

- 22.09.16 Individual School Photos
- 26.09.16 Holyhood Roadshow @ 5.30pm (Combe School)
- 30.09.16 Harvest Service & Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 02.10.16 Harvest Festival in Church
- 04.10.16 Badgers' Trip to Coombe Farm (to be confirmed)
- 05.10.16 Owls & Badgers' Class - Octagon Theatre for Clare Balding Book Launch
- 06.10.16 Holyhood Open Evening
- 07.10.16 Bring and Share Harvest Supper - PFA AGM
- 11.10.16 Holyhood Open Morning
- 12.10.16 Open the Book
- 13.10.16 Holyhood Open Morning
- 17.10.16 Owls' Trip to Frogmary Green Farm
- 21.10.16 Last Day of Term
- 02.11.16 All Souls Day Service - 2.30pm in Church
- 14.11.16P Parents' Evening (late appointments)
- 21.11.16P Parents' Evening (early appointments)
- 23.11.16 Open the Book
- 03.12.16 Christmas Fair (11am - 2.30pm)



INSET DAYS FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

31st October 2016

3rd January 2017

5th June 2017

Sainsbury's School Games Award

You may remember that last year we were awarded the Silver Level of this award. This year, thanks to a lot of hard work from the children and Mrs Nichols, we have achieved the Gold!! In order to reach this standard, the older children have taken part in training to help them to be Games' Leaders and a concerted effort has been made to include every child in as many sports and games activities as possible. Being given "gold" status is a significant achievement and one which not many primary schools are able to gain.

We are very grateful to Mrs Nichols for coordinating this and to all the staff and volunteers who have worked so hard to give our children the breadth of sports opportunities which made this possible.



Tadpoles

Next week the children will be learning about the colour blue and enjoying messy play. Tadpoles are now using an on-line learning journal programme called "Tapestry" - we are planning to arrange an introductory session for parents and therefore, watch this space for a date! Finally, you may have noticed that Tadpoles now have a noticeboard on the side of the building, please look out for any notices that may appear.



Fruit



The fruit is now being delivered and is being shared with the KSI children at their morning break. If you would like to send in additional fruit, the children may eat this in the afternoon.

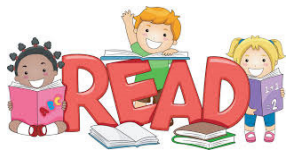
Collective Worship

We are delighted that our school is so full at the moment. Every visitor that I have shown around this week has commented on how purposeful the classes seem and how happy the children appear. The new Reception Class look as though they have been with us for weeks rather than a few days!

What is apparent, however, is that we will not all be able to squeeze into the hall for Collective Worship in the afternoons. Thinking that this might be the case, we did agree with Rev.d. Georgina that we would be able to use the church for Collective Worship on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. On Thursdays the children have Key Stage Worship.

We have purchased school hymn books and are ready to begin this new system from Monday. The children will go to church and after the Worship will be brought back to the school to be collected by parents as normal.





Reading

The children in this school are very lucky that they receive a lot of support with their reading at home as well as at school. Reading to an adult, listening to stories, sharing books and discussing what children have read alone is crucial and, should continue throughout primary school. Children who have heard stories which were too advanced for their own reading ability, develop a richer vocabulary which will in turn help their writing and general communication skills. We look forward to seeing your comments in your child's reading record books about what they have read, how much they have enjoyed the book and also, which books they have shared with you.



Buddies

The children in Year 5, and some in Year 6, have been assigned Hedgehogs "buddies". The buddies and Hedgehogs will come into assembly together and be a friend to call upon if they need help in the playground. This year we have also asked them to sit together at lunchtime so that the older children can help the Hedgehogs with collecting, eating and tidying away their lunch. They have made an excellent start with this which I am sure will have helped to make our newest pupils feel welcome and cared for. Well Done Owls and Badgers!



Spice Jars

If anyone has any empty Tesco spice jars we would love to have them. They need to be Tesco as they all need to be identical.



Milk

Only 3 children have put their child's name down for FREE milk in Hedgehogs. If you would like your child to have milk please let the office know and we will register your child for you.



Phonics Evening

Just a Reminder: Mr Pinder and Mrs Chubb will be holding a Phonics' Information evening for Hedgehogs' and Foxes' parents on **20th September**. This will begin at 6pm to give you enough time to organise dinner etc. before returning to school. We do hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.



Volunteers Needed



Badgers' Class: They would like a volunteer to listen to readers and help with their reading challenge. If you would like to help out please come and speak to Mrs Mooney in the office or Mrs Cawley at the end of the school day. They would also like magazines for their artwork this term.

Owls' Class would also like volunteers to listen to readers. If you would like to help out please come and speak to Mrs Mooney or Mr Edwards/Mrs Hall at the end of the school day.



Squirrels' Mrs Belton would like volunteer readers on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for the Squirrels'. If short of time, just to change books. She would also like you to provide your child with a book bag to ensure books and letters arrive home safely.

Football Club



The Football Club this year will be running slightly differently. Yrs 1, 2 and new Yr 3 children will be training with Mr Hounsell at a cost of £15 per academic year. Yrs 4, 5 & 6 children and Yr 3 children who attended football last year, will be training with YTFC and will be billed by them. The cost will be £3 per session. The times for the club will be 3.45 - 4.45 at the school field.



School Photos

Please note that the children will be having their individual school photos taken on **Thursday 22nd September**.

