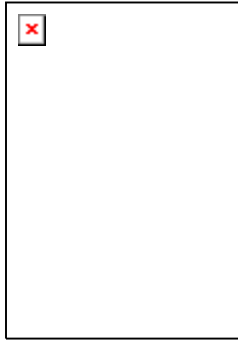


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Dear Parent,

## Autumn Term Newsletter 2011 (1)

A warm welcome to all the new children and their parents who have recently become part of our school. If you have any questions or are uncertain about any of the events associated with the school please talk to any of our school staff who will be only to glad to help you. Our new playground equipment is to be installed next week and has been paid for by our PTFA. We are really looking forward to seeing it and playing on it!

### Let's Grow Vouchers

We are collecting Let's Grow vouchers given by Morrisons. There is a collection box outside Water Class. Collected vouchers can be exchanged for a range of outdoor equipment.

### Consent Form for the Recording of Images

This form is attached to the newsletter. I would be grateful if you could return this as soon as possible. We are required to send the form out annually.

### Contact Information

Please would you check and return your child's contact information sheet. If there are no changes please would you still return the sheet. Please ensure that we have your most recent mobile phone number. We will be using text messages to contact you in the event of an emergency closure of the school or cancellation of a school club.

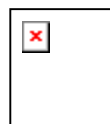
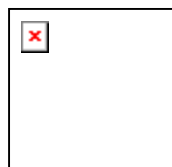
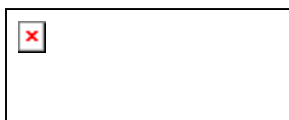
### Parking

Please take great care when arriving at the school. With so many cars everyone needs to be very vigilant to keep all our children safe. If you are able to park at the village hall car park and walk the short distance to the school then that will relieve some of the pressure on the car park by the school. If you are able to arrange to car-share then this too will reduce the volume of traffic. Please be aware of children cycling and walking. It is the responsibility of us all to make sure the road outside the school is as safe as possible for all children.



### Harvest

Everyone is most welcome to attend our Harvest Service at 2.30pm on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October in St. John's Church. Your child should be collected from the church following the



service. Children usually bring a gift of tinned or dried food which is then sent to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil. The service should last about 45 minutes. Our new children in Reception are invited to come and watch the service with their parents. There will be a rehearsal on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm so please collect your child from the church. (Children in sports clubs will be walked back to school). On Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October there will also be a rehearsal at 9am so please bring your child to church. Year 1 children in Water Class should go to the church. Children in Reception should come to school as usual rather than to the church. They should be collected from school at the usual time.

### **In-Service Days**

We have in-service days on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February and Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. On these days the school will be closed to children. A calendar of school terms is attached to this letter and available on the school website.

### **Staffing**

I am sorry to tell you but at the beginning of this term Willow Lowry one of our peripatetic music teachers handed in her resignation as she has accepted a full time post at Lufton College. Thank you to her for all the work she has undertaken with our piano, keyboard and violin pupils. I



am pleased to inform you that from half term Mrs Sclater who is a music teacher will be teaching these children and we look forward to working with her.

### **Entitlement to free school meals**

Shortly we will be required to return information that affects the way the school is funded and assessed against other

schools. I would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached slip about eligibility for free school meals even if you do not wish to claim one. Any information that you give to us will remain confidential. Names will not be placed on the information we return to the Government, only the number of eligible children.

### **School Clubs**

I am delighted that we have enough children to run after school clubs and there are, at present, no waiting lists. On Tuesday there is a tag rugby club for younger pupils kindly run by Mr. Macey. On Wednesday there is a football club for older pupils and a multiskills club for younger pupils. On Friday there is a netball club. Mrs Markendale is hoping to run an Adventure Arts Club similar to that run last term. More details will follow later. At lunchtime there will be Singing Group open to all on Monday and Samba Band open to Years 4, 5 & 6 on Friday from next week. Our Judo coach has informed me that he will no longer be able to run judo coaching which will be disappointing for those who took part.

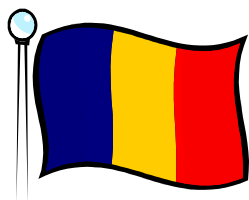
### **Conker Competition**

It is the season of conkers. We will hold a Conker Competition on the last Friday before half term using the rules set out by no less than the World Conker Championship. So start collecting.



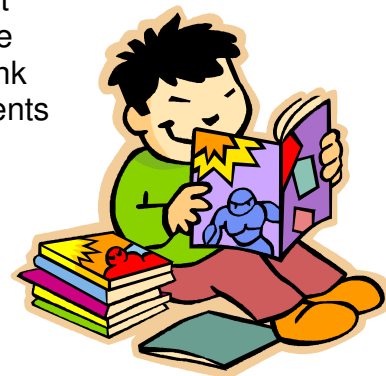
## Comenius Language Assistant

Miss Szidonia Szigeti who is a Hungarian and lives in Romania has started working in our school. She will also be working in St. Nicholas School, Henstridge. Her time in our school has been funded by the British Council through a successful grant application from our school.



## Reading Evening

Thank you to Ms Barker and Mr Canning who recently organised and ran an evening looking at reading for children in the Foundation Phase. Thank you also to all those parents who attended.



Yours sincerely,

Ian Rumbelow  
Headteacher

### Dates for your Diary

16 <sup>th</sup> September	Football match at Chilton Cantelo 4pm
19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> September	New play equipment being installed
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Dance workshop for Years 4, 5 & 6
28 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA AGM
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest rehearsal in the afternoon – please collect from the church
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest rehearsal at the church at 9am
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration 2.30pm at St. John's Church – all welcome
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Fire Class Walk
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Conker Competition
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Foundation Phase visit to Stourhead
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Fire Class visit to Dorchester Museum and Maiden Castle
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parents Evening 5.30pm to 8pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents Evening 4pm to 6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Book Fair in the School Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Non-uniform Chocolate Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service rehearsal 9am at the church
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service rehearsal 9am at the church
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 9.30am – all welcome
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party in the afternoon
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service 2pm – all welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Fire Class trip
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2012	School reopens to children

