



Newsletter 30

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Growing together to build our future

Message from the Headteacher

The weather has really improved this week and we are finally feeling the warmth of the sun. Please remember to send your child into school with sunscreen on for the day and a hat for playtime. All children should have in school a water bottle, only filled with water.

Yesterday we welcomed Dorset Cricket in for a whole school cricket engagement day, and what wonderful weather we had for it! The children had a fantastic time learning how to successfully field and catch as a team and became more familiar with the basics involved in cricket. We are fortunate to have an excellent local cricket club in Wimborne, please contact them if you wish to find out more.

Although the cricket engagement day was held on the field, currently there is only a small area that is usable due to the very wet weather we have had. The field is always very boggy in winter but with the considerable rain we have had, it is taking even longer to dry out. Hopefully with the warmer weather we are having now, we will be able to use the field at lunch play very soon.

Today we have shared with you our lockdown procedures which we will practise on Monday. We will talk to the children in assembly on Monday morning about the procedure and practise just before playtime. We ensure that the children know what they should do in an emergency and like the fire evacuation plan, this is done in a calm and safe manner. We send the letter home before the lockdown practise so that you can talk to your child at home, if you wish to.

Next week we have Life Education visiting each class on Wednesday and Thursday. The programmes are delivered under the strapline 'Helping Children Make Healthy Choices'. Trained Educators use evidence-based, interactive, creative methods and resources to stimulate curiosity and imagination, and where a positive, fun-filled experience helps children to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to make their own positive choices about their physical and emotional health. Please view their [website](#) for further information.

I am delighted to share with you that Robin's class teacher, Mrs Wheeler, and her husband have welcomed their second child this week, a little boy called Isaac. We wish them all the best and can't wait for a visit soon!

Wishing you a lovely weekend in the sunshine,

Katharine Anstey
Headteacher

This is a school for everyone. Everyone is welcome.



Safeguarding and Online Safety

Through partnership working with BCP Council, Dorset Police and the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group the Partnership has put together a briefing document with key information for parents/carers with more information about risks linked to county lines and exploitation.

If you have any serious concerns about a child, particularly if you think they may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, please share this information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead Team. If you are unable to contact a member of the school team and you wish to pass on serious concern, please call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01202 735046 We are an Operation Encompass school, to find out more please follow the link [here](#).

Open conversation is best when negotiating online safety with children and young people. Find guidance on these conversations here from the NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Privacy Notice

Initio Learning Trust is committed to protecting the privacy and security of personal information. The privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about pupils, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), section 537A of the Education Act 1996 and section 83 of the Children Act 1989. Please find the document [here](#) on the school website.

Policies can be found on our school website and contact the school office if you require documents in different formats.

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. We believe that regular, uninterrupted attendance secures the best possible learning achievement for all our children and we are committed to working in partnership with families to achieve this. Schools are expected to monitor all pupils' attendance records closely and to pass these on to the receiving school when pupils transfer.

This week's attendance

Whole School	96%
Year 4	95.28%
Year 3	96.57%
Year 2	96.46%
Year 1	95.7%
Reception	96.01%

When will absences not be authorised?

The school will not authorise absence for any of the following reasons: holidays, shopping, looking after other members of the family, minding the house, birthdays or similar events. Children will be marked in as late after 8.55 am and children arriving after 9.15 am are recorded as an unauthorised absence. We carefully monitor pupils who arrive late for school and work with parents and carers to improve punctuality.

Do you have a comment, thought or question you would like to share with the school?

Please use the link [here](#) to access our communication form.

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You may be entitled to financial support towards uniform, trips, an extracurricular activity, milk and school meals. Use the link [here](#) to check.

Request from Merley PTA

The PTA would appreciate donations of school summer dresses for our second hand uniform supply, as our stocks have been exhausted and we have received more requests than we have been able to meet. If anyone has any that are outgrown that they would like to donate, please leave them in the bin in reception. Thank you

Hayfever Medication

As the summer season approaches we are aware that some children are suffering from Hayfever. In most cases medication can be administered at home before school and this will last for the duration of the school day. However, if medication is required during the school day this will need to be prescribed by the Doctor and a medical form completed at the office.

Class Photographs

Class photograph proofs will be sent home today via Parentmail. Just a reminder to please not share any photographs on social media.

Forthcoming Diary Dates SUMMER TERM 2024



May 2024

Wednesday and Thursday 15/16th May - Life Education visits

Friday 25th May - Celebration of learning 2.45pm. All welcome to visit classes - Last day of Term

Monday 27th-31st May - Half Term - No school

June 2024

Monday 3rd June - Term starts - children in school

Tuesday 4th June - Year 2 Rabbit class trip to Russell Cotes Museum

Thursday 6th June - Year 2 Hedgehog class trip to Russell Cotes Museum

Friday 14th June - Sports Day - morning only

Tuesday 18th June - Reserve Sports Day

Friday 21st June - Staff training day (no children in school)

Monday 24th June - Reception Double Decker Bus Trip (details to follow)

July 2024

Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd July - Year 4 PGL Residential

Thursday 11th July - Year 3 trip to Winchester Science museum (details to follow)

Friday 12th July - PTA Summer Fair

Monday 22nd July - PTA Year 4 Leavers Disco 5pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term. 3.15pm finish.