



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

During our Inset days at the beginning of September, Verwood staff were involved in a review of our Behaviour Guidance. This guidance has been updated, shared and agreed at school level and I am now able to share this document with you.

We have three trust wide behaviour expectations:-

- 1) readiness to learn
- 2) respectful relationships
- 3) engagement

The guidance fits closely with our 6R's expectations and our Fruit of the Spirit values. During the first few weeks of term we have been teaching the children explicitly our behaviour expectations and linking to our values for life, which our children know and understand.

We have agreed to no longer use the sun images and pegs in the classroom but have increased the number of weekly awards in Praise Worship each Friday to include Fruit of the Spirit Awards and a Headteacher's award. To reward classroom behaviours, each class collects gemstones and works towards a collective reward once the jar is full.

The guidance can be found on the school website [here](#). If you have any feedback or comments with regards to the guidance please complete the form [here](#). Your feedback is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Charlie L	Lily W Theo B	Theo W Zoe H	Holly J Dolcie W	Hugo M Imogen W	Noah B Lewis K
Fruit of the Spirit Award		Eliza A Penelope R	Oscar D Lily L	Ben E Xani M	Emily C Caitlyn H	Lottie F Xanthe S



Safeguarding and Online Safety

Through partnership working with Dorset Council, Dorset Police and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group the Partnership has put together a briefing document with key information for parents/carers with more information about risks linked to county lines and exploitation.

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 Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01305 228866. We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).

Open conversation is best when negotiating online safety with children and young people. Find guidance on these conversations here from the NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Privacy Notice

Initio Learning Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document [here](#) on the school website.

Attendance

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child's attendance in school and being on time every day. Good attendance in school is a top priority and our expectation is that pupils attend school every day for every session. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

This week's attendance

Whole School	92.05%
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When will absences not be authorised?

The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events. Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.30 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve punctuality.

Meet the Teacher Base Meetings

Thank you for attending the Base Meetings this week. We hope you found the meeting useful and enjoyed meeting your child's class teacher. I appreciate feedback from parents about the times of the meetings. It is never easy to find a time that suits everyone. The presentations that were shared are now available on the school website under the 'Pupils' tab and then 'Bases'. Click [here](#) to see.

Forthcoming Diary Dates AUTUMN TERM 2023

October 2023

Friday 13th October Open Morning for new prospective parents. Booking required contact the office.

Monday 16th and Thursday 19th October 3.30-6.30pm Parent Consultation Meetings - Face to face in school. Bookings through parent mail available 2nd October

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term - No children in school

Monday 30th October - Staff training day - No children in school
Tuesday 31st October - Children return to school

November 2023

Tuesday 7th November Open Morning for new prospective parents. Booking required contact the office.
Tuesday 7th November Open Evening 6-7.30-pm New prospective parents welcome to visit. No Booking required

LIGHT PARTY

ALL WELCOME

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT THROUGHOUT

PRIZES FOR THE BEST COSTUMES
(NO SCARY COSTUMES PLEASE)

THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2023 15.00-17.00

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH PARISH HALL

MANOR ROAD, VERWOOD, BH31 6DZ

GAMES, MUSIC, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS & MORE

FREE ENTRY

PLEASE EMAIL TO BOOK A PLACE BY THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

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