



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of Oak Bases' topic 'Superheroes to the Rescue' we have been learning all about real life heroes in our community.

On Tuesday we welcomed Lolly Lin, a local lollipop person who helps lots of our Verwood First pupils cross the road safely to and from school each day, to answer all of our crossing questions as well as showing off her uniform - the lollipop crossing sign was a real hit!

We were very lucky again on Wednesday to have Sammie, a registered veterinary nurse and a parent of Verwood First, come into Oak to see us. She taught us how to stay safe around animals, what signs to spot for a worried pet and explained some of her many roles at the surgery. The children shared which pets they have, learnt how to use real life bandages, listened to their own heartbeats and got to try on a uniform (with a great hat selection).

Thank you to our visitors, you've definitely inspired some future careers!

This half term we have introduced new gem jars for our three expectations of learning in the classroom. The children have responded exceptionally well to our 3 learning expectations of readiness to learning, engagement and respect. It has been a joy to see the jars filling up and the children so motivated and excited to receive gems. Gem jar rewards have included special extra time for games or special storytime in the library. Well done verwood keep this up!

Wishing you 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 D	Roman S Sophia C	Freddie DC Matilda D	Evie F Byron S	Kyle B Joshua HJ	Alarna PJ Kairah D
Fruit of the spirit Award	Jackson W	Paisley C Charlie J	Jessie B Pixie H	Imogen S Annalise C	Toby L Vinny K	Erin P Isabelle F

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	94.22%
Sycamore Base	94.86%
Beech Base	94.48%
Willow Base	93.79%
Ash Base	94.32%

Class Assemblies

Please note that we have had to move one of Ash base's class assembly dates (Mrs Read). This will now be Wednesday 20th at 9am instead of Thursday 21st March . Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you.

We have now added Beech Base (Year 2) assemblies to the dates below.

BRS

On Monday morning you will receive a ParentMail regarding BRS Multi-Sports and Football for Spring 2.

Parent Consultations

A reminder that Parent Consultation Appointments will go live on Monday 5th February at 3.30pm.

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. Dates are listed below for your convenience.

FEB

Thurs 8th Feb, 2.30-3pm - Celebration of children's learning - parents invited into classrooms

Mon 12-Fri 15th HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb - INSET

Tuesday 20th - All children return to school

Mon 26th Feb & Thurs 29th Feb, 3.30-6pm - Parents' Evenings (face to face)

MARCH

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day

Fri 8th March - Author visit, Paul Stickland

Tues 12th March, 6.30-8.30pm - EMS musical production (40 KS2 pupils involved)

Weds 27th March, 9.30-10.30am - Easter Service for Years 2, 3 & 4 at the Church - Easter parade @ 2.30pm for Nursery/ EYFS & Year 1

Thurs 28th March - INSET

Easter holidays 29th Mar-12th April

Mon 15th April- Children return to school

Class Assemblies (no looking at books for parents on these dates - just the assembly event):

Year 1: Thurs 11th (Mr Dear) and Fri 12th July (Miss Brown)

Year 2 : **Weds 26th June (Mrs Doe) and Thurs 27th June (Mrs Palmer/ Brason)**

Year 3: Thurs 14th (Mrs Steel/ Putt) and Fri 15th March (Mr Clarke)

Year 4: **Wed 20th March (Mrs Read)** and Fri 22nd March (Mrs Weir/Wilson)

MAY

Fri 3rd May, morning - Class Photos

Tues 7th/Weds 8th May - Year 4 Residential to Osmington Bay (one night)

Weds 22nd May, 9-12pm - Potted Sports Day

Fri 24th May, 2.30-3pm - Celebration of children's learning - parents invited into classrooms

May half term -Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

JUNE

Weds 12th June, pm - KS2 sports Day

Fri 21st June - INSET (no children in school on this day)

Fri 28th June - Transfer Day

JULY

Fri 5th July - Year 4 leavers' visit to Wimborne Minster

Summer Sizzler - 5th July - 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Tues 23rd July, 9.30am - Last Day of Term & Year 4 Leavers