

23rd October 2020

Dear Parents,

Today we had a lovely Autumn Celebration – thankyou for all your donations to the Foodbank which will be greatly appreciated. Assembly was led by a member of the Foodbank who shared with us how vital their work is and that anyone can use the Foodbank.



Your wonderful donations being collected by the foodbank.

Year 6 pumpkins!



I cannot believe the half term has gone already! Thank you for all your support with the return to school. I feel that the children are now getting back into the swing of school life and hopefully this will continue after half term. The new routines around COVID 19 have been very effective. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work. For many of them, like you, life is very different currently with postponed celebrations and time away from family. Operating in our bubbles the opportunity to see all staff in school is greatly reduced but they have as always put your children and their learning first.

If during the half term holiday anyone in your family tests positive for COVID 19 (Corona Virus) it is <u>vital</u> that you contact the school – please email me on <u>head@chacewaterschool.co.uk</u>. I will always be checking my email. We return to school on Wednesday 4th November.

Have a lovely, safe half term, Mr Gould

<u>Good news</u> – I am delighted to announce that last week Mrs. Buckingham gave birth to her lovely new baby boy, Rewan. It was quite an event, ending up being delivered by Dad at home, but all are doing really well.

<u>School meal deserts</u> – we can now book your child's desert on parent pay as well. Please can you do this when you order meals.

<u>Parent Appointments</u> – thank you for signing up for these and we look forward to updating you on your child's progress.

<u>School Photographs</u> - children will be having their photos taken in School on the morning of Thursday 19th November. Unfortunately, the photographer will only be able to take individual photos this year, no siblings or family group portraits.

Acorns – hopefully you saw the lovely picture of our new Reception in the West Briton.

<u>Food Vouchers</u> - With the school dinner vouchers not available during half term, the parish council have some food vouchers available to families facing challenging times. Parents can get in touch (in confidence) Via <u>parish.clerk@chacewater.org</u> OR 01872 561387 to apply for vouchers.

<u>Chacewater village car park will be closed for re-lining and maintenance on both Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th October</u>

Please do not attempt to use the car park during these dates.

Chacewater Parish Council thank everyone in advance for their co-operation during this time.

"Cornwall Council's Together for Families team has created an autumn list of activities taking place next week. There's something for everyone and some funded spaces! www.cornwall.gov.uk/autumnhalfterm"

"Have you downloaded @TFFCornwall's Autumn Activities booklet yet? Packed full of ideas to keep your family busy this half term holiday, there are recipes and much more. www.cornwall.gov.uk/autumnhalfterm"

Golden Award Winners for this week



Theo, Ailla, Kip, Stanley, Daisy, Bailey, Esme, Jacob, Yr4, Freya, Daisy, Hollie&Olly.

Pupil Safety and Dark Nights

On Saturday night we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change. Sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users.

The latest available government statistics (2015)* show that 58% of children who die or are seriously injured in a road collision are involved in incidents between 3 and 7pm. From next Sunday, much of those will happen in darkness.

Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15 year olds are actually at more at risk from accidents that kill or result in serious injury.

The resources below will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents https://www.rospa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf

Safety First – Cycling at Night https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/

Be Bright, Be Seen Poster https://6282.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Be_Bright_Be_Seen-A5-Flyer.pdf

Keeping children safe during lockdown and beyond - Parents' pack https://www.capt.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=44e36e43-bd5e-4dd0-acae-e040f37fe2ef