



Parent Information

Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Hartley

Wimborne
First School



Diary dates

Annual spring clean-up morning

Saturday 29 April. See reverse.

May Bank Holiday - no school

Monday 1 May.

School Nurse Drop In

Tuesday 2 May. 8.45 to 9.45am.

Bags to School Collection

2 - 4 May. See reverse.

Otters & Squirrels Farm to Fork Trip

Wednesday 3 May.

Years 3 & 4 Bikeability

4, 5 and 11, 12 May. See right.

Ducks Coffee & Croissants Assembly

Friday 12 May. All welcome from 9.30, assembly starts at 10am.

Reception Sealife Centre Trip

Thursday 18 May.

Welcome Back !

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you had a lovely break with your family, the weather was gorgeous. In conjunction with parents, staff and governors we created a new report format this year and would value any feedback. Thank you to all the parents who have already sent back the school report slip you can still send them back this week. We are looking forward to our spring tidy up morning on Saturday, Mr Best has bought lots of plants for us to make the grounds look amazing. If you are planning to attend please remember to bring any trowels, brushes, spades etc. If anybody wants to donate any plants please drop them into the school office.

Enjoy the summer term.

Mrs Hartley

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE APP!

Our new app can be downloaded now from the app store for Apple or play store for Android.

This will give you access to the school calendar, newsletters, news updates, alerts including school closure and a link to school money.



Staffing updates

Our new reception parents have been allocated their places at Wimborne First School this week so I wanted to confirm the teachers in reception for September 2017:-

Miss Hardman - will be covering Mrs Pritchard's maternity leave.

Miss Whetlor - experienced EYFS Teaching Assistant

Mrs Edwards - who has many years' experience in reception will be moving down from year 4 to lead the reception team in Mrs Pritchard's absence, she is very excited about the move.

Mrs Burton - experienced EYFS Teaching Assistant

Mrs West who has been with us since September will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. She has managed to secure a year leader position in a large school and is very excited about her new role. I would like to thank Mrs West for all she has done and she will see the year out on a high with the reception children in Mrs Pritchard's absence. We will finalise our other staff placements in the next few weeks and let parents and children know.

Sainsbury's

Please help us collect Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers again for school.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the school last year, we managed to purchase a great selection of sports equipment for our children to use in school. There is a collection box in the school reception.



Years 3 & 4 Bikeability

4, 5, 11 & 12 May
from 3.15 to 5.15pm

Please remember to bring a road worthy bike (with two working brakes) and a helmet. Bikes should be brought into school in the morning and stored in the wooden gazebo outside Rabbits class. Bikes must be taken home at the end of the day as there is nowhere to store them securely overnight. Children should be collected from playground entrance opposite the wooden gazebo at 5.15pm.





Twice a year we run a 'Bags to School' textile collection to raise funds for school. Your child will bring home a blue collection bag this week, this is your chance to have a pre Summer clear out! We would be really grateful if you could fill your bag and bring it into the school hall from Tuesday **2 MAY – FRIDAY 4 MAY** for collection. Any textiles brought in after this date will not be collected.

If you have too many items to fit in one bag then they can be brought in normal black bin bags.

Most textiles can be donated, even the old shabby ones, **NO BEDDING, TOWELS or CURTAINS** though please. We are paid for every kilo that we collect, so the more we have the more money we raise! Please ensure all bags are securely sealed as the company will not accept unsealed bags.

Attendance

Please be reminded that we follow the Dorset Policy for attendance, which requires us to monitor each child's attendance. A child who has attendance of below 95% will become part of the monitoring system recommended by the Local Authority. A child who has attendance of **90%** is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **1 half day every week**. In **1 year, 4 weeks** of lessons are missed. If your child continues to attend for only **90%** of the time over the **5 years** of first school, he or she will miss **1/2 of a school year**.

If attendance is causing a concern we will do everything we can to support families to see an improvement. However, if this does not improve we will seek support from the school nurse, the Early Intervention Team or Social Care. We do not authorise holidays in term time, as we recognise that this can have a significant impact on your child's education.

Breakfast Club

We now have extra spaces available in Breakfast Club. Should you wish to use this service, please ensure you call the school office on 01202882532 to check availability and book a space. Parents must bring their children into breakfast club and hand them over to a member of staff, please do not allow children to arrive on their own. Children are to arrive no later than 8.10am.



NEW WEBSITE

Hooray! Our new website has now been launched. We have spent the last few months building our new website and it is finally live. I would like to thank all the staff for contributing and a big **THANK YOU** to Mrs Sydenham who has spent hours checking information, fonts, documents etc. I hope you find it very informative and easier to navigate.



www.wimbornefirst.dorset.sch.uk

Maths Wizards

A big thank you to the Maths Wizards who have given up their time to come in to school to support our children, as they learn their times tables. The children are eager to share their knowledge and are very proud when they are awarded a badge. We are so proud of all of the children who have been beaver away to learn them. Well done! The children must be able to recall the times tables without using their fingers or by counting in the number pattern. To meet age related expectations (ARE) at Year 4 the children need to be confident with all their tables.

Packed Lunches

As we move into the warmer weather, please ensure all packed lunch boxes/bags have a small ice pack to keep food cool. This is following guidance from the Environmental Health team. Please also ensure that all children bring in a named water bottle containing water only.

SPRING CLEAN-UP MORNING

SAT 29 APRIL 9AM-12.30PM

Parents and children please do come along and help Mr Best get our school ready for the summer term. We will be planting, weeding, painting, litter picking and cleaning out the pond. Ideally, we would love to have enough help to paint all the benches and the fence around Reception's play area too.



School Uniform Reminder



Girls

Grey skirt, trousers or pinafore dress.
Embroidered or plain white polo shirt.
Embroidered or plain bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan.
Green and white gingham/striped summer dress.
Grey or green tights or white or grey socks.
Black closed toe shoes (no boots or trainers)
Water bottle and book bag.

Boys

Grey trousers or shorts.
Embroidered or plain white polo shirt.
Embroidered or plain bottle green sweatshirt.
Black or grey socks.
Black closed toe shoes (no boots or trainers)
Water bottle, book bag.

Indoor PE

Plain black shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls.

Outdoor PE

Plain black tracksuit trousers, White t shirt, either a school jumper or a plain black fleece top, plimsolls or trainers. Trainers are permitted for outdoor PE only.

Earrings

Children who have just had their ears pierced are not allowed to participate in any sports activity for 6 weeks. Those children who already have their ears pierced must be able to take earrings out to participate in PE.