



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 [Donate Food - The Trussell Trust](#) 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 [here](#) 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,

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Ivy W	Penelope M Olivia C	Olivia D Cole W	Alice S Daisy H	Emily C Alfie W	Evie W Eddie R
Fruit of the Spirit Award	Marlee R	Valeria K Sophia C	Solvi M Jacob G	Margo H Maverick A	Harry W Marlow D	Kane M Lucy 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	88.22%
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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.

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.

Office@verwoodfirstschool.org 01202 822652

Dates for your Diary

OCTOBER DATES



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

NOVEMBER DATES

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



DECEMBER DATES

- 1st December Verwood First Christmas Fair
- 14th December Last day of term
- 15th December Staff training day



EAST DORSET YEAR 3, 4 and 5 FUN RUN

Wednesday 18th 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/qrotGf8umJFHQLYq9>

Organiser: Mrs Katrina Cole. School Games Organiser

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





TEAMTHEME

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Evening Dodgeball Clubs

Verwood Dodgeball Club

An action packed hour of fun & games every Tuesday evening



DODGEBALL CLUBS

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 can't get enough of.

All sessions 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 when 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