



# Parent Information

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**Wimborne**  
First School



## Diary dates

### Coffee and Croissant Assemblies

**Owls:** Friday 3 February

**Rabbits:** Friday 10 March

**Otters:** Friday 31 March

**Ducks:** Friday 12 May

**Mice:** Friday 26 May

**Moles:** Friday 16 June

**Hedgehogs:** Friday 30 June

### PTFA Movie Night

Tuesday 31 Jan at 4.15 - 5.45pm  
(please see reverse)

### Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 7 February

During the day the children will be learning all about E-safety and how to keep themselves safe online. Should you wish to have more information regarding E-safety please visit the following website: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

### Ducks trip to The Priest's House

Wednesday 8 February

### PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 8 February

9am in the art cabin, all welcome.

### Mice trip to The Priest's House

Thursday 9 February

### Half Term 13 - 17 February

### Books at Bedtime

Tuesday 28 February (more information to follow)

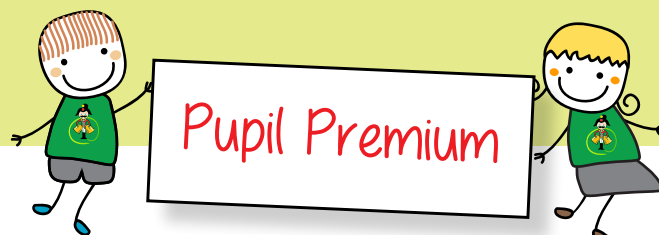
### World Book Day

Thursday 2 March - We would like the children to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character on this day. We look forward to seeing all their costumes.

## Brrr, it's cold outside !

Thank you so much for your help and patience this week with the icy weather and fog. Unfortunately we do not get any sun at the back of the school and it takes hours for our playground to defrost. I would also like to say 'thank you' to Glen and the Redcotts Park team who have helped us out! A little reminder - **please ensure your child wears a coat to school**, those without coats will not be able to join in with outdoor play. Bring on the summer!

*Mrs Hartley*



## HOW WE CAN HELP YOU !

If your child is eligible for a funding grant called 'Pupil Premium', then you could receive support as follows:

- **FREE school Sweatshirt !**
- **FREE school Bookbag !**
- **FREE school PE Bag !**
- **HELP with cost of school trips !**

If you are entitled, and have already purchased these items, the school can give a refund. This offer cannot be repeated more than once a year.

### What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium funding is a government initiative that provides additional funding to schools so that they can support pupils to make optimum progress. It is used in many different ways and the school provides a summary of use on its website. However, the school can only receive this funding if parents, who are entitled, apply by completing the necessary form.

### Is my child eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

It's easy to check if your child is entitled to benefit from this additional funding. All you have to do is go to the following web link: [www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/free-school-meals)

with your National Insurance number and date of birth and you will know if you are eligible straight away.

### How do I claim my Free School Uniform?

As soon as we hear that you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, the school office will contact you. The school office will provide you with the school book bag and P.E. bag and sort out a free sweatshirt.

### You may also be entitled to Pupil Premium funding if any of the following applies to you:

- You are the parent of a child adopted from care
- You are in receipt of a Special Guardianship or Residence Order
- You are, or have been, entitled to the Service Child premium in the last 4 years
- You have been eligible for Free School Meals within the last 6 years

If this applies to you, please speak to a member of the Office Staff who will check your entitlement.

If you have any further queries please speak to the school office for more details, support or advice.



## Visitors into School

Throughout the year we have various visitors into our school to work with children in the classrooms and also to lead assemblies.

This term the 'Open the Book' team from Wimborne Minster will be continuing their fortnightly assemblies where they will share exciting bible stories in a fun and engaging way. Mr Gillham also visits the school and shares bible stories with the children throughout the term. The children in the school absolutely love these assemblies, as do the staff.

Should you wish to speak to anyone regarding the assemblies in school, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment to meet with Mrs West.

## Annual Children's reports

This year, your child's annual school report will be sent home at the end of the spring term and parent consultations will be held in the summer term. We are reviewing the report format and would like to gather parent views. There will be a meeting held in the art cabin on Wednesday 1 February from 2:15pm. There will be 10 spaces available. If you would be interested in attending, please contact the school office to sign up for a place. Coffee and cake provided!

## Staffing updates



Congratulations to Mrs Pritchard who is expecting a baby. Mrs Pritchard will start her maternity leave after May half term. We will keep reception parents updated with staffing arrangements for Moles class when they have been finalised.

We wish a fond farewell to Miss Gough who starts her maternity leave on Friday 10 February. We look forward to meeting her new bundle of joy at school. Mr Mayhew will be joining Ducks class after half term.

## PTFA Movie Night Tues 31 January 4.15 - 5.45pm

### Gnomeo and Juliet

As a treat, the PTFA are putting on a FREE film night for all Wimborne First School children. The film will commence at approx. 4.20pm, following the teacher led clubs. If your child does not attend a club, please arrive at the school office at 4.15pm where your child will be signed in.

Children who are attending any teacher led clubs, will be brought to the school hall to watch the film following their club, if you would like them to stay.

The children will each receive a drink of squash or water and some popcorn provided by the PTFA.

If you would like your child to attend this free fun event, please remember to complete the permission slip supplied in a previous letter and place it in the PTFA mailbox located in the reception area at the front of school.

All children will need to bring a pillow or a cushion with them.



## School Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school, other than for medical reasons, please complete a Leave of Absence request form. The forms are available at the school office or can be downloaded from the school website.

As you are aware, we monitor attendance to make sure that all children are in school and have the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Our attendance percentages by year group are currently:

RECEPTION:	95.4%
YEAR 1:	96.8%
YEAR 2:	96.7%
YEAR 3:	96.5%
YEAR 4:	97.2%

Whole school overall attendance is 96.5%

We discuss attendance with parents when the percentage falls below 95%, with the aim to have a whole school overall attendance figure of 97%.

## ADVERSE WEATHER

In cases of adverse weather, the school website will be updated and a voicemail message will be available on the school telephone system. A text will be sent out to all parents as soon as a decision has been made regarding closing the school. Remember to check Heart FM, Wave 105 and the Dorset for You website for updates.



## Lunchtime Supervisors required ...



Calling all parents, we are currently looking for lunchtime supervisors. The working times are 11.45 - 1.15pm and can be a permanent post or on an as and when basis. If you are interested in joining our team, please pop into the school office to collect an application form.