



NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 1: 15th January 2020

WIMBORNE
Academy Trust

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy New Year to all our families! I hope that everyone had a good Christmas break. We would all like to express our thanks for the good wishes, cards and gifts received at the end of last term, and extend our very best New Year wishes to all Hayeswood First School families. We hope that 2020 will be a happy and successful year for every child and every family.



As always, we have a busy term ahead and this Newsletter should bring you up to date with forthcoming events for the Spring Term. I hope you enjoy reading through it. Please let us have your feedback about the Newsletter and anything you would like to see included in future editions!

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Turrall
Headteacher

Christmas Concert 2019



A huge well done to all of our pupils for their excellent effort at our Christmas Concert 'The Stars Come Out for Christmas'. This was greatly enjoyed by everyone and the children really made the most of their chance to shine. We were really proud of them! Thank you to all families for your support and a particular thank you to Mr and Mrs Sharp for filming the production one again this year. All funds raised from the sale of DVDs go towards supporting pupils by providing additional resources in school.

Attendance

Together with all of our partner schools in Wimborne Academy Trust, and in line with Department for Education / Ofsted requirements, we continue to regularly monitor the attendance of every child in the school. We aim for high overall attendance rates, i.e. 96% or above for the school as a whole. We are also required to write to parents / carers of all pupils whose attendance is beginning to give cause for concern. Ofsted now define persistent absence as attendance of 90% or below, i.e. 1 school day missed in every 10, on average. Pupils with this level of absence are at greatly increased risk of falling behind with their learning. Our policy for authorising term time leave only in exceptional circumstances remains the same, in line with Dorset Council's Penalty Notice Protocol.. Thank you for your support in ensuring children attend school regularly and punctually. If you have any questions about attendance, please speak to a member of our Office Team, or to the Headteacher / Deputy or Assistant Head.



Non-Uniform Day: Friday 24th January



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Wimborne Food Bank have approached local schools after the Christmas holidays to inform us that they were busier than ever over the Christmas period. In 2018, they gave out 17 school holiday parcels in total, whereas in 2019 they gave out **81**. In 2018, 58 school vouchers were used whereas in 2019, **187** vouchers have been used, a huge increase. The stock from Harvest and Christmas donations which would normally last until the spring has dramatically reduced and, as local schools, we have been asked if we could help.

As a result, we are holding a **Non-Uniform Day on Friday 24th January**. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform clothes in return for a **small** food bank donation. Items most needed are tinned goods, including tinned pies, tinned potatoes, tinned carrots, tinned spaghetti, rice, tinned fruit, jam and rice pudding. Other items required are cereals, rice, squash and long life juice. In fact, any store cupboard items that you can offer will be gratefully received, but please do not send anything that requires refrigeration! Thank you very much for your support!

'Books At Bedtime' Story Telling: Thursday 5th March

This year we are focusing particularly on the importance of early reading development. We want every child to build a love of reading and to combine this with the best possible learning and development of reading skills so that they truly become lifelong readers.

With this in mind we would like to invite children AND parents / carers into school at **twilight time (5.30 - 6.15)** on Thursday 5th March. The children will be invited to wear onesies or PJs if they would like, or otherwise any other 'home clothes'. They will enjoy a shared storytime together with their teacher. Parents will be invited to a reading presentation in the hall, led by Mrs Hodder. We very much hope that you will be able to attend.



