



# NEWSLETTER 3

10th NOVEMBER 2017

**WIMBORNE**  
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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term. The children have returned to school full of excitement: we have reached that point in the school year when we can no longer ignore the changing of the seasons!! I hope that, despite darker evenings and mornings, everyone has been able to enjoy recent autumn festivities involving costumes, bonfires and fireworks. We are now looking ahead to December and Christmas, and this Newsletter contains details of forthcoming seasonal events at school.

Thank you one and all for your excellent support towards fundraising for our chosen Harvest charity: Routes to Roots. You will see below how successful our efforts were.

Wishing you all a colourful, leaf-fall filled November!

Yours sincerely,

*Andrew Turrall*  
Headteacher



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

We are pleased to announce that, as a result of this year's Harvest Fundraiser, we managed to raise a very respectable **£202** for Routes to Roots. Thank you, everyone, for your support for this worthwhile cause.

## Visit from Lindsay Chapman, Invictus Games Gold Medallist

Invictus Games 100m gold medallist Lindsay Chapman visited Colehill First School on 10th November.

Lindsay met pupils and staff in school assembly and told the story of how she became an Invictus Games competitor, taking part in this year's Toronto games, meeting Prince Harry and winning a gold medal for the 100m wheelchair sprint event.



## BBC Children In Need Ramble: Friday 17th November

Friday 17th November will be a non-uniform day, with a suggested donation of £1 towards BBC Children In Need. During the afternoon of that day, children in all classes will go on a



short guided **Children In Need Ramble** through Cannon Hill Woods. They will need to bring coats, outdoor shoes for walking (wellies would be fine) and woolly hats if chilly. We will welcome offers of parental help on this afternoon – please could you let the School Office or your child’s teacher know if you are able to accompany us. Thank you for your support!

## British Values

Since Easter, children at Colehill First School have been learning about fundamental British Values. This term, they have democratically chosen a character to represent ‘the rule of law’. I can therefore introduce you to Ruby, the Rule of Law Raccoon!



## School Health Team News

We are saying farewell to our long serving School Nursing Practitioner, Lucy May. Her role here at Colehill First will now be undertaken by her experienced colleague Marie LaRue. The usual termly drop-ins will continue. Also, just a reminder that **flu vaccinations** for the children are scheduled for Friday 24th November: all parental reply slips giving / refusing consent should by now have been returned to school.



## CFSA News

### Bag 2 School

Thank you to everyone for your donations of unwanted clothing for Bag 2 School last Friday. This generated an income of **£124** for CFSA funds.

### Christmas Fair

Plans are underway for this year’s Christmas Fair which will happen on **Friday 8th December**; There will be a **non-uniform day** on **Friday 24th November** in return for a donation of something chocolatey for our very popular new Chocolate Tombola.

There will be a **further non-uniform day** on **Friday 8th December** in return for a donation to the main or children’s Tombola stalls.

### 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 soon!



## Diary Dates

For the latest diary dates, including class assemblies and whole school events, please click on this link: [Diary Dates 2017-18](#)

## Term and Holiday Dates 2017-18

<p><b>Autumn Term 2017</b> Finish Friday 15th December</p>	<p><b>Spring Term 2018</b> 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></p>	<p><b>Summer Term 2018</b> 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></p>
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