



VERWOOD C E FIRST SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Church School Vision review

Last term we began a church school vision review with children, families, staff and our LSC reflecting on 'What does it mean to belong to Verwood First School and Nursery?' A core group of leaders have looked at the feedback and reflected upon how to develop a vision that is meaningful to everyone. Key themes which have arisen from our discussions with children, staff, families and LSC are: light and hope. This is where we need your help!

Today we are sharing with you and the children in class a letter asking families to think about how we can **Be Light and Hope**. How could these themes be represented? What does it mean to you? We are very excited about families being involved in this project and sharing ideas and suggestions. We can't wait to see what you come up with. Please see the separate letter for full details.

Staffing update

At this point in the year we are starting to consider staff for the next academic year. This is also a time when some staff may choose to further professional or personal interest and move on from school. At the end of this term we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Matthew and Miss Spencer from Oak Base. Miss Matthew has secured a leadership position in a Poole school and Miss Spencer is going to begin an adventure in Australia as a teacher. They are fantastic colleagues who will be greatly missed by staff and families but we wish them well for the future. I am delighted to share with you the exciting news that Mrs Elle Brason, who currently teaches in Beech Base will be leading the Nursery and Reception Base as early years lead from September. Mrs Brason has a passion for early years and is very excited about developing our Early Years provision. Miss Matthew and Mrs Brason have this term to work together on transition arrangements and new children starting school in September. In addition, we are saying goodbye at half term to teaching assistant Nicola Christopher. Mrs Christopher has secured a position at Beaucroft school. Although we are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Christopher we wish her all the best.

This term is very busy and there are already some fantastic events for the children. Today every child in the school is participating in a cricket engagement day. Thank you to Dorset Cricket who are giving everyone a chance to learn more about this sport and give it a try. We have also had Dorset music service come and work with Ash base. They are working with Samba drums and have already made a fantastic start working together to learn rhythms and techniques. We are proud to have been awarded an Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation for 3 consecutive years and our Eco Team are now in the process of applying for our fourth! At the start of each academic year the Eco Team completes an 'Environmental Review' - this helps us to identify our 3 areas to focus on. This year our development areas are **saving energy**, **reducing litter** and **encouraging biodiversity** within our school grounds. Our Eco Team consists of a group of 25 children who are supported by Mrs Steel - they will keep you updated on this year's application for our fourth Green Flag award! Our Eco team

Next week we have class photos on Friday. Please ensure your child comes into school in school uniform on that day.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kind regards




Katharine Anstey
Executive Headteacher

Children Celebrated in Praise Worship

| | Nursery | Oak Base | Sycamore Base | Beech Base | Willow Base | Ash Base |
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| Headteacher's Award | Sophia S Ember H | Lenny T Elias S | Ben R Lenny D | Alice R Idunn C | Lyla C Sophie T | Jack D Louis RW |
| Fruit of the spirit Award | Robyn C | Enzo A Astrid M | Olivia S Leo S | Byron S Polly M | Noah D Joshua HJ | Alice H Dolly W |

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

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| Oak Base | 94.08 |
| Sycamore Base | 94.97 |
| Beech Base | 94.24 |
| Willow Base | 95.62 |
| Ash Base | 94.44 |

KS2 Athletics Festival

There is an exciting KS2 Athletics Festival taking place on Tuesday 4th June at St Michaels Middle School Field. The festival will be run by the East Dorset School Games and will be a great opportunity for children to try different events and see if they can beat their personal best! This takes place after school and therefore if your child is interested in taking part you can register your child to join in the fun using the link below.



Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 are invited to participate in an Athletics Festival .

- Venue : St Michaels Middle School Field.
- Date : Tuesday 4th June (*first day back after half-term for many schools*)
- Arrive : 3.45 - 4.10pm
- Registration of athletes closes at 4.15pm
- Event finishes at 5.30pm
- Individuals will compete against the stopwatch or the tape measure to gain performance points
- Events will be: 75m Sprint; Running Long Jump; Vortex throw; 600m run.
- Athletes should participate in all 4 events to get a total individual score.
- To register your child, complete the google form by clicking [here](#).

Photo Permissions for School/Trust

Following the ParentMail sent on 19th April, we are looking forward to the Summer Term ahead which has many exciting activities, events, trips etc within school. For this reason, we are updating our permission records accordingly.

Please click [here](#) to complete the short form which will update our records in relation to whether you consent to photos/videos of your child being used.

We will only be able to photograph children we have parent permission for.

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.

MAY

Fri 3rd May, morning - Class Photos

Mon 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

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

Thurs 16th May - Oak Base trip to Blashford Lakes

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

Monday 10th June - Mrs Palmer/Mrs Brason (Beech, Year 2) Class Trip to East Dorset Museum

Tuesday 11th June - Mrs Doe Class (Beech, Year 2) Class Trip to East Dorset Museum

Weds 12th June, pm - KS2 sports Day

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

Weds 26th June Year 2 Class Assembly (Mrs Doe)

Thurs 27th June Year 2 Class Assembly (Mrs Palmer/Brason)

Fri 28th June - Transfer Day

JULY

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

Summer Sizzler - 5.00pm to 7.30pm

Thurs 11th July - Year 1 Class Assembly (Mr Dear)

Fri 12th July - Year 1 Class Assembly (Miss Brown)

Thurs 18th July - Reception Class Assembly (Miss Matthew)

Fri 19th July - Reception Class Assembly (Miss Spencer)

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

VERWOOD HUB

WHATS ON THIS MAY

CINEMA

Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire

Friday 3 May 18:30

Saturday 4 May 11:00

Civil War

Saturday 18 May 11:00

Wednesday 22 May 18:30

Kung Fu Panda 4

Saturday 25 May 11:00

Thursday 30 May 13:30



Last Tuesday of the month -
19:30 start 18+ Only

CHILDRENS PROGRAMME

Kids Club - Thursday 30th May - 10:30-16:00 - 8-12yrs

Session to include multi sports and garden games, make your own pizza followed by popcorn and a movie.

Bouncy Castles and Softplay - Tuesday 28th May & Friday 31st May

13:30 - 15:30 - Suitable up to 10 years £5 per child (Under 3's) £3

An unsupervised session with big castles for older children and soft-play for the youngsters.

Bouncy Castles & Soft Play - Sundays - 10:00-12:00

Suitable for up to 10 years - £5 per child, £3 for under 3's

An unsupervised session with big castles for older children and soft-play for the youngsters.



EVENTS

11 May - The Tulsa Time Band

18 May - The Comedy Store

24 May - And Finally...Phil Collins

31 May - The Ed Sheeran Experience



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VERWOOD HUB
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May Half Term

KIDS CLUB

Thursday 30th May - Movie - Kung Fu Panda 4

10:30-16:00 - Ages 8-12yrs - £16.50 per child

Session to include arts & crafts garden games and lots more. Children will make their own pizza for lunch followed by a bag of popcorn to enjoy with the movie!



BOUNCY CASTLES AND SOFTPLAY

Tuesday 28th May & Friday 31st May

13:30-15:30 - Suitable for up to the age of 10

£5 per child (Under 3's) £3

An unsupervised play session with big bouncy castles for older children and soft-play equipment for the smaller children.



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Activities bookable in advance.
Places may be available on the day.
Payment taken at the time of booking





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May Half Term



Date

AM

PM

28/05/2024 Make Geodesic Domes

Treasure Hunt

29/05/2024 Make Moon Dough

Scoosc Olympics

30/05/2024 Plant a Sunflower

Parachute Games

31/05/2024 Football & Fairy Scratch Art

Scoosc Sprinkles

Sessions: 8-3 £22 / 8-6 £32

Ages 4-11 | Ofsted Registered | Childcare Vouchers Accepted