



Newsletter 5

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Growing together to build our future

Message from the Headteacher

Last week, the Book Fair came to Merley. It was brilliant to see the children enjoying the opportunity to look at lots of different books available and some children were lucky enough to purchase one to take home. Thank you for your support with this event. For every book purchased by our families, the school is given a proportion back. We are delighted to share that Scholastic have given us close to £700 from the total profit to spend on books for the school library. Mrs Baldwin will be talking the children to find out which books they would like.

Mrs Louise Doanld, teaching assistant in Butterfly class is leaving us to start new adventures after half term. I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Natalie Crook will be joining us, following a recruitment process.

Don't forget on Monday we are celebrating Harvest in assembly. If you would like to donate an item to [Wimborne Food Bank](#), please send your child into class with an item and we will ensure they are given next week.

Monday is a busy day as you are invited into your child's class for the first celebration of learning for the year. From 2.45pm we will open the classroom doors so you can have a look at your child's learning. You are able to leave once you are ready but please ensure you tell your child's teacher that you are leaving. Due to the large number of people in classrooms, we politely request that all buggies and pushchairs are left outside the classrooms.

I hope you are able to enjoy some of the sunshine that is forecast for the 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

Initio Learning 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	93.43%
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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.

Thank you for the request last week for a one page of dates for events for the year. We are pulling this together and will be sharing it with you soon!

The Wimborne Green Festival takes place from Saturday 14 October to Saturday 21 October 2023.



PLANET WIMBORNE
GREEN FESTIVAL

To celebrate the event, Planet Wimborne are arranging a Poster Competition for all schools and children in the Wimborne area. The main points are:

- The posters can be any A4 or A3 size and should celebrate Trees and the benefits they provide.
- There will be three age groups: First School; Middle School; Secondary School
- All participants will receive an attractive certificate
- Trophies and book tokens will be awarded to the first three winners in each of the 3 categories
- Entries will be collected from school offices on **Wednesday morning 4 October 2023**
- **A display of all entries will be mounted at Wimborne Library for the week beginning October 9**

All winners and parents/teachers will be invited for a tea party at the Wimborne Library to receive their trophies on **Thursday October 12 at 3pm** – prizes will be presented by the Chair of Planet Wimborne.

Merley School Car Park - Our school car park is restricted to members of staff and visitors only. Please do not walk through the car park during the school day. Children should be walked into school via either the Oakley Straight gate or the Harrier Drive gate and not through the car park. Thank you for your support to ensure the safety of our staff and children.

Forthcoming Diary Dates AUTUMN TERM 2023



October 2023

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

Monday 9th Oct Open Morning for new prospective parents Sept 2024- Booking required

Tuesday 17th Oct 5-7pm Open Evening for new prospective parents Sept 2024

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

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

November 2023

Monday 6th Nov Open Morning for new prospective parents Sept 2024- Booking required

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

Wimborne - Valognes Twinning Association



HELLO! BONJOUR!

**A Wimborne area
schools and community show!**

**Wednesday 18 October
7.30 pm**

At the Allendale Wimborne

Tickets £5.00 from the Allendale

www.theallendale.org/tickets or call 01202 887247