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Newsletter 1

08 September 2023



Growing together to build our future

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this week. It has been fabulous to see everyone settle so quickly into their new classes, learning new routines and building relationships with new friends and staff. Thank you for your support in the positive start to the school year.

Thank you for ensuring that children have returned to school in appropriate uniform and shoes. Trainers should only be worn on PE days and we request that on PE days plain black/grey/navy clothing is worn with no logos. Any hairbands and clips should be in school colours of blue, black and/or white. All long hair should be tied back and no jewellery /earrings worn during PE.

Our new school meal provider 'Forerunner' has proved to be a huge success this week with children really enjoying the new hot meals and our new system of staggered eating times in the hall. I hope you have managed to access booking the meals online, however, if you have had difficulties, please pop into the school office for help.

New guidance has been sent to schools from the NHS supporting families with clarity of when children should remain at home due to illness and when they can be in school. Please read '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' to help with your decision making. I hope you will find this useful.

During our Inset days all staff completed the Annual Safeguarding update. I would like to remind you that Mrs Waldron is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and myself and Rebecca Balwin are deputy Designated safeguarding leads (DDSL). Kelly Overhill is our Initio safeguarding officer. If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01202 735046. We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).

We have been working hard to try and organise school dates as far in advance as we can, to help manage the busy diaries. Please see some dates here:

Meet the teacher Tuesday 19th Sept 23

Year 1 - 4.00pm, Year 2- 4.30pm, Year 3 - 5.00pm, Year 4 - 4.00pm

Reception Information evening about Reading and routines - Tuesday 26th September 2023 6-7pm

Parent Consultation Meetings

Tues 7th & Thur 9th November 23 - Face to face appointments in school 3-30-6.30pm. Booking appointment times will be emailed after half term.

Celebration of Learning - Mon 9th Oct 2.45pm, Wed 7th Feb 2.45pm and Fri 24th May 2.45pm - All families welcome to come to their child's classroom to enjoy sharing learning together.

Inclusion coffee Morning Tues 7th Nov 9:15 am, Tues 27th Feb 9:15 am, Tues 11th June 9:15 am

If anyone is interested in the role of Relief Crossing Patrol (BCP provides the lollipop, coat and hat!) this position is being readvertised as was not successfully filled earlier in the summer. Please see the link further down.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and continuing to work in partnership together. Have a wonderful weekend,

Katharine Anstey
Headteacher

This is a school for everyone. Everyone is welcome.



Safeguarding and Online Safety

Through partnership working with BCP Council, Dorset Police and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group the Partnership has put together a briefing document with key information for parents/carers with more information about risks linked to county lines and exploitation.

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01202 735046 We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).

Open conversation is best when negotiating online safety with children and young people. Find guidance on these conversations here from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Privacy Notice

Wimborne Academy Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document [here](#) on the school website.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day. Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

This week's attendance

Whole School	94.64%
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When will absences not be authorised?

The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events.

Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.15 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve punctuality.

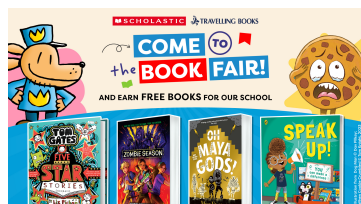
Do you have a comment, thought or question you would like to share with the school?

Please use the link [here](#) to access our communication form.



Relief crossing patrol Office required, please follow the link below for more information.

[Relief School Crossing Patrol Officer \(2 positions available - general relief \(various locations\) / Merley First \(Oakley Straight\) \(bpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)



After huge popularity last year, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair again this term. The book fair will be open for parents and children in the school hall from 3.30pm to 4.00pm on:

Tuesday 26th September

Wednesday 27th September

Friday 29th September

It is a cashless event and payments will be made on the day via a QR code and

online payment system straight to Scholastic.

Have a look at some of the books that will be available at the fair. [The Book Fair Range – Read Alone](#)



NSPCC [Pants are Private](#)

This week Mrs Waldron led an assembly to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Use the link to understand more about the message and how to get the conversation going with your child. The song is a big hit too!

Forthcoming Diary Dates

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September 2023

Tuesday 19th September -Meet the teacher Yr 1-4

Tuesday 26th September- Reception Information Event 6-7pm

27th - 29th September - Book Fair



October 2023

Monday 9th Oct 23 2.45pm - Celebration of learning - Families welcome into the classroom to share learning

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term - No children in school

Monday 30th October - Staff training day - No children in school

November 2023

Tuesday 7th November 9:00-10.00am Inclusion coffee morning - All parents welcome