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HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of one of the most important and busiest school terms, I took some time out to pause and reflect. There is so much learning going on for the children and the adults. I have tried to capture some of this over the coming pages in an attempt to give you a bit of a flavour of what's happening in school.

We know that personal development is a strength in both schools and we continue to develop and build on this even further, as it is hugely important to us all. We use 'Picture News' to initiate conversations and provide thought-provoking topical conversations, which I know often then continue at home.

I love Christmas, but appreciate it can also be a challenging time for many. With extra pressures on finance and time, it can be difficult, especially for families where being together is stressful and worrying.

I'm sure you heard that Hayeswood and Colehill had a very special visitor. If not, please see the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LunybySk-A> Hayeswood

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LunybySk-A> Colehill

Schools have access to a range of agencies which can offer support to families and can signpost to other support. Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you feel at any point that you need some extra help and support. Have a safe, happy Christmas, whatever you are doing,

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Staddon



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SCHOOL UPDATE

Year 3 took part in a 10-week **Samba course** with Dorset Music Service. It was wonderful to see how much progress they made in that time and their ability to focus and concentrate was fantastic. They performed a sample of their learning for their families, who also got a chance to participate!

Dorset Reading Partners continue with their amazing work supporting children reading in school. We appreciate all that they do to engage the children and to promote a love of reading, which will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime.

Year 4 children enjoyed a trip to **St Michael's for a Sports Festival**. They had great fun and had plenty of opportunity to practise and hone their newly acquired skills.

In Maths we are continuing to focus on **Mastering Number** and staff are having training on this. We expect this to have a big impact on the children's deep understanding of numbers in the Early years of school.

In Science, Mrs Cuff has been part of the **Enthuse training programme** which will carry on for some time. This is already having a positive impact, especially in terms of investigations.



SCIENCE UPDATE FROM MRS CUFF

Hayeswood and Colehill are currently taking part in a STEM Enthuse project to help raise the profile of Science. This is for the teaching staff and pupils. Mrs Cuff leads this and attends half termly meetings where she meets all of the Science leads in the Trust to discuss the progress of the project and our next steps. We've recently delivered training to all staff on Working Scientifically which was a hands-on workshop in the October inset day. Staff then had the opportunity to implement these investigations into their planning. The next steps for the project is to look into having ambassadors in to discuss their job role and how it links to Science to show to the children that Science goes beyond being a Scientist! We also have the national Science Week in March 2024 which is being planned as we speak! The HSA has kindly offered to fund an exciting opportunity for all of our children so keep your eyes peeled for more news closer to the time!

CHRISTMAS NEWS



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DON'T MISS OUT!

Clare Williams is returning to our schools for another **Talk for Parents**. Those who attended last time had a lot of very positive things to say, however, there weren't as many people as I would have hoped for. I wondered if the catchy title of Trauma Informed Schools (TIS) may have put people off. If that was the case, I would encourage you to give it a go. It is a talk for everyone and will help you to better understand your child's mental health and why they behave the way they sometimes do. real strategies and understanding of everyday issues will be explored.



This will take place at Hayeswood School but is open to all.

PHONICS AND READING WORKSHOPS

We hope you have found these events informative and useful. Feedback has been that you find such things more beneficial if you see how it is done in the class with the children, so we have tried to that as much as possible.

An interesting interview shared by Mrs. Simmonds you may enjoy listening to.

CAN READING REALLY IMPROVE YOUR LIFE?

OPEN MORNINGS

I would like to say a massive thank you to our Year 3 and 4 helpers for the Open Morning. They had the huge responsibility of taking groups of prospective parents around our schools and talking about the schools. Sometimes they had to answer some tricky questions too. They were excellent ambassadors for the schools and it was clear to all how proud they were of their own learning and the schools they learn in.

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MUSIC UPDATE FROM MRS EVERITT

.Music fills us with joy and enhances our general well being and we strive for this to be the case throughout the school year and not just during this festive period. I have been popping into lessons, looking at plans and talking to the children about their learning. I was impressed with the children's technical vocabulary and clear progression throughout the years. Mrs Radford continues to do a sterling job in supporting the children and staff at Colehill with her musical skills, not only does she take the weekly singing assembly, encouraging the children's love of song through performances such as Harvest and Christmas, but she also offers precious CPD (continuous professional development) opportunities to the teachers by demonstrating progressive lessons in each year group on a rota basis. Mrs Radford also teaches individual piano lessons across both schools. Hayeswood are now lucky enough to have Mrs Murray supporting them weekly with singing assembly and before school music club. She has been enthusiastic and inspirational in leading our singing for the Twinning Event at the Allendale Community Centre, Harvest and Christmas. From Spring term onwards, Mrs Murray will be helping to develop the children's and teacher's technical, constructive and expressive musical understanding through delivering lessons across the year groups.

In the New Year, I will continue to coordinate a program of community events, so far the children have enjoyed some wonderful live music courtesy of the talented Canford school students, the evening community event at the Allendale centre and the walk up to the church for Harvest. I am currently in communication with a local care home who are eager to see and listen to our young singers perform. Finally, in order to ensure that our provision is diverse and values all musical styles, genres and traditions, I will be looking to invite staff, parents and other outside agencies in to perform to, or with, our children. Please do get in touch if you, or anyone you know, has any musical talents that you would love to share with the children!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
Colehill - £75.50
Hayeswood £88.50

BBC Children In Need
Colehill - £117
Hayeswood £43

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ECO CLUB & SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The children have made an excellent start to making our school as Eco friendly as possible during the Autumn term. As well as selecting light monitors for each class, the children have enjoyed keeping our school clean and tidy by litter picking and growing their own cress. The children are looking forward to growing more plants and vegetables in the Spring time and have started to create plans for this.

School Council - Hayeswood

Our School Council has been incredibly busy this half term. We've organised the Children In Need fundraiser, Christmas Jumper day and the Christmas Present appeal for the Salvation Army. Mrs Cuff delivered these gifts to the Wimborne branch who were incredibly touched by all of your kind donations so a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated. This will have a direct impact on our community and make lots of children happy on Christmas Day.





The children have also enjoyed a Christmas disco, Maths challenge making a paper chain, judging the Spooky Spoon challenge and much more.



Mrs Staddon challenged the Year 2 children at Colehill to successfully complete the penguin challenge.

To do this they would need to listen to each other, work together and be very resilient! The children rose to the challenge and were very keen to show evidence of their success!

Eco club Colehill, set up a Christmas jumper swap to encourage others to recycle and reuse old Christmas jumpers. A special thank you to Beatrice in Year 4 and her mum for all of the organising to make this happen. It was a really successful event and we are looking forward to our next projects in the New Year!



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VISION AND VALUES

Everyone Matters, Every Day Counts

Vision: A school where everyone is nurtured and empowered to be their best selves.

School Values: Respect, Reflect, Resilient

Respect	We respect ourselves, others people and the world around us
Reflect	We think about how we can make things better in how we learn and how we behave
Resilient	We keep on trying even when it is hard and know that the harder we try the better we will be.

FAMILY STRATEGIC GROUP

I would like to set up a Family Strategic Group to meet up once a term to discuss strategic educational direction, in a informal way. It will be an opportunity for me to share some of what we plan for the the next year and how it might look.

If this is something you would particularly be interested in please let me know.

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CAR PARKING

A polite reminder to park considerately and not to leave engines running. At Colehill, please walk on the outside of the school fence rather than cutting across the car park. This car park is in use all day.



FOREST SCHOOLS

We are really pleased that we have been able to extend the Forest School experience across the whole school. This is largely down to the hard work of Mrs Dawson and Jess and to all those who arranged pallets, wood, tyres and everything else. A massive thank you to those who helped out in horrendous weather conditions to improve both sites.

CHRISTMAS FAYRES

Thank you to the CFSA and HSA and to all the parents who made these events such a success. It is a team effort with tombola donations, raffle prizes gifts all contributing and playing their part.

ADMISSIONS

DORSET HAVE ENTERED INTO THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON ITS SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS 2025/2026 RUNNING THROUGH TO THE 9TH JANUARY 2024.

DETAILS OF THE CONSULTATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW AT 2025 TO 2026 SCHOOL ADMISSION POLICIES - DORSET COUNCIL

DIARY DATES

Please note, that as promised, we have worked on dates for the year wherever we could. These have been added to the website. Although every effort will be made to ensure these remain the same, they may change.

