



NEWSLETTER 4

11th DECEMBER 2017

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the final week of what has been (as ever) a very busy Autumn Term, I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the last 3 and a half months. We really value all of your help, including assisting with home learning, hearing your child read, supporting with costumes and learning words for assemblies and whole school events, helping with CFSA events and also with volunteering in school and on educational visits. This all contributes so much to the life of our school and its community and the achievement of our children.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our children, and their families, a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the Spring Term on **Wednesday, 3rd January**.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Turrall
Headteacher



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to announce that this year's poppy appeal in school raised the largest ever total to date: a significant **£183.89**. Thank you all for your support this year.



BBC Children In Need Ramble

A very big thank you to all our families for your support on Friday 17th November. The children enjoyed a brisk autumn walk on a glorious sunny afternoon. We raised a very respectable **£160.28** for BBC Children in Need. Thank you all for your kind donations, and a special thank you to all those parents and family members who came along to support on the day.



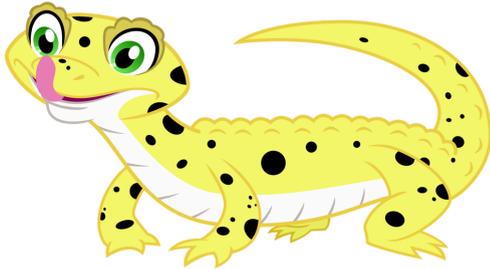
Christmas Concerts

A huge 'well done' to all of the children who sang so beautifully and participated with such enthusiasm in our depiction of 'An English Village Christmas' on 6th and 7th December. We were very proud of the children, who gave their best at each and every performance. It was a pleasure also to welcome John Dickson, Chair of Trustees at **Wimborne Academy Trust**, to the afternoon concert on 7th December. Our collection in aid of the Back Up Trust, a charity supporting those who have suffered spinal injury, raised a very healthy sum of **£276.43** for this worthwhile cause.

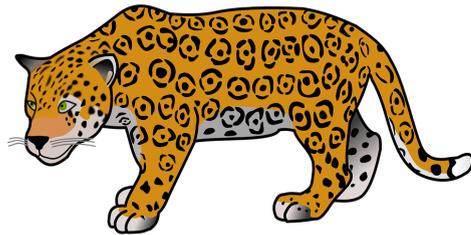


British Values

Since Easter, children at Colehill First School have been learning about fundamental British Values. We are currently holding a pupil vote to select one of two characters to represent our fourth and final value: 'liberty'. The School Council have shortlisted the final two candidates as 'Larry the Lizard of Liberty' and 'Lucky the Leopard of Liberty'. Children will vote in a democratic ballot during the last week of this term, and we will let you know the result in the next newsletter!



'Larry the Lizard of Liberty'



'Lucky the Leopard of Liberty'

CFSA News

Christmas Fair

Thanks from the CFSA to all those who supported this year's Christmas Fair, either as visitors or as helpers. The event was greatly enjoyed by everyone. Special thanks go to Mrs Bunce for co-ordinating the event so successfully.

We will let you know, once all takings and receipts are counted up, the final total raised.

Christmas Discos

Christmas Discos are taking place on **Wednesday 13th December**, following on from children's parties. Tickets are still on sale right up until the day itself.



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 2018

Spring Term 2018

Start Weds 3rd January 2018
Finish Thursday 29th March 2018
Half Term 12 – 16 February 2018

Training Day
Tuesday 2nd January 2018

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

Training Days
Monday 16th April 2018
Wednesday 25th July 2018