

#### **VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY**

#### NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term Friday 29nd September 2023

#### **Dear Parents/Carers**

As you know, Ofsted visited us over two days this week to evaluate the school. I would like to thank the staff for their energy and passion in sharing with the inspectors life at Verwood First. I would also like to credit the wonderful children who spoke to inspectors about many different aspects of school life to help them gain a full picture of what it is like to be a child in our school. Thank you also to the wider Initio Trust colleagues who supported us, those who play a role in Governance and to you, our parents, carers and family members. We have all felt incredibly supported this week by the kind comments of good luck and support. We will be able to share the report with you, once the quality assurance process has been completed.

This week we have also seen the weather turn a little cooler and wetter. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school each day as we will still go outside to play when it is wet and damp.

#### Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest in school worship time on Thursday 12th October. We are delighted that our service will be led by Reverend Nick Wood and look forward to sharing key highlights with you in our newsletter on 13th October. This year Oak Base and Nursery will be joining us which means we can not invite parents to join us due to the hall capacity.

Please could we ask that any contributions to the local food banks <u>Donate Food - The Trussell Trust</u> are brought into school on the morning of **Thursday 12th October**, so that we can celebrate our contribution to the community with the children during our in-school Harvest service.

#### Attendance

Recently, I shared a letter regarding school attendance. To support families understanding their responsibilities and to provide clear information, a Trust wide website has been developed to provide you with one place to answer questions you may have. Please click <u>here</u> to find out more.

#### Emmanuel Middle School - Musical Theatre through the Ages production

We were delighted to have so much interest in the upcoming opportunity for up to 40 of our Key Stage 2 children to participate in the Emmanuel Middle School production on Tuesday 12th March. The children enjoyed an inspiring musical theatre workshop, on 19th September, led by the EMS Head of Music, Mr Shooter, involving singing many of musical theatre's most popular tunes. We will share further information about this event with you via parentmail.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Katharine Anstey Executive Headteacher

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Pick Up

Please ensure that all pickup changes are notified to the school office by phone or email . Children can not be handed over to another adult without parental permission. Office hours are 8am-3.30pm . <u>Office@verwoodfirstschool.org</u> 01202 822652

# Dates for your Diary

### **OCTOBER DATES**



5 <sup>th</sup> OCT S	ycamore walk through Verwood			
13 <sup>th</sup> OCT	New parent open morning Booking required			
16 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Evening parent consultations			
19 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Evening parent consultations			
20 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Individual school photos			
23 <sup>rd</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> OCT Half term				
30 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Staff training			
31 <sup>st</sup> OCT	Children return to school.			



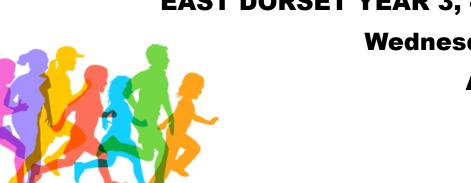
### NOVEMBER DATES

7<sup>th</sup> Nov New parent open morning Booking required Open evening new parents 6-7.30pm

### **DECEMBER DATES**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	Verwood First Christmas Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff training day





### **EAST DORSET YEAR 3, 4 and 5 FUN RUN** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023 **AT ST MICHAEL'S** MIDDLE SCHOOL First Race - 4pm

Year 3, 4 and 5 are invited to enter the EAST DORSET FUN RUN either as an individual runner or as part of a school team. Teams are 3 runners of the same gender from the same school. The fun run will be approximately 1km. Year 3 and 4 will compete together. Year 5 will be in a separate race. Please arrive at 3.45pm at St Michaels Middle School.

To enter scan the QR code and fill in the form

You can use the form to enter an individual or school teams.

Link to the form is also here https://forms.gle/grotGf8umJFHQLYg9

Organiser: Mrs Katrina Cole. School Games Organiser

sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com Schools will be told if event is cancelled.





## **Evening Dodgeball Clubs**

## Verwood Dodgeball Club

An action packed hour of fun & games every Tuesday evening

Verwood Dodgeball Club at Emmanuel Middle School Starts Tuesday 3rd October 5:00-6:00pm £5 per session Inquires please contact Ally -07725135473 Our Dodgeball club is something which is enjoyed by all, a fast moving, high involvement game which the children just cant get enough of.

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All session are game based where the children will be using their throwing skills to try to eliminate the opposing team, where agility, awareness are at the forefront went dodging incoming balls and bravery in taking a catch offer high team rewards.

Who will be Haymoors top dodger??

For more details and to secure your child's space visit WWW.TEAMTHEMESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK