-Opens
Thursday 20 th July	School Finishes at 1.15pm
Friday 21 st July	Inset Day

Yours sincerely



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