

Building Work

If you have been in Combe St Nicholas over the holiday, you will have seen that we have had a lot of decorating and building work completed. We would like to give a really big "thank you" to Sibley Builders who have completed work to a really high standard and have given over and above all that was required. The tile shop in Chard, T&P Tiles, have also been very helpful. They provided tiles for our visitors' cloakroom at cost price.



Once again, we owe a huge "thank you" to Mr Cockburn, Mr Sauer, Mr Mitcham, Mr Hoare and Mr Lee who have worked hard to remove the old oil tank enclosure and decking and replaced it with a non-slip surface which the children can play on in all weathers. THANK YOU!!

Class Photos

Individual Student Photos will take place on Wednesday 20th September 2017.



Dates for your Diary

10.9.17	Education Sunday
18.9.17	Hinkley Point Workshop KS1
19.9.17	Hinkley Point Workshop KS2
20.9.17	Individual Photos
26.9.17	Years 3 and 4 to Carymoor Environmental Trust
29.9.17	Harvest service and Macmillan Coffee Morning
3.10.17	Year 4 to Hinkley Point
5.10.17	Years 5 and 6 to Hinkley Point
17.10.17	Friendship Day and Year 6 Assembly
19.10.17	Celebration Assembly

HALF TERM

30.10.17 - Team Teach INSET

2.12.17	Christmas Fair
15.12.17	Panto - Cinderella
20.12.17	Christmas Service

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Weekly Newsletter

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Tadpoles

Next week we will be learning about colours and numbers. The group would also like to welcome Francesca.



Welcome

Welcome back to a new school year. It was lovely to see the children looking so well and smart as they came back after the long summer break.



We especially welcome Mrs Rowson, Orla, Lillie and all of the Reception children who are new to our school. We hope you will all be very happy at Combe St Nicholas.

Farewells

Because of the serious problem we had with our IT system at the end of the term, we were not able to share with you the details of all the members of staff who left at the end of term. Mr Pinder has started his new job in an international school in Germany and we also said goodbye to Mrs Price and Mrs Cleal. We give them all our best wishes for the future.



End of Day Procedures

Time to Go Home!

Last year we had some concerns regarding arrangements for collecting children at the end of the day. There are a lot of children and parents in a small space which is not far from the road. It was also difficult for teachers to identify the correct parents for each child. To ensure the children's safety, the children will line up in the playground after assembly. The children will wait in line until they are sent to their parent. We would be grateful if parents would assist us by waiting by the class teachers until the children are sent to them.

Friendship

Our Christian Value this term is "Friendship" and we will be thinking about what it means to be a good friend and the ways in which we can be good friends to others. We have planned a "Friendship Day" which will culminate in an assembly led by the Yr6 children. We hope that parents will come to the assembly.



'Jesus tells stories of the heavenly banquet to which all are invited. The barriers between people are broken down in a loving community around God. Jesus had stern words to say to those who refused to recognise that all are included in this community of friendship.' Christian Values for Life.

Good to be Green

The school topic this term is 'Good to be Green.' There are exciting activities planned for each year group, visitors booked to come into school and school trips arranged for Yrs3, 4, 5 & 6. Letters regarding these trips will be with you soon and we would ask you to return your permission slips and any payment required as soon as possible in a clearly marked envelope.



Facebook

During our INSET day, on Monday, we reviewed our use of IT and online digital communications. We have agreed that from now, no member of staff will accept parents or past pupils as "friends." This is in line with the policy recommended by the County Council. No member of staff will use mobile phones during teaching time and mobile phones will not be used to communicate with parents. The use of a personal phone is allowed when staff are off-site and need to communicate with the school, a parent or the emergency services.



We have agreed that instead of Twitter, Facebook might be a better medium for the classes to keep in touch with parents. We will, therefore, be organising private accounts for each class that only the parents of children in that class may join.

Volunteers

Each class teacher would welcome parental volunteers to help with reading and other class activities. If you are willing and able, please see your child's class teacher.



Library Reading Challenge



Most of the children have told us that they have successfully completed the summer reading challenge which is running in the library. If your child has not yet completed this, there is still another week to go.

Clubs

Breakfast Club - Monday through to Friday (8am @ a cost of £3.00 per session) and After School Club - Monday through to Thursday (3.30 - 5.00pm @ a cost of £4.25 per session) has already started. However, all other clubs will start w/c 18th September.



Forest School



Could all children in Foxes please bring Forest School Clothes in every Monday until further notice.



ALSO - Could Yr4 children please bring their Forest School clothes on a Tuesday until further notice.

Combe Factor

We are in the early stages of setting a date for Combe Factor 2017 - open to KS2 children. If your child would like to take part could they please write a short letter to Mrs Nichols giving details of the act that they would like to perform i.e. singing, magic, dancing, comedy etc.

