



NEWSLETTER 7

Summer Term 1

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school after the Easter holidays! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, making the most of the amazing weather! We extend a special welcome back to our deputy headteacher Miss Self, following her recent surgery. Thanks go to Mrs Everton, Mrs Everett and Mrs Brock for providing teaching cover whilst Miss Self has been away from school.



Thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to St Michael's Church on 2nd April for our Easter Service and also helped with walking the children back to school. We very much hope you enjoyed the service, including the singing, the storytelling and the musicianship. Thanks to Mrs Radford for leading the music so brilliantly and the Open the Book Team for leading the storytelling. Thanks also go to Vicar Suzanne for welcoming us all at St Michael's.

We hope that the children enjoyed the Easter activities in school, including the Easter Egg Hunt and Decorated Egg Competition. Thanks go to the CFSA for organising these additional events for the children. The support of CFSA volunteers is very much appreciated by staff and children alike.

This term is again predictably busy, with many events scheduled for the coming weeks. All dates can be viewed via the link to the website [here](#). Notably, it is already only a few short weeks before our annual Sponsored Walk - this takes place on the Friday before half term: May 24th. As ever, we welcome all parents and family members to spectate / participate in the walk and to help mark the children's lap cards - please make a note of the date in your diaries.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall

Parent Surveys



Our annual parent questionnaires will be sent out this week - please look out for these in children's book bags as they are **paper copies**. This is the last year of paper questionnaires, as they will be replaced by online surveys from next year. We welcome your feedback, and the deadline for returning these is Friday 3rd May. Thank you for your support.

Attendance Update

The current attendance figure for the school as a whole is **97.2%** which remains above the national figure. Thank you for your ongoing support.

One reason for absence is term time leave for holidays, something which is now on the increase nationally. Headteachers have no discretion to authorise this type of leave, and we continue to follow Dorset's Penalty Notice Protocol for term time holidays. 5 or more days' leave in any 12 week period will attract a fine of £60 per child, per parent.



RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL - MARCH 2019

Singing Workshops - Dorset Music Service

The children learned and performed together 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman', singing the song in multiple parts with real skill. The children's singing was exceptional and they surprised themselves and all of the staff with the quality of their final performance. Thanks go to Mrs Radford for leading this workshop so expertly. We hope to be able to share our efforts with you in the near future!



World Book Day Celebrations

On Friday 8th March, we invited all our pupils to bring a book to school containing a favourite or well-loved book character. We celebrated with a special day of book-related events, including story telling swaps, and pupils were invited to share their favourite characters and their descriptions. In a special assembly, pupils were challenged to identify book characters from their descriptions and we thought about how authors' lively vocabulary really brings fictional characters to life. We hope that this was a memorable day for the children and that everyone enjoyed spending their World Book Day vouchers!



Comic Relief 2019



Following our Red Nose 'mufti' day on Friday 15 March we are pleased to be able to report that we raised a respectable **£149.50** for Comic Relief. In a Red Nose Day assembly on 15th March, children watched a Comic Relief schools video to help them understand where their donations go and how they benefit children across the world. Thank you to everyone for your support!

Staff News

Miss Self returns from leave as of today, and we warmly welcome her back!

Mr Fountain will be based for the Summer Term in year 4 with Mr Rayner, whilst Mr Malanczuk is based for the summer term back in year 2 with Miss Self.



Wimborne Academy Trust News

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Dorset Steps

Our SEN leader, Mrs Pond, has successfully completed training on behalf of the Trust to become an accredited 'Dorset Steps tutor'. This intensive three day training programme is delivered by special school colleagues to support inclusion in mainstream schools. It provides a practical and therapeutic approach in response to pupils' needs. Congratulations, Mrs Pond!

Safeguarding Standards

Safeguarding Leads from across the Trust met recently to review best practice for safeguarding and to ensure the highest standards across all Trust schools. Part of this work will involve e-safety leaders across the Trust meeting together to develop a Trust-wide approach to internet and online safety in the coming months. Watch this space for more information!

Specialist Leader in Education

Mrs Everton has recently been designated a 'Specialist Leader in Education' for English and phonics. This enables her to share her expertise more formally with other schools, both within the Trust and beyond. This is an additional role which will not affect her teaching commitment here at Colehill. Congratulations, Mrs Everton!

Community Links

As executive headteacher of Colehill and Hayeswood First Schools, Mr Turrall was asked to write a piece for the March edition of Crossroads Magazine, sent out by St Michael's Church. Below is an extract from that article:

'Individual Schools In Close Partnership

Whilst the schools have much in common, Mr Turrall is keen that each school's individual identity is not only retained, but strengthened. Both schools are founder members of Wimborne Academy Trust, and are proud to be working together in ever closer partnership to support the learning of all first school pupils in the Colehill community. Both schools also have strong links with St Michael's Church. 'Vicar Suzanne' leads assemblies in each school, teams of church volunteers lead 'Open the Book' bible stories on a weekly basis'.

Term and Holiday Dates for 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*

Spring Term 2020

Start Tuesday 7th January 2020
Finish Friday 3rd April 2020
Half Term 17 - 21 February 2020

Training Day

Monday 6th January 2020