



# NEWSLETTER 2

10TH OCTOBER 2018

**WIMBORNE**  
Academy Trust

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,



It was great to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival service on Friday 5th October. Each year we seem to fit just a few more people into our school hall!! We were very proud of just how well the children spoke, sang and performed, and of the thoughtfulness they demonstrated towards caring for our oceans and protecting the marine food chain. Thank you for your support in attending and in raising some money for our chosen good cause: the [Marine Conservation Society](#). We

would be really grateful to receive envelopes with donations back in school by **Friday 19th October**.

To follow up from Harvest, we want to raise children's awareness of just how much plastic in the world is still single-use (i.e. non-recyclable), and just how much of this plastic finds its way either into landfill or into our oceans. That's why, when a group of year 1 parents approached the school with the idea of an eco-bricks project, we felt it linked really well with our Harvest Festival theme. If families of Colehill pupils are able to support us with this project it will enable us to create something long-lasting out of materials that would otherwise add to the worldwide 'plastic mountain'! Details of the scheme are included below.

Thank you for your support!

Yours sincerely,

**Andrew Turrall**

Headteacher

## Football Update

Unfortunately, as yet, no volunteers have come forward to take on the running of Saturday morning football at Colehill First School. However, Wimborne Town FC qualified coaches are now offering after school football coaching for pupils in years 1 to 4 inclusive on Fridays from 3.20 - 4.20 p.m. There are still some spaces available. More details are available from the School Office.



## Attendance Guidance for Parents

Our attendance guidance document has been updated by Wimborne Academy Trust, and a copy of the latest version has been included in your Parent Mail along with this newsletter. Please do ask at the School Office should you have any attendance-related questions.

## Hedgehogs Nursery Rhyme Challenge - Thursday 18th October at 9.00 am



Parents / carers and family members of pupils in Hedgehogs class are warmly invited to their first 'assembly' for parents. The school tradition is that this is a Nursery Rhyme Challenge - the children recite and perform lots of well known (and maybe a few less well known) Nursery Rhymes. Pupils from other classes do not attend this event, it is solely for Hedgehogs and family members. We very much hope you can make this date!

## Eco Bricks Challenge

As you may have seen recently, in both the Daily Echo and the Stour and Avon Magazine, we are extremely excited to announce that the children of Colehill First School will be involved in a new project to design and build our own Buddy Bench in the school playground.

The bench will be made out of [Eco Bricks](#) and will be designed with the purpose of raising our awareness of the disposal of Single Use Plastics (plastics that can't yet be recycled), at the same time as doing something practical and useful with all our plastic to benefit the children. All children will be working closely with the School Council who will be involved in the collection of plastic and overall design of our structure, along with a few of the parents in Foxes class. We hope to build our bench in the summer term and get the children involved in the actual building of the bench too! Full details of the challenge, i.e. the letter sent out to parents and carers, can be found [here](#).



## Wimborne Academy Trust News

### WIMBORNE Academy Trust

Mrs Sarah Cooper, mum of Matthew in Year 3, has recently been appointed to the Board of Trustees at Wimborne Academy Trust. Please click [here](#) to view the Trust's website.

## CFSA News: Forthcoming Events



### Christmas Fair: Friday 7th December: 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Please make a note of the date. More details will follow!

### Children's Christmas Discos: Wednesday 19th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: 3.15 - 4.00pm

Pupils to be collected from the school playground.

### Years 3 and 4: 4.05 - 4.50 p.m.

Pupils can be collected from the main school entrance.

## Reminder: Children Starting Middle School in 2019

Since the last Newsletter, St Michael's Middle School have held their open evening for parents of new pupils due to start in September 2019. Hopefully parents / carers have found this useful and informative. Other middle schools are also holding similar events this term.

Just a reminder that, if your child is due to transfer to Middle School in September 2019, you do need to apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. Applications have now opened. If you live in Dorset (as most of our families do) 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.

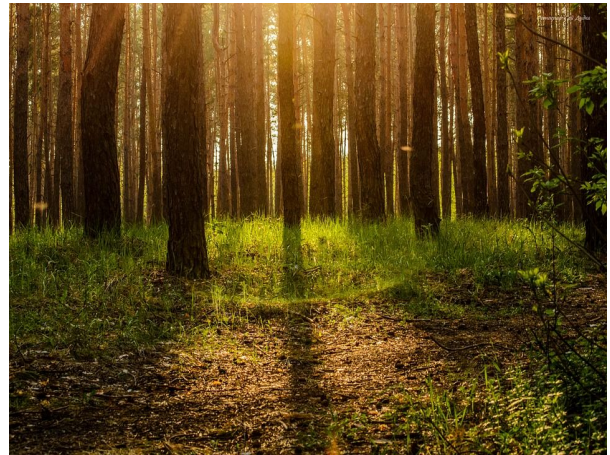
### Key Dates:

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

## Forest Schools Update

Pupils in Foxes class (year 1) are really enjoying their weekly Forest Schools opportunity, and are learning a huge amount about the outdoor environment in school as well as developing super communication and problem solving skills. Thanks go to Jess Elvin for leading the group so expertly.

After Christmas, it will be the turn of our current year R (Hedgehogs) pupils to take part in Forest Schools every Monday, right through until the end of June 2019. There will be a meeting for parents of Hedgehogs pupils to find out more on **Monday 26th November at 3.30 p.m. in Hedgehogs classroom:** please save the date!



## Term and Holiday Dates 2018-19

### Autumn Term 2018

Finish: Friday 21st December 2018

Half Term: 22- 26 October 2018

#### **Training Day**

*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***