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A Member of the Cheddar Valley Group of Schools

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Dear Parents,

Changed Arrangements for entering and leaving School

The Governors' Health and Safety Committee recently reviewed the arrangements for parents and pupils entering and leaving school. It was agreed that, as there should now be no deliveries to the school between 8.30-9.15 or 3.00-4.00:

- Both small gates may be used ie the one near Pre-School and the one directly into the playground.
- The large gate from the pavement at the 'turnpike' end of the school may be used **but** only by families who are already on the school side of the road and taking due care. This gate should be closed after use to prevent use by vehicles.
- All families who need to cross Turnpike Road **MUST** walk along to Mrs Masny to use the crossing patrol, enter by the main gate and use the pavement.
- Please still be aware that at all times there may be some vehicles entering and leaving the school grounds.

The Committee will review these arrangements in July.

Free Swimming Lessons

There are some free swimming lessons available over the May holidays at Churchill Sports Centre. Please contact the Sports Centre for more information (01934 852303).

Cheddar Cricket Club

We have received information about sessions on Saturdays for Y3 and Y4 children starting on Saturday 23rd May. Contact is Tom Pearce 01934-740298

Yoga

Belinda Hill is once again coming into school to do some yoga sessions with all children.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Jo Sole will be leaving her position as Midday Supervisor at the end of the Summer Term, and we will be looking for someone to take over this role. The hours are 12.15 -1.15 on Monday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested in this role from September, or would like more information about hourly rates please see Mrs Macleod.

Family and Parent Support Adviser

Bev Meredith will be in school for a drop-in from 2.45 pm on MONDAY 1ST JUNE.

FOOTBALL

Reminder that 'Monday' football on 1st June will be held on Tuesday 2nd June!

Surveys 2009

This year's questionnaire about parents' views of the school was completed by 25 parents (and grandparents) who came to the 'Bring an Adult to School Day'. I am pleased to report that the survey showed a high level of satisfaction with every aspect of school life, with 97% 'agree' or 'strongly agree' responses to the fifteen questions. Very positive comments were made, particularly about the friendly, family environment; the dedication of staff; and the confidence of the children. Four out of the 25 responses suggested possible changes they would like to see, including more sports opportunities and a change to induction arrangements for Reception children. All these have been noted and will be addressed by staff and governors. If you would like more details of the questions and responses, please let me know. The annual pupil questionnaire was also carried out recently. A number of children of all ages were asked a range of questions by Y4 pupils (based on the Ofsted pupil questionnaire). Again the vast majority of answers were very positive. There are a few issues which will be taken to the School Council to investigate further and address.

Have a lovely half-term break.

A. Gwynn