



NEWSLETTER 1

12TH SEPTEMBER 2017

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to A New School Year!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the summer holidays. They have all made a really positive start to the term in their new classes. A special welcome goes out to all new pupils and their families: we hope that you have settled in and already feel part of the Colehill First School family!

This is the first of our monthly Newsletters: please check that you have signed up to ParentMail to receive all communications from school. If you need any help or advice with this, do contact the school office team.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Headteacher

Start and End of Day

We would like to say a very big thank you to all parents and carers for your support in ensuring the children arrive at school for 8.55 a.m. each morning. This is already making a difference, enabling a prompt start to the school day in every class. If on site after 8.55 a.m., parents should exit via the hall corridor and front door. Any pupil arriving after 8.55 or leaving before 3.15 will need to be signed in/out at the office window. (This does not apply to Reception pupils arriving or leaving as part of the half-day induction timetable).

At the end of the school day, the playground gate will be locked at 3.25 p.m. Unless attending an after school-club, it is expected that all children will exit the site by then.

School Council

We welcome our **New School Council for 2017-18**.

Well done to the following children on their successful election as School Councillors for the coming year:

School Council Leaders: Beth and Sammy (both in year 4)

Year 4: Jacob and Megan

Year 3: Annabelle and Thomas

Year 2: Willow and Eddie

Year 1: William and Lily.



Rock Wall

You will probably already have noticed our very bright and colourful new rock wall, rebuilt for the school by the Project Climbing Centre, Poole. Children will be able to use the rock wall during the school day, class by class, on a weekly rota. Any child using it after school must be directly supervised by parents or carers. Shoes will need to be clean and not muddy to ensure good grip.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is held in Colehill Nursery and runs daily from 8.00 – 8.45am. Places do need to be booked in advance, and pupils can attend on a flexible basis, varying from day to day and/or week to week as required. To register your child, please email the Nursery at the following address: manager@colehillnursery.co.uk

Clubs and Diary Dates

Please look out for **further email communications** in the coming days, detailing extra- curricular clubs and diary dates for the year. These will be with you as soon as possible.

Children Starting Middle School in 2018

If your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2018, you will need to apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. Applications have now opened.

You can apply online or download a copy of a paper form on the Dorset Admissions website www.dorsetforyou.com/schooladmissions

If you do not have access to a printer or the internet, please call **01305 221060** to request a paper copy of the application form and Parents Guide.

Key Dates:

- Closing date for applications: 15th January 2018;
- Offer date for places: 16th April 2018.

Term and Holiday Dates 2017-18

Autumn Term 2017 Start Wednesday 6th Sept Finish Friday 15th December Half Term 23– 27 October	Spring Term 2018 Start Weds 3rd January 2018 Finish Thursday 29th March 2018 Half Term 12 – 16 February 2018 <i>Training Day</i> <i>Tuesday 2nd January 2018</i>	Summer Term 2018 Start Tuesday 17th April 2018 Finish Tuesday 24th July 2018 May Day Monday 7th May 2018; Half Term 28 May – 1 June 2018 <i>Training Days</i> <i>Monday 16th April 2018</i> <i>Wednesday 25th July 2018</i>
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