



NEWSLETTER 5

15 JANUARY 2019

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back!

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2019. I hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday, and made the most of the festive season. Many thanks for all of the good wishes, cards and gifts received at the end of last term - these are very much appreciated. We wish all Colehill First School families a happy and successful 2019.

CFSA Christmas Fair and Discos

A big thank you to all parents, staff, friends and children who supported our Christmas Fair and Christmas Disco events in December. The Fair itself raised £1,446 whilst the Discos raised a further £377 making a grand total of £1823 towards CFSA funds, all of which will be spent on additional provision for the children. This additional funding makes a real difference: thank you, everyone!!



Closure in the Event of Adverse Weather

At this time of year, it seems appropriate just to remind everyone about our adverse weather procedures. On very rare occasions, during extreme adverse weather, there may be a need to close our schools. This is always a decision of last resort, and only taken when it is clear that we cannot open and run the school safely. We will endeavour to advise parents of closure via the school website by **7am at the latest**. The website will have a bright, unmissable banner on the front page if the school is closed! Additionally, information on school closures

is also available via other sources. **Local radio** stations broadcast emergency information regarding school closures. These include BBC Radio Solent on 96.1 FM, Wave 105 on 105.8 FM, and Heart Radio on 102.3 FM. The radio stations have all asked schools to remind parents not to phone them directly, but to listen for announcements which will be broadcast at very regular intervals. School closure information can be also accessed via the **Dorsetforyou website** by following this link: <http://mapping.dorsetforyou.com/closedservices>

Let us hope that none of this will be necessary, but, should the 'Beast from the East' return, at least everyone will be able to get the latest information!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall

Hand to Mouth Theatre Company

On Wednesday 16th January the children will enjoy a performance of 'Head In The Clouds' from Martin the Puppet Man of the Hand to Mouth Theatre Company. Martin's visits are always greatly enjoyed by the children and his puppet shows are entertaining but also very thoughtful. Thanks go to the CFSA for generously funding the event for everyone, a total cost of £300.



Life Education Bus



The Life Education Bus will visit Colehill First School on Monday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January 2019. Life Education is the UK's largest children's health education charity. For each class, a session is delivered that is appropriate to the pupils' age and needs. Sessions are taught by Life Education's own specially trained educators using a life-skills approach, so that each year children increase their knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed health choices. Topics covered include: how the body works, the importance of healthy diet and exercise, safe use of medicines, the risks of tobacco, alcohol and non-prescription drugs and emotional well-being (including bullying.) Emphasis is placed on teaching in an enjoyable, interactive manner using music, sound and light effects as well as a life-sized illuminated

model of the human body. **There is a parents' information session on Monday 21st January 2.45-3.15pm, to which all parents / carers are invited. There is no need to book, just come to the main entrance at 2.40 p.m. The session will finish in time to collect children at 3.15.**

A Message from CoMad (Colehill Music and Drama Group)

'HOW TO PUT THE 'FUN' IN FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL AS WELL!'



***Come! See a fairy tale unfold, a tale that often has been told,
Of sweet Snow White and bitter Queen, of magic mirror all serene,
Of seven dwarves and silly Dame (though our dwarves don't have Disney names!)
The handsome prince we'll have as well, the huntsman snared by wicked spell,
A pompous old Lord Chamberlain, a lad who loves Snow White in vain –
This last, a gentle chap called Andy, will find the audience's help quite handy!***

Twenty years ago, in 1999, Co.MaD performed "Cinderella", their first ever pantomime, in aid of Colehill First School. Their third, "Aladdin" in 2001, was in aid of Hayeswood First School.

2019's pantomime "Snow White" will take place on Fri to Sun, 8th to 10th February (7.30 Fri, 2.30 Sat, 7.30 Sat, 2.30 Sun) at Colehill Memorial Hall BH21 2LS. Donations from the proceeds will go to **both** Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools.

Tickets £7 Adult, £5 Child (up to 16) available from Hilary on 01202 886303.

Wimborne Academy Trust News

This term we welcome two new first schools to our Trust: these are Verwood CE First School and Hillside First School, Verwood.

Additionally, as you will already have seen in the letter sent last week, Wimborne Academy Trust is in advanced talks with Queen Elizabeth's School about joining our family of schools. If this goes ahead it will be fantastic news for the whole community, as our schools feed directly into the upper school and this would mean we provide seamless and outstanding education provision from early years right through to sixth form.

The Trustees and CEO will keep us updated throughout the process.

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Term and Holiday Dates 2018-19

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

Autumn Term 2019

Start Wednesday 4 September 2019

Finish Friday 20 December 2019

Half Term 28 October - 1 November 2019

Training Days

Monday 2nd September 2019

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019