



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank the Verwood community for making me feel welcome. I benefited from a great handover in the summer term with Mr Parsons and felt as if we have hit the ground running this week! I have received so many warm wishes and even after just a short period of time I feel really part of the Verwood Family. The children are always smiling and love to chat and say hello. Thank you.

I would also like to welcome all the new families and children who have joined the school this term, in Nursery, Reception classes and in other classes across the school. I have been so impressed with how well all the children have settled into their new classes and how happy they are. The staff have been working really hard to ensure that the classrooms and the learning are ready for the children.

Strong communication is essential to the smooth running of the school and we welcome opportunities to meet with you. If you have a concern or anything you would like to share with your child's teacher, the end of the day is the best opportunity to talk. However you are also welcome to call the school office to arrange a time to meet with the class teacher or with myself.

➤ **Safeguarding**

During our Inset days all staff completed the Annual Safeguarding update. I would like to remind you that Mrs Weir is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and myself and Lauren Palmer are deputy Designated safeguarding leads (DDSL). Kelly Overhill is the Initio safeguarding officer.

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Children's Advice and Duty service (ChAD) on 01305 22866. We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).



NSPCC [Pants are Private](#)

Next week we will share an assembly using the NSPCC Pants are private resources to help children understand their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Use the link to understand more about the message and how to get the conversation going with your child. The song is a big hit too!

Children celebrated in Praise Worship

Headteachers's Awards

Nursery Base

Louis B

Sycamore Base

Alice H
Noah S

Beech Base

Bella H
Annabelle G

Willow Base

Logan B
Ruby P

Ash Base

Dolly W
Maisie P

Keeping Our Children Safe



Mrs Flo Weir
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Katharine Anstey
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lauren Palmer
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

“Respectful challenge is expected at this school”

If you are worried or concerned about a child,
please speak to one of our safeguarding team.

Trust Safeguarding Officer is: Kelly Overhill
Lead Safeguarding Trustee supporting CEO is: John Kingston

Contacts:

Social Care	01202 877445
Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO)	01305 221122
Children's Advice and Duty Service (ChAD)	01305 228866

➤ Sickness

New guidance has been sent to schools from the NHS supporting families with clarity of when children should remain at home due to illness and when they can be in school. Please read '[Is my child too ill for school?](#)' to help with your decision making. Please ensure that children remain away from school for 48 hours following the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Your support with ensuring that illnesses are not spread is much appreciated.

➤ Dates for your Diary

Please see our website for calendar dates by clicking [here](#), a reminder that you can subscribe to this on your device, dates are then added to your own calendar, which will automatically update when new dates are added. Please click on the subscribe button and follow the instructions.

Monday 18th September - Meet the Teacher:

Oak Base - 4pm

Sycamore Base - 4.30pm

Beech - 5pm

Wednesday 20th September - Meet the Teacher:

Willow Base - 4pm

Ash Base - 4.30pm

Monday 16th October - Parent Consultations (face to face) 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Thursday 19th October - Parent Consultations (face to face) 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday 1st December - Christmas Fayre 5pm to 7pm

➤ Hot School Meals

Our new school meal provider 'Caterlink' has proved to be a huge success this week with children really enjoying the new hot meals and our new system working well. We hope you have managed to access booking the meals online, previously we communicated that the ParentMail window would close 7 days prior to booking your child's meal, we have had to tweak this slightly to enable the administration of the orders to 10 days prior. If you have had difficulties, or the window has closed prior to you being able to book your child's meal, please do not hesitate to contact the office by either popping in or contacting them via email on office@verwoodfirstschool.org

➤ Book Bags

Our school cloakrooms are not designed to allow each child to bring a large rucksack to school. All children should bring to school each day their reading book bag and only a rucksack if they are bringing additional clothing for an after school club. We appreciate your support with this matter.

➤ **The School Day**

Please can we remind parents that children should not be playing on the small/large adventure areas in the playground or in the trees and bushes outside the school at the beginning and end of the day. Please can we ask that children stay close to you at all times.

Can we please ask parents/carers if their child is to be collected by someone other than you at the end of the school day that this is emailed/telephoned in via the school office.

➤ **Google Classroom**

Google Classrooms are being set up for Year 1 to Year 4 and you will be receiving your child's log on and password details through ParentMail in the coming week.

We hope you all have a lovely Weekend

