



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half term. This is always an exciting time of year as we approach Christmas.

As you will know we have been able to share our GOOD ofsted report this week. We were delighted with the Inspectors recognising the strong relationships within the school community and that children from Nursery and throughout the school learn well. Our Local School committee members, previously known as Academy Committee members, work strategically with school leaders to know how the school is working towards the improvement areas and we will be sharing this with you as the year progresses.

I have been made aware that some parents and carers ask to come into the school to check for lost property or use the school toilets, particularly at the end of the day. As all adults needed to be escorted when coming into the school building, this takes staff away from the office during a very busy period of the day. Therefore we will be moving lost property to be kept in class bases. Please ensure all items are names so they can quickly be returned. Any lost property that is not claimed at the end of each term will be removed. We also kindly request that you do not come into school to use our toilets except in exceptional circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'KAnstey'.

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Alice R	Felicity S Elijah M	Harry M Isabella W	Daisy L Stan B	Macie G Eddie M	Aryton D Alice H
Fruit of the spirit Award	Sophia S	Chester D Eleanor T	Poppy Y Lenny D	Rufus B Nancy A	Archie S Alfie W	Sofia B Adam N

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.

This week's attendance

Oak Base	95%
Sycamore Base	95%
Beech Base	96.95%
Willow Base	94.7%
Ash Base	94.94%

Anti-Bullying Week & Odd Socks Day

We will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week this half term, which will take place from **Monday 13th – Friday 17th November**.

Verwood C of E First School and Nursery is committed to providing a caring and friendly environment for all our children so that they can learn in a safe atmosphere. Anti-Bullying awareness is always a focus and we incorporate it into our PSHE lessons, worships and class discussions on a regular basis. We also celebrate anti-bullying week every year; it gives schools an opportunity to think about the impact that bullying can have and what to do if you're worried about bullying.

Anti-bullying week is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. This year they have worked with children and young people up and down England, Wales and Northern Ireland to decide the theme, which is '**Make a Noise About Bullying**'.

During this week, we will specifically be exploring how we can make a difference if we make a noise to stop bullying. We will be discussing what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can take action to stop bullying.

Anti-Bullying Week will start with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November**, where children, staff and parents are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Let's pull on odd socks to show we're ALL unique and let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Half Termly R Focus

This half term the R we will be exploring in greater detail is RESILIENCE. We started our week talking about resilience and discussing the importance of trying hard and not giving up when times are tough. The children are building upon what they already know about resilience and further developing their understanding of how to be more resilient when faced with a challenge.

Being resilient means being ready, willing and able to learn and sustain concentration. We will be reflecting on how to be resilient through exploring the following behaviours:

- Absorption - Being able to lose yourself in learning — becoming absorbed in what you are doing; fascinated and attentive, in a state of 'flow'.
- Managing Distractions - Recognising and reducing distractions; knowing when to walk away and refresh yourself. Creating your own best environment for learning.
- Noticing - Perceiving subtle differences, patterns and details in experience.
- Perseverance - Keeping going even in the face of difficulties, channelling the energy of frustration productively. Knowing what a slow and uncertain process learning often is.

How you can help at home

It's so important for children to be able to have opportunities to think about how they are learning. Learning how to learn will prepare children for the future, equipping them to become motivated and enthusiastic life-long learners.

Please take opportunities to talk about how your resilience has been tested and discuss examples of when each of you have found yourself in 'Challenge Ocean' (a place where mistakes will be experienced but ideas for becoming 'unstuck' will be developed).

If your child becomes stuck in their learning, ask them to think of what they would have to do at school to get 'unstuck'.

Don't rush to protect them too soon from difficulty. Do just enough to get them going again when stuck; for example don't finish the jigsaw puzzle yourself.

Involve them in your own learning activities. Try to 'think aloud' as you experience struggle with a new activity. It helps children grow if they see that you too can struggle with uncertainties and cope with them.

Build your child's resilience through telling stories - The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds or How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers are some favourites.

BETTER AN OOPS THAN A WHAT IF!

The Big Ambition

Now, as we approach the General Election, it is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers and the Government, to make sure they are heard.

That is why, through 'The Big Ambition' survey, we want to hear from children and young people about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world, as well as what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf.

Schools play a critical role in enabling us to hear from as many children and young people as possible. That is why we would appreciate your support and help in encouraging your school community to complete the survey.

The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Reminders

Photo deadline for Fraziers is Sunday 12th November

Shoe Box deadline for giving in the office is 10th November

Ash Base Trip deposit due Monday 6th Nov

Sustran Bikes - Bring your bike to school Monday 6th November

Please also note below the change of dates for the christmas performances. Year 4 carol service will now be on the 7th and Beech and Willow will now be on the 8th. This was due to church availability.

BRS spaces

We have 3 spaces left for BRS Football club on a monday evening. If you would like a space please can

Email the office . The first 3 e mails will get the spaces



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Dates for your Diary

December

1.12.23	Friends of VF Christmas Fair 5-7pm
5.12.23	Nursery, Oak and Sycamore Christmas performance 9.30-10.15am
6.12.23	Nursery, Oak and Sycamore Christmas performance 1.45pm - 2.30pm
7.12.23	Beech and Willow Christmas Carols 2-2.45pm Year 4 Christmas Service at St Michael's church 9.30am
8.12.23	Beech and Willow Christmas Carols 9.30am
14.12.23	Christingle service -Whole School Families welcome to join

February

26.02.24	Parent Consultation meetings - after school.
29.02.29	Parent Consultations Meetings - after school.

March

7.03.24	World Book Day - Theme TBC
27.03.24	Easter Service

May

7.05.24	Year 4 PGL residential
3.05.24	Whole School Photos

June

28.06.24	Transfer Day - Year 4 visit middle schools
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July

5.07.24	Year 4 Community Leavers service Wimborne Minster
23.07.24	Year 4 leavers assembly 9.30am Verwood First



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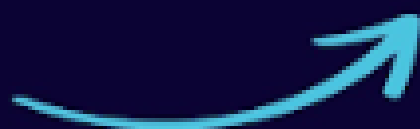
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IN YEARS 3&4

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MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

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Verwood First School



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