



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term

Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It was an absolute joy to see so many families able to come into classrooms yesterday to see their child's learning. As you can see from their books we fit in a lot of learning everyday and the children are so proud of their achievements. We will hold a celebration of learning each term so the children can continue to share with you how they are progressing.

Some of you may also have seen that Mr Christopher was able to come over and visit each class. On that note, it was announced that from September, Mr Christopher will be leading Verwood First School and Nursery with Emmanuel Middle School. This is very exciting news for the campus and will allow for a strong hand over between us over the coming months. Mr Christopher is absolutely delighted about working closely with First School and Nursery, staff, children and families and strengthening the provision we offer. I encourage you to share with us any questions you may have and as mentioned in the letter we will be offering a chance to meet and chat on Tuesday 26th March at 2pm.

This week in school we have focussed on both Children's mental health week and Safer Internet day. The children have had opportunities in their base to access age related activities and messages.

I hope you all enjoy a restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 20th February.

Kind regards

Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

	Nursery	Oak Base	Sycamore Base	Beech Base	Willow Base	Ash Base
Headteacher's Award	Colby D	Eleanor T Millie C	Esmail L Daisy P	Carter H Maverick A	Max B Archie S	Mckenzie B Mason Z
Fruit of the spirit Award	Isabella	Theo B Louie Wood	Harrison C Zoe H	Daisy L Xani M	Josh D Hallie D	Edie G Noah B

Reading Raffle

Congratulations to our Reading Raffle Winners which were drawn in Worship:

Joseph S- Willow Base

Amber D - Oak Base

Fantastic Reading, Fantastic Learning, Well Done to all Children.

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	93.88%
Sycamore Base	94.88%
Beech Base	94.34%
Willow Base	93.85%
Ash Base	94.35%

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

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)

Tues 26th March - 2.00pm - Parents/Carers able to ask questions about the planned changes from Sep 24

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

MAY THE TOYS BE WITH YOU

from a galaxy far, far away...

Comes a limited time exhibition displaying one of the UK's finest collections of **vintage Star Wars toys and original cinema posters.**

Now on display at the **Museum of East Dorset.**



Photo Competition

Is your alter ego a Baby Yoda or perhaps a Stormtrooper? Send in a photo of yourself dressed as your favourite character and you could win a prize!

Send your photo to learning@museumofeastdorset.co.uk

Online Community Exhibition

Do you or a family member have any original Star Wars toys or movie memorabilia? **We would love to know!**

Please send us a photo and a brief history of your Star Wars toy to learning@museumofeastdorset.co.uk



Free Clay Workshop*

What kind of space creature will you create? Bring your creations to life in clay using textures and hand-building techniques, and add personality to create something truly unique. This drop-in session on Wednesday 14th February opens at 10am until 12.30pm with last entry at 12pm.

**Free as part of museum admission*