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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our March Newsletter. It has been a very busy term here at Colehill First School, with lots of brilliant learning taking place across the school. I very much hope that you have been able to make an appointment to see your child's teacher at next week's parent consultation evenings, so that you can see this for yourselves.

Please take a look through our Newsletter to find out more about current and planned events, including our Easter service on 5th April at St Michael's Church.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Headteacher

New Kits for Saturday Footballers!



Our Saturday football coach, Richard Mailer, has organised and sourced brand new football strips for the children to wear when playing matches. We are sure you will agree they look very smart and build a real sense of pride in the team.

Thanks go to Richard, to the parents of footballers for their contributions, and also to the CFSA who contributed significantly towards the overall cost. A great result!!

News from Wimborne Academy Trust

Since the last Newsletter, Wimborne Academy Trust has begun a programme to train teachers on the new 'Understanding Christianity' Religious Education resources provided by the Diocese of Salisbury for use in community and church schools.

Also, headteachers and deputy headteachers from across the Trust have worked together to ensure that we are well prepared for an Ofsted Inspection. These are valued opportunities for school leaders across our Trust to work together and share effective practice.

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NSPCC Assemblies – Speak Out, Stay Safe

The NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' programme is visiting our school during March to make sure all pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

This is a nationwide programme for every primary school aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, NSPCC staff and volunteers will present a child friendly, interactive assembly to the children in our school. Specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school- aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

For more information about the programme, please visit nspcc.org.uk/schools.

News: It's a Girl!

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Everett gave birth to a baby girl, Lyra, on Tuesday 7th March. Both mum and baby are doing well!



Year 4 Tag Rugby Festival



Our Kestrels (Y4) class participated in an inter-schools Tag Rugby event on Wednesday 15th March at St Michael's to practice skills in readiness for the upcoming East Dorset Tag Rugby Tournament in April. Two of our teams won all of their matches, with one team achieving a decisive 21 - 0 result!! The children represented Colehill very well and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Well done, Kestrels!

Kestrels class, kitted out for rugby in new school tracksuits, sponsored by Edwards Estate Agents of East Street, Wimborne (Edwards representatives are pictured here with pupils).



**Friday
24 March**

Comic Relief: Red Nose Day Friday 24th March 2017 - Multi-Coloured Challenge!!!

It's Red Nose Day time once again, and this year, we are challenging children to come to school with a suggested £1 donation for Comic Relief, wearing **as many different colours** (or shades / tones of colour) as they can. There will be a small prize for the child in each

class wearing the widest range of colours!

The Colehill Tree: Rights, Responsibilities and Values

In assemblies this term, the children have been learning about their rights and responsibilities as learners and members of our school. The school community is represented below as a pine tree (as we have similar pine trees on our school badge) and the branches on the tree are balanced.

Branches on the left of the tree, labelled in white, represent children's **rights**. Branches on the right represent the corresponding **responsibilities** that children need to take. The roots of the tree, which keep our school community firmly anchored, are our seven **school values**.



Easter Service

Just to remind parents that on **Wednesday 5th April**, children will need to be walked to, or dropped at, St Michael's Church Centre as it is our Easter service in church. No staff will be at school that morning, instead we will be at the Church Centre on Colehill Lane from 8.45 a.m. Registers will be taken at the usual time of 8.55 a.m. The service will begin at 9.05 a.m. in the church, and children will walk back to school after the event. We would be most grateful for any offers of parental help in walking pupils back to school: please speak to your child's class teacher if you are able to help.



Parents' E-Safety Workshop



At Colehill First School, we will also be holding our annual e-safety week from 27th - 31st March 2017. We invite all parents / carers to a workshop on **Thursday, 30th March at 2.00 p.m in the School Hall**. This year's theme is 'Online Etiquette'.. If you have any questions or topics you would like this to cover (e.g. Minecraft Live, Music.ly, Roblox) please do contact Mr Rayner. Thank you!



Reading Books: Update

We are continuing to upgrade our reading book stocks and, over the coming weeks, new colour coded home readers will be added to the book boxes. Children will benefit from additional choices across the full range of books, and you will see these coming home in book bags in the near future.

Diary Dates: remainder of Spring Term 2017

March 2017

- Week commencing 20th: Parent-Teacher Consultations
- Friday 24th: Squirrels (Y2) Class Assembly, 9am (Please note change of date)
- Friday 31st: Hedgehogs (YR) Class Assembly, 9am



April 2017

- Wednesday 5th: Easter Service at St Michael's Church, 9am: children to be dropped at church between 8.45 and 8.55, not at school
- Wednesday 5th: Spring Discos after school (Please note change of date)
- Friday 7th: Term Ends for the children.
- Monday 24th: Staff Training Day
- Tuesday 25th: Summer Term begins for the children.