



NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 1

23 APRIL 2019

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

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 amazingly warm and sunny weather.

Thank you to those parents and carers who came along to St Michael's Church on 3rd 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 and the storytelling. Thanks to the Open the Book Team for leading the storytelling so brilliantly. Thanks also go to Vicar Suzanne for warmly welcoming us all at St Michael's.

We hope that the children enjoyed the Easter activities in school, including the Easter Tea Party and Easter Hat Parade. Many thanks go to the HSA for organising these additional events for the children and the Hayeswood community. The valued support of HSA volunteers is very much appreciated by staff and children alike.

The Summer Term is predictably busy, with many events scheduled for the coming weeks. All dates can be viewed via the link to the website [here](#). This diary will be added to and updated as the term progresses, so please do save the link and revisit the page!

Also this term, we are working with our School Council to review and streamline our Hayeswood School Values. Currently there are ten, which is rather a lot for children (and staff!) to remember, and our aim is to reduce this number down to 4 or 5 key values that capture the most important and relevant aspects of school life from both the children's and the adults' points of view. We will update you on progress with this project as the term progresses.

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 96.98% 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.

Playground Improvements

The eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that the old tree stump adjacent to the fence at the front of the playground has now been ground away, with edging boards replaced around the site of the tree. This work was carried out over Easter holidays, making the playground more usable by the children in the summer months.

RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL - SPRING TERM 2019

Singing Workshops - Dorset Music Service

The children in Key Stage 2 learned and performed together the well-loved Beatles tune 'All You Need Is Love' 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. Well done, Hedgehogs and Badgers!



World Book Day Celebrations

On Monday 4th March, we invited all our pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, and we were not disappointed by the range of costumes and by the inventiveness of parents and children alike!! The pupils all took part in a special assembly, in which the costumes could be fully appreciated, and each class participated in a World Book Day quiz. Thanks go to Mrs Hodder for organising the event. 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 Day 'mufti' day on Friday 15 March we are pleased to be able to report that we raised a respectable £151.70 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!

Wimborne Academy Trust News

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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!

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 2019-20

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