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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! The dates for this year are attached to this newsletter.

SWIMMING/ICT at Cheddar

By now you will know that these sessions start today! They will be held on every Friday of this term, including the very last day of term (4th April).

AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL:

I am delighted that Robin Scanlon is available to take after-school football again. This will be on Fridays from 3.20 – 4.30 at a cost (direct to Robin at each session) of £1.50 per session. We need a minimum of 10 children from Years 2, 3 and 4. The first session will be on Friday 18th January. **Please return the reply slip below.**

ROCKET WORKSHOP:

As part of the Key Stage 1 topic on space and the Key Stage 2 science work on forces, Out of the World Learning are bringing a Funky Physics presentation and Rocket Factory workshops to the school on the afternoon of Monday 21st January. FOSS have kindly agreed to pay half the cost of this, so we are asking parents to contribute just £1 per child for this event. All children will be involved during the afternoon. **Please send the money into school in a named envelope marked 'Rocket Factory' by Monday 21st.**

ART CLUB:

Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Joyce will be holding four after-school sessions when children from Reception and Y1 will experience a variety of art media. The sessions will be from 3.20 to 4.00 on the following Mondays – 21st, 28th January, 4th, 11th February. The maximum number will be 12 and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. **Please return the application slip and £2 to help towards the cost of materials.**

CHEDDAR VALLEY MULTI-SPORT FESTIVAL FOR RECEPTION YEAR:

This event will be held at Kings of Wessex School on the afternoon of Wednesday 30th January. Children will need their PE kit and a tracksuit (or equivalent). They will travel there and back by coach and be back at school for 3.15 pm. This event is subsidized by Sedgemoor Sports Partnership and there is no cost. **Please complete and return the attached permission slip.**

CLASS THREE VISIT TO COLDHARBOUR MILL:

This visit to a Victorian mill in Uffculme, Devon is on Wednesday 6th February. Class 3 children will receive more details soon.

ADVICE DROP-IN:

Cheddar Valley Schools now have a Family Advice Liaison Worker (Bev Meredith), who, together with Sue Tanner the local school nurse, will be available from 2.45 – 3.15 on Monday 11th February for any parent or carer who would like to meet them. A sheet with more information about Bev's role is attached.

BOOK FAIR:

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open from 3.20 to 4.00 on Friday 8th, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th February. Parents and children are welcome to browse and to buy books from the excellent selection available. If you spend enough the school is able to have books to an equal value for free. So please – spend, spend, spend! Help with setting up and manning the fair would be most welcome.

FANCY DRESS MUFTI DAY:

Class 3 and the School Council have chosen three charities for the school to support this year: World Wildlife Fund (for endangered animals); National Lifeboats; and a charity supporting animal hospitals and veterinary services. They have also voted fancy dress days as their favourite fundraising event. So on Wednesday 13th February children may come into school in fancy dress based on the theme 'Past and Future' – so plenty of scope for Vikings or spacemen! They will, of course, have to donate a minimum of £1 as well.

OTHER NEWS:

WELCOME:

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Coombs and Mrs Randell as a midday supervisors.

PE

Sadly Mr Parsons has been re-deployed to another area by Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership. In his place we welcome Miss Westcott.

Losing Mr Parsons means that we have no male role models within school. We are keen to show to children that teaching and learning for adults is not entirely a female activity. If any dads, granddads etc could be persuaded to come into school to help with eg readers, computers, do please let me know.

HEALTHY PACKED LUNCHES

The school Green Club is putting together information for children and parents about how to make packed lunches healthy. They are also running a reward system for children whose lunches are full of good stuff.

REMINDER:

School starts at 8.50 am. Please ensure that your child is in the playground by then. Staff are going to make sure that they too are out and ready to bring children in at 8.50. The mornings are getting lighter (when it's not raining!) so getting out of bed should become a bit easier.

BICYCLES ETC. FOR GOLDEN TIME

The dates for each year group are on a list in each classroom.

Yours,

A. Gwynn

FRIDAY FOOTBALL (Y2, Y3, Y4)

Please return by Wednesday 16th January

My child _____ would like to attend football sessions on Fridays between 3.20 and 4.30.

I understand that I must pay £1.50 per session to Robin Scanlon.
(Please tick)

Signed _____ Date _____

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RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE ART CLUB

Return as soon as possible to secure a place.

My child _____ would like to attend the four Art sessions starting on Monday 21st January.

I enclose £2.00 towards materials (refundable if a place is not available)

Signed _____ Date _____

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RECEPTION YEAR MULTI-SPORTS FESTIVAL

Please return by Friday 25th January

I give permission for my child _____ to attend the Multi-Sports Festival at Kings of Wessex School on Wednesday 30th January. I understand that they will travel by coach and return to school by 3.15 pm.

Signed _____ Date _____