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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2018

Tuesday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 7 th February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 8 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 19 th February	Children back in school
Thursday 22 nd February	Phonics Evening 7pm for Frog Parents
Friday 23 rd February	HSA Quiz Night
Monday 26 th February	Year 4 Tag Rugby - St Michaels Middle School

Dear Parents,

Daily Mile

During the last two weeks your children are quite likely to have come home talking about doing the Daily Mile. They have been running but none of them have yet run a mile! The Daily Mile is an initiative which is becoming increasingly popular in several countries. The idea is to increase children's fitness levels and stamina but also to aid concentration in the afternoon. We are doing the run as a whole school event three times a week at the end of the lunch break approximately 15 minutes before afternoon school starts. The children put their trainers on before they go to the hall for lunch so that they are comfortable and ready for action. Already many of them are counting the laps of the grounds that they run and working to improve their personal best. They are learning to pace themselves and to walk when they need to. It has been great seeing them working together and participating so enthusiastically. We are sticking to three days a week for the moment but hope to increase to a daily run by the end of term. To find out more, follow the link

<https://thedailymile.co.uk/>.

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Hedgehogs day out

As part of their topic on Romans, Hedgehogs spent a day in Dorchester. They started at the County Museum where they looked at the amazing Celtic and Roman artefacts on show. Then they went downstairs to explore the mosaics which have been collected from different parts of Dorchester. After lunch we went up through the town to the Roman Town House site to investigate and discuss the remains there. Finally, we went to Maiden Castle which was taken by the Romans nearly 2000 years ago. We had a rather muddy walk to the top and around the perimeter before returning to school muddy and tired but with a much greater knowledge of how the Celts and Romans lived in Dorset so long ago.

Bags to Schools

Thank you once again for continuing to support our textile recycling scheme. The collection this month raised £100 for us. This will be spent on new maths equipment. Keep your unwanted clothes coming. Next collection is 25th April 2018.

Home learning

We are noticing that there are a number of children who are not doing any reading or learning spellings at home. For some children just 10 minutes a day can help them develop the confidence and fluency in their reading that they need to progress. This along with practising the spellings which are sent home also impacts on developing their writing skills. We will encourage them and remind them in school how important reading to you at home is. If we work together it will make a difference.

H.S.A

"The HSA are pleased to say the Glow in the Dark discos raised £192.50. Thank you to all those who attended and a particular thank you to the parent helpers too.

The next HSA event is the quiz night on Friday 23rd February. Full details will be coming out in book bags next week but we are delighted that Steve Trickett has agreed to be the quiz master once again.

Future HSA events are a film night on Thursday 8th March and an Easter tea party on Tuesday 27th March.

The School Lottery has now been running for 4 weeks and it has already raised £51.60 for the school. Based on the current level of supporters, the projected annual funds for this year are £1,019 which will make a huge difference to the school. However, this figure will continue to grow if more people decide to take part. We have been advised by the Lottery



company that a number of people have registered for the lottery but not actually set up a ticket yet so do please support it if you can.

Congratulations to the winners so far:-

6th Jan – Miss Bartlett

13th Jan – Lindsay Wallis

20th Jan – Anne Joyce

27th Jan – Charlotte Pearson”

Hopefully the lottery will continue and numbers of participants will continue to grow. Apparently there has been some disappointment that more of the money does not come to the school. But the money paid in does cover the prize money, which of course is the attraction. If we can benefit by even £1000 from just that one initiative, we can do so much. £1000 will buy around 200 new reading books to enable us to replace old books and add to the collection and range that we can offer the children. So if you haven't yet signed up, please think about doing it in the near future.

Frogs' visitors

Frogs' current topic is People Who Help Us. There has been what seems like a constant stream of visitors – they have so far had visits from the Fire Brigade, the Police, a nurse, our lollipop lady and cleaner, Mrs McGregor in her capacity as vicar, Paramedics and a Doctor.

Forest School

We are very excited to be introducing Forest School as part of the curriculum, initially for Frogs.

The aim of Forest School is to develop the children's confidence, independence, self-esteem, problem solving skills, ability to assess risk, social/collaborative skills, fine and gross motor skills and core strength.

Each session will last for approximately 2 hours. The children will take part in a range of activities and we are in need of some bits and bobs to equip the activity. So we would be very grateful for donations of the following items: pieces of guttering, drain pipe, old towels, bed sheets, large pieces of cloth, logs that will act as seats, kitchen utensils - metal or wooden spoons, mashers, tongs etc, metal pots and pans, colanders, woks, plastic jugs. If you are able to help with any of these items, please bring them to the office.

Obviously the children themselves need to be well kitted out to keep them warm and dry. We would also be grateful to receive any unwanted items of waterproof clothing, thermal leggings and tops and wellies.



Fencing work needed

The post and mesh fence around our school pond is needing attention. Is there anyone who would be prepared to look at it and do the work for us if we provide the materials?

Parking issues – again

Unfortunately, we have had more complaints of parents parking across driveways in the local area during school drop off and pick up times. Please consider the neighbours and park considerately.

COMAD pantomime

Colehill Music and Drama (COMAD) will be performing their pantomime, Sleeping Beauty at Colehill Memorial Hall on – Friday 2nd February at 7.30pm – Saturday 3rd February at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm - Sunday 4th February at 2.30 pm. Tickets are Adults £7 and Child £5 available from 01202 887659.

World Book Day - Books at Bedtime – e-safety for grown ups

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day and the children have been invited to dress as a favourite book character if they would like to. They will need to bring a donation of £1 to go to the World Book Day charity.

We would then like to invite the children to return to school at 5.30 pm in their pyjamas for stories in the classrooms. Teddies are also invited as long as they are well behaved.

We would like to invite you to join Miss Bartlett in the hall for e-safety training. If you have attended an e-safety session previously, it would still be useful to attend to hear updates.

Change of date for Parent Drop In

We have had to change the date of one of the parent drop in sessions. The session scheduled for Thursday 22nd March will now take place on Friday 23rd March. The Drop In scheduled for Monday 19th March remains unchanged.

Absence letters on return to school

If your child has been absent from school due to illness (or any other unforeseen circumstance) it is important that you let the school office have a letter detailing the dates and reason for the absence when your child returns to school. We have to keep strict records regarding attendance and gaps may be investigated when our registers are officially checked.



Pancake Race

We have been contacted about the Wimborne Minster annual Pancake race and asked to pass the information on to you. It is on February 13th at the Minster. To participate, you need to be at the main entrance of the Minster at 10.30am on the day with your frying pan and ready cooked pancake. There are races for Reception to Year 4, Year 5 to Year 8 and Year 9 to Year 12. There will also be a race for pre-school children and toddlers.

Dates for your diary

Listed below are some of the main events that will be taking place during the remainder of the school year. Please make a note of any dates relating to your child's class.

March 1 st	World Book Day & Books at Bedtime – 5.30 pm
March 6 th	Class Photos
March 8 th	HSA Film Night
March 19 th & 23 rd	Parent Drop In 8.45 am to 9.15 am
March 22 nd	Year 1 to Poole Museum
March 23 rd	Sport Relief Day – non uniform
March 27 th	HSA Easter Tea Party – 3.30 pm
March 28 th	Easter Assembly – St Michael's Church – 9.00 am
March 29 th	Easter Hats
April 2 nd to 13 th	EASTER HOLIDAY
April 16 th	INSET DAY
April 27 th	Year 4 Tag Rugby Tournament - QE School (changed from 27 th March)
April 30 th	Year 3 Tri Golf and Multiskills Festival – St Michael's School
May 1 st	Year 2 to Marwell Zoo
May 23 rd	Year 3 and 4 to BSO Concert – Lighthouse (am only)
May 28 th to 1 st June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
June 26 th /27 th	Year 4 to Carey Camp overnight
June 30 th	HSA Summer Fair
July 2 nd	Year 2 to Mini Olympics – St Michael's School
July 6 th	Transfer Day (Year 4s to Middle Schools for the day)
July 10 th	Year 4 to Colville School, London
July 13 th	Sports Day & Open Afternoon
July 24 th	LAST DAY IN SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN
July 25 th	INSET DAY



Wimborne Academy Trust

Wimborne Academy Trust has grown. Emmanuel Middle School in Verwood joined the Trust this month, increasing the number of member schools to eight – three middle schools and five first schools. We are looking forward to working with our new colleagues from Emmanuel.

Yours sincerely,

P. Gerrett
Headteacher