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Dear Parent,

Autumn Term Newsletter 2007 (1)

Welcome to all the new children who have started at our school this September and also to all new parents. We all look forward to working alongside you. If you have any questions or there are events you are uncertain about please come to the school office or ask your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

Contact Information

Please would complete and return your child's contact information sheet. If there are no changes please would you still return the sheet.

Spanish teacher will be on maternity leave and hopes to return in December.

School Clubs

A range of clubs will be starting again shortly both at lunchtime and after school. A list of the clubs being run and the age groups that they are open to is attached to this newsletter. Some clubs will have a limit on numbers and regrettably children will then have to be placed on a waiting list, but it is wonderful to see how many children are keen to develop their skills and talents. If a club meets after school a consent form must be completed and returned to the school office.

Clubs, which meet at lunchtime, are operating in the school day so a consent form is not needed. Spanish Club will finish at half term as the

School Uniform

Please could I remind you to label your children's school uniform, including their PE kit and daps. It makes returning articles to children much easier when they are lost.

Tesco Sports Vouchers

Tescos are running a voucher scheme like the Computers for Schools Scheme, but this time to allow schools to exchange them for sports equipment. If you have any vouchers please place them in the box in the glass link.

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



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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 and names will not be placed on the information we return to the Department for Education and Skills, only the number of eligible children.

If you have any questions with regard to this please do not hesitate to ask,

In-Service Days

In-service days for this academic year have been set for 29th & 30th October and 16th June 2008. Two further dates have yet to be set.

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. It is the responsibility of us all to make sure the road outside the school is as safe as possible for all children. Please may I ask you to remind your child that they must not leave the school gate to go to the car park or to your car without you and they must not leave the playground until you collect them. If your child does walk home they must inform the teacher on duty that day.

Please find attached to this newsletter a list of clubs, a form for eligibility for free school meals, an academic year calendar for 2007/08, your child's contact information sheet and club consent forms.
Yours sincerely,

Ian Rumbelow
Headteacher

Fire Class

We now have planning permission for our new classroom and have been told that the old classroom should be removed at half term with the new classroom being installed on the Wednesday of half term. Following this external works will be completed in early November. Fire Class may have to move into the hall during the week before half term, but we hope that after half term they will move into the new classroom.

Water Class

As you will see the decking area outside Water Class is nearing completion. We are now waiting for the roofing area to be completed on top of the posts and a gate to be finished.

Violin Teaching

We will be running a music project with Year 3 pupils this term. They will have the opportunity to learn to play the violin for six weeks beginning on 13th September. At the end of this children who wish to continue having violin lessons will be able to, but the lessons will need to be paid for. A letter with further details will be sent out during the music project. Our new violin teacher is Ms Willow Lowry.



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Dates for Your Diary

7 th September	Cello lessons restart
10 th September	Spanish Club starts
12 th September	Football Club starts
13 th September	Instrumental lessons restart
17 th September	Air Class visit to Carymoor
18 th September	Fire Class visit to Stourhead
19 th September	No Football Club
26 th September	No Football Club
10 th October	rehearsal for Harvest service – collect children from St. John’s Church at 3.30pm
12 th October	Rehearsal for Harvest service – collect children from St. John’s Church at 3.30pm
15 th October	Harvest Celebration at St. John’s Church at 10am
17 th October	Key Stage 2 Hockey Tournament at King Arthur’s
18 th October	No instrumental lessons
19 th October	No cello lessons
22 nd – 26 th October	Half term
29 th October	In-service Day school closed to children
30 th October	In-service Day school closed to children
31 st October	School re-opens to children



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