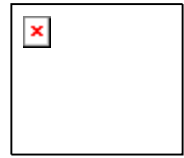




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Dear Parents

ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who was born between 01/09/2005 and 31/08/2006, they are eligible to start school in September 2010. You should have already received from the Local Authority information regarding how to make an application. Even if you currently have an older sibling on roll at the school, you must still make an application; you will not gain a place automatically and a place is not guaranteed. If you require more information about how to apply for a school place then please call - Customer Contact 0845 4564038. The closing date for receipt of applications is **16 October 2009**.

TRANSFERRING TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

If you have a child in Year 6, they are due to transfer to secondary school in September 2010. You should already have received information regarding how to make an application for a secondary school place. If not, please call Customer Contact - 0845 4564038. Once again, the closing date for applications is **16 October 2009**.

HARVEST SERVICE AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

Come and join us for our Harvest Festival service on Friday 16 October at 10am in St Peter's Church. We would be grateful if the children could bring in any donations of harvest produce on the morning of the 16 October to the school foyer where it will be taken down to the church. The harvest gifts will be donated to Grace Harris House in Shepton Mallet. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you in church on Friday morning. Could I please remind you that children come into school as normal in the morning. We then walk down to the church as a school.

FOOTBALL CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Well done to our football teams who have represented our school recently in two football events winning both! The first event was a football match against Ditcheat School in memory of Colin Law who had links with both the village of Evercreech and Ditcheat. He was the father of Alison Bower and Grandfather of Matthew Garside who left school last year. The cup awarded to the winners of this match is in his memory. This will be an annual event between the two schools.

The next event was the Ansford and Wincanton Federation Cup played last Friday. We were successful in winning the small schools event. Well done in particular to Charlotte Ripper who scored two goals! Well done to you all. The team now goes forward in November to represent the Wincanton/Ansford Federation in the South Somerset Schools final.

CROSS COUNTRY

The school also took part in a local cross country race last week. We were very pleased to see a large number of our children taking part. A special well done to Jack Green who came 6th in the Lower School Boys category and also to Mary-Lou Poore who came 4th in the Upper School Girls category. We look forward to more of these events in the coming months.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

As you are already aware we will be changing our hot school meals provider after half term and held a tasting session after school today. If you were unable to attend the tasting session, and would like a copy of the menu for the next set of meals, then menus will be available in the school foyer for you to collect. Please could menus and payment be returned to school by Wednesday 21 October. Many thanks.

HEALTHY SNACKS

The school is currently working towards the Healthy Schools Award and as part of this process we would like to encourage healthy eating as part of the children's break time snack and in their lunch boxes. KS1 children are provided with a piece of fruit or veg at break time. Could I please ask that parents provide a snack for their child at break time of a piece of fruit or veg rather than biscuits or sweet items. Many thanks.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Once again I am very concerned about the large number of un-named items of school uniform left around school. If items of uniform are named they almost always get returned to the correct owner. It makes it very difficult to return items that are not clearly labelled. Thank you for your support in this matter.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

We are sending home a BAGS 2 SCHOOL bag for you to fill with any unwanted clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. The more we collect, the more funds we will receive! Could bags be returned to school on the morning of Friday 6 November.

INSPIRE MORNINGS

Over this academic year we will be running Inspire Mornings. Inspire is a special morning to which children bring an adult to experience how they are taught at Evercreech Primary School. *The adult may be a parent, carer, grandparent or other adult member of the family.* Inspire aims to:

- build confidence of parents and the school in working more effectively together.
- increase parental involvement in children's literacy and numeracy at home and at school.
- raise levels of achievement in literacy and numeracy

Our first Inspire morning will be for Oak Class on Thursday 22 October. We do hope that parents, grandparents and friends etc will be able to join in this event. Dates for the other classes will follow in the new year.

COME AND TALK

Please remember that if you have any queries or questions relating to school then do not worry; go directly to a member of staff or myself, who will be able to help. This will alleviate small worries becoming big ones!

Half term - Monday 26 October - Tuesday 3 November. Children return to school on Wednesday 4 November.

School photographer in school on Friday 23 October. Children with pre school siblings will be taken first from 8.30am. Please come to the main entrance at 8.30am. Individual, siblings and class photographs will then be taken.

With best wishes

Heather Barraclough
Headteacher