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NEWSLETTER 8

Friday 10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Christmas holiday and are full of positive resolutions for the new year ahead. The staff would like to say thank you for the lovely cards and Christmas gifts that were received.

The children have thought about their new year's resolutions and I am so pleased that most pupils have returned to school with positive attitudes and behaviour, showing a determination to work hard and succeed in school. Please engage with your child before and after school to encourage their motivation and self-confidence to try their best with their learning, friendships and behaviour.

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received the **NEW** Headteacher Awards at the final Celebration Assembly of last term:



EYFS	Starfish	Darcie
	Turtles	Beau
	Dolphins	Anya
	Seahorses	Nathan
Year 1	Foxes	Marisa
	Squirrels	Jemima
	Hedgehogs	Alfie
	Rabbits	Ethan
Year 2	Kingfishers	Sasha
	Nightingales	Elena
	Woodpeckers	Lilly G
	Kestrels	Elena L

Important Year 1 and 2 Assessments

In May every year, children in **Year 2** (end of Key Stage 1) take part in statutory assessments called Standard Assessment Tasks (SATs). SATs were overhauled in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 last year to reflect the changes to the revised national curriculum, which was introduced in September 2014. The revised curriculum is more rigorous than the previous one and sets very high expectations; all schools have had to work hard to reach these. These grades will be communicated to you with your child's annual school report in July. If you wish to know their scaled scores you are welcome to ask us at this time too. More details regarding the SATs will be released in the near future.



It is vitally important that your child takes part in the statutory assessments so **please make sure that they attend school during May** unless they are ill. We ask parents to ensure no requests for leave take place at this time. Please rest assured that we will administer the SATs with as little pressure for the children as possible. We have found in the past that telling the children does not help, and in fact raises anxiety. Please support us with this by keeping it low key at home. However, if you wish to help your child at home, continue to read daily, practise spellings and the Mathematics online activities.

In the week commencing **Monday 10th June** every **Year 1** pupil nationally will take part in the Phonics Screening which assesses all pupils in their ability to read all sounds learnt and so **please make sure that the children are in school** for these unless they are ill.

Online Safety

Our children live their lives online in a way that no other generation has ever done. While there are many benefits to the digital revolution, such as increased connectivity and creativity, and immediate access to information and entertainment, there is another side to this landscape that is less positive. Recently a small minority of children have shared with others their online experiences at home, some of which has caused upset. Please can you check your parental settings on search engines, e.g. Google and set filters to meet your expectations. Alternatively there are some search engines more appropriate for children to use such as **Kiddle or Kidtopia**.



Please also be aware of how your children are using **You Tube** away from adult supervision as some contributors add content not appropriate for children of infant age. For much more advice for parents regarding online safety, You Tube and the latest **Dorset Police, Safe Schools & Communities Team newsletters** please use the link below which is a helpful page on our new school website.

<https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/online-safety>



Dates for your diary (cut out and keep)

24.3.20	Parent Consultations
25.3.20	Parent Consultations

INSET Days remaining for 2019-2020:

Friday 14th February 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020

Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter