



NEWSLETTER 2

11TH OCTOBER 2017

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now well into the new school year, and the children have settled fully into their new classes. With less than two weeks to go before half term, I have been really impressed with the learning I have seen so far this year across all classes in school. Thank you for your support with homework and with hearing your child read: this makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

As the weather is getting a little colder and also a bit more rainy, please could all children bring a showerproof coat with them to school, as some of the downpours we are experiencing are a little unpredictable! Also, given that games lessons take place outdoors, even during the colder months, children will need long sleeved tops / jogging bottoms with them in school, except for pupils in Reception class.

I hope all parents / carers have been able to make an appointment to see their child's class teacher at the Parent Consultation meetings being held over the next two weeks. If you have not been able to attend, and would like to arrange an appointment at another time, please do contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Headteacher

Staff News: Goodbyes and Hellos!

On Friday 6th October we said farewell to Mrs Ryan, our long-serving kitchen server and senior lunchtime supervisor. Mrs Ryan has left us to start work in a daycare setting. The children said their goodbyes at the end of lunchtime on Friday with cards and a lovely bunch of flowers. As of Monday this week, we have welcomed **Mrs Day** as our new kitchen assistant and **Mrs Hocking** as senior lunchtime supervisor.



After half term, we will welcome back **Mrs Everett** from maternity leave as job-share class teacher for Foxes class on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Swann will continue to teach the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays until Easter, after which time Mrs Everton is due to return from her maternity leave. Please be assured that, whenever teaching arrangements change during the school year, we do everything possible to keep continuity for the children in terms of routines, expectations and curriculum and this will be no exception!

Harvest Festival: In Support of Local Charity 'Routes to Roots'.



Thank you to all parents who came along to our Harvest festival this year: it was lovely to welcome so many people and to share with you our learning

about how important it is for everyone to have a place to call 'home'. The children really did themselves proud, both with their singing and spoken contributions. Thanks go to Mrs Radford for leading the music and to Vicar Suzanne for leading the worship. We would be most grateful; if all harvest donation envelopes could be with us no later than Friday 20th October. Thank you for your support.

Log Cabin: Floor Repairs

Parents/ carers and family members may have noticed that the Log Cabin is currently coned off - this is due to a collapsed floor joist which needs to be replaced. Please could everyone NOT use the log cabin until further notice, including after school and at weekends, as we do not want the floorboards to give way! This would make the job much larger and more costly, as well as posing a risk to people's safety. We are working to get the floor repaired as quickly as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.



New Governor Appointment

We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Mrs Louise Twaits** as a new co-opted school governor with effect from September 2017. This follows the resignation from the Local Governing Body of Phil O'Connor last July.

CFSA News

Class Donations

The CFSA have very generously agreed to a £300 donation per class for staff to provide additional resources for children in each class to use. Thanks to the CFSA committee for generously agreeing this.

Christmas Fair

Please note that this year's Christmas Fair will take place on **Friday 8th December**; make a note of the date in your diaries

Christmas Discos

Christmas Discos will once again take place this year, and the date is **Wednesday 13th December**, following on from children's parties. Further details will follow from the CFSA.



Diary Dates

For the latest diary dates, including class assemblies and whole school events, please click on this link:

[Diary Dates 2017-18](#)

Final Call: 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 are now open!

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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News from Wimborne Academy Trust

Staff at Colehill First School continue to work ever more closely with colleagues from the other six schools in the Trust, sharing expertise and learning from each other to benefit all children across the Wimborne area. There is a co-ordinated plan to improve all schools within our Trust, and our latest School Development Plan can be viewed, via our website, [here](#).

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