



NEWSLETTER 1

7th SEPTEMBER 2018

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a brand new school year, everyone!! The children in years 1 to 4 have made a super start already, and we very much look forward to welcoming Reception pupils (Hedgehogs class) on Tuesday 11th September.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all new members to our staff team: firstly Mr Callum Hayes, class teacher to year 3, who is already well known to pupils and parents of pupils in year 3 following his training placement with us last year. Also, welcome to Mr Alex Malanczuk, who is based in year 2 on a teacher training placement with us this year. Additionally, we welcome Mrs Louise Twaits to our teaching assistant team, and Mr Alex Newton as a lunchtime supervisor.



Also, many congratulations to Miss Sarah Lemon, our SEN Leader, who got married over the summer holidays and is now Mrs Sarah Pond.

On Wednesday, you will have received a letter from Mrs Liz West, CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, regarding my new role from January 2019 as executive headteacher at both Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools. I would like to thank parents for their support and also reassure everyone that I will not in any way 'disappear' from Colehill First School next term! I will maintain a strong presence here, with Miss Self continuing to provide support and leadership as deputy headteacher. Parents can be assured that, should they need to speak to a school leader, communication will be efficient and effective, regardless of whom they approach.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall

Headteacher

Fitness Trail



You may have noticed that at the front of the school, to the left of the main steps, we have a brand new Fitness Trail. This was installed over the summer holiday by Dorset County Council grounds team, and funded through our School Sports and Formula Capital Grants. It will be used by children in all year groups to build core strength and fitness. It has been designed specifically to enable short-bursts of fitness activity between lessons, building strength and stamina. The emphasis will not be so much on competition between children but on pupils improving their personal best over time. I hope your child enjoys using it and finds it both challenging and fun!

Football Coaching

At the end of last year our long-standing football coach, Mr Richard Mailer, indicated that he would be stepping down from this role. We would like to thank Richard for his commitment over the past four years, during which time the participation in football club has grown significantly, and the children have enjoyed some notable successes at matches. In order for Saturday football to continue, we are now looking for a new lead coach, as well as a team of parents who could support with coaching. Saturday football is a highlight of many children's weekends and we would very much like to continue it, however we do understand that it is a very significant voluntary commitment for parents to make. The school will contribute towards the cost of coaching qualifications for any interested parent without such a qualification. An enhanced DBS would also be required for all parent helpers. Please speak to Mr Turrall, Miss Self or any member of the office team if you are interested or would like to find out more.



Authorisation of Leave During Term Time

Legislation introduced in 2013 means that headteachers can no longer use powers of discretion to authorise **any** term time leave for holidays. This is the case regardless of a child's overall attendance or punctuality record. Even a child with 100% attendance could not have term time leave authorised if it were for a holiday. Dorset County Council's Penalty Notice Protocol requires schools to refer all cases of term-time leave due to holidays when the period of leave amounts to 5 days or more, i.e. 10 or more school sessions. Penalty fines are then issued, and fines are set at £60 per pupil, per parent. Term time leave can only be only authorised in exceptional circumstances, and such circumstances do not include family holidays. For more detail, please refer to our website [here](#).

School Council

We welcome our new School Council for 2018-19. Well done to the following children on their successful election as School Councillors for the coming year:

School Council leaders: Thomas and Annabel (both in year 4)

Year 4: Joshua and Lilia

Year 3: Chloe and James

Year 2: Sammy and Freya

Year 1: Constance and Jamie



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 2019

If your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2019, you will need to apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. Applications have now opened.

You can apply online [here](#).

You can access a parents guide [here](#).

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.

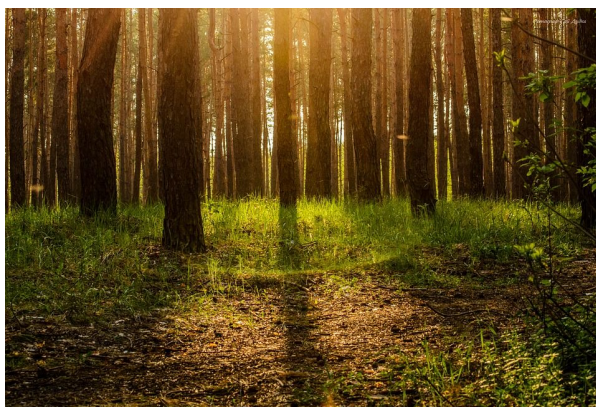
Key Dates:

- **Closing date for applications: 15th January 2019;**
- **Offer date for places: 15th April 2019.**

Forest Schools

We would like to invite Y1 parents to a meeting at **3.30pm on Thursday 13th September** in the Year 1 classroom. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce a new initiative we are going to be starting with Y1 children this Autumn Term. We are very excited to have found an experienced Forest School Leader who is going to work with us to facilitate Forest School activities for the children on Mondays. Year 1 will attend up to Christmas and in the Spring Term Reception will start their Forest School sessions. (There will be a separate meeting for Reception parents later this term).

Forest School is an outdoor venture that provides regular opportunities for learners to achieve and develop self-esteem, confidence, independence, problem solving, risk assessing, fine and gross motor skills, core strength and social skills. The class will be split into 2 groups with one group outside for the morning and the other in the afternoon. The outside group will be led by the Forest School Leader, supported by Mrs Brooks, The group remaining indoors will continue with the Year 1 curriculum with Mrs Everton.



Obviously, as the children will be outside for a long period of time, it will be important that they have adequate and correct clothing. At the meeting you will be able to meet the Forest School Leader, hear details of the programme from her and find out about what the children will need. We very much hope you will be able to come.



Medical Information

Just a reminder that we are a nut-free school, so we respectfully ask that no food products containing nuts should be included in packed lunches or any other foods sent into school. This is because we have children in school with severe allergies.

Any medicines that need to be taken during the school day should be clearly labelled with the child's name and class, and handed into the school office along with a completed medicines form. We are not permitted to administer routine painkillers unless on prescription from your GP.

Pupils who suffer tummy bugs (diarrhoea and / or vomiting) should remain absent from school for 48 hours after symptoms have ceased. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Term and Holiday Dates 2018-19

Autumn Term 2018

Start: Wednesday 5th September 2018
(years 1 to 4 inclusive)

Tuesday 11th September (year R)

Finish: Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term: 22– 26 October 2018

Training Days

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018

Spring Term 2019

Start: Tuesday 8th January 2019

Finish: Thursday 4th April 2019

Half Term 18 – 22 February 2019

Training Days

Monday 7th January 2019

Friday 5th April 2019

Summer Term 2019

Start Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Finish Tuesday 23rd July 2019

May Day Monday 6th May 2019;

Half Term 27 - 31 May 2019

No Training Days