



Newsletter 22

1 March 2024



Growing together to build our future

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a brilliant week to see all our families coming into school and meeting with class teachers for parent/carer consultation meetings. I know you really value the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, look at their learning and talk about their successes. It has been lovely to chat to many of you and share how proud we are about the progress children are making. If you were unable to attend, please arrange with your child's teacher a convenient time to talk.

I would like to remind you that further down the newsletter, every week there is a link to a google form where you can share any questions or thoughts about the school. It has been a little quiet recently so please feel free to ask a general question, that is not specific about your child, which other people may also find interesting to have answered. We really do appreciate hearing your comments and thoughts.

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.

Next week is World Book Day and we are excited to be dressing up. Thank you to the PTA for creating the space for a costume swap. The Wimborne Fair Trade shop is also offering preloved outfits, see [here](#) for more. Please do not feel that you need to spend money on an outfit. The home made ones are often the best!

The Pupil voice champions have also met with Miss Gover this week to think about how we want to raise awareness of Red Nose Day, so watch this space and more details to follow next week.

Have a great weekend and hopefully we will see a bit more spring sunshine,

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.

Policies can be found on our school website and contact the school office if you require documents in different formats.

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

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| Whole School | 95.82% |
| Year 4 | 94.89% |
| Year 3 | 96.17% |
| Year 2 | 96.75% |
| Year 1 | 95.61% |
| Reception | 95.6% |

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.

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Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You may be entitled to financial support towards uniform, trips, an extracurricular activity, milk and school meals. Use the link [here](#) to check.

Free Mental Health Webinar

The Charlie Waller Trust have released a number of free webinars for parents/carers, education staff and young people. Please follow this link to register:

[Charlie Waller Trust Free Mental Health Webinar](#)

Message from Merley PTA

We would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of coats and costumes. We have now finished collecting donations and we are unable to accept any more of these items, due to lack of storage space. However, we are happy to continue to receive second hand uniform.

Forthcoming Diary Dates SPRING TERM 2024



March 2024

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character

Wednesday 27th March - Last day of term and PTA Easter Event and Cake Sale (2.30pm to 3pm)

Thursday 28th March - Staff training day (no children in school)

June 2024

Friday 14th June - Sports Day - morning only

Tuesday 18th June - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 21st June - Staff training day (no children in school)

July 2024

Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd July - Year 4 PGL Residential

Friday 12th July - PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term. 3.15pm finish.



STREETLIGHT

COMMUNITY - SKATEPARK - CAFE - SOFT PLAY

WIMBORNE'S ONLY INDOOR SKATEPARK

Open Wednesday to Saturday

Prices

30min - £2

1hour - £4

2hour - £6

3hour - £8

4hour - £9

Day Pass - £12

Minimum age on the park is 6yrs.

**Scooters, Skateboards, Helmets
FREE TO USE**

Free Riding after 6pm

StreetLight Centre, Stone Lane Ind. Est
Wimborne Minster BH21 1HB
01202 848355





STREETLIGHT

COMMUNITY - SKATEPARK - CAFE - SOFT PLAY

Soft Play **& CAFE**

**FREE
Soft
Play**



**BOOK YOUR
FREE SESSION
ONLINE**



OPEN WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY

Booking essential via our website
streetlightproject.org.uk





STICKY CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY
24 MARCH
3:30-5:15PM

GOOD FRIDAY

10:30AM - 12PM
REFLECTIVE SERVICE
WITH COMMUNION
12-12:30PM

EASTER GALLERY

TUESDAY 26 –
THURSDAY 28
MARCH
9AM-5PM & 7-9PM

EASTER DAY CELEBRATION

10-11:30AM
ALL AGE GATHERING
WITH COMMUNION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION THELANTERNCHURCH.ORG

Easter Special STICKY CHURCH

WITH EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2024
3:30PM - 5:15PM



**JOURNEY THROUGH THE WONDER OF EASTER WITH ALL AGE CRAFTS,
FUN ACTIVITIES, BIBLE STORY & SONG, TOYS FOR LITTLE ONES.**

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