



Headteacher:
Mr Wheeler

*“Shine like stars in the sky as you hold on to the word of life”
(Philippians 2:15)*

Friday 11th
November 2022

Evening all,

A busy week as always here at Pamphill, culminating in our usual celebration of the pupils' success on a Friday afternoon. Congratulations to all our winners. I was also so impressed with how grown up the children were in marking Remembrance Day. To the right is the beautiful wreath that the children made during Art club with Mrs Hurley earlier in the week. The best use of empty egg boxes I have ever seen!

You may have also noticed an extra piece of paper in your children's book bags this evening. It doesn't say a great deal but is intended to provide an indication of where your children are at in relation to the age related expectations, although for Owls class you will see a different note from me on there. The reason for sending this is to prompt conversation at parents evenings next week and keep you informed about how your children are getting on. The number in the boxes relate to the year group and the letter next to it means the following:

- A = working at the age related expectations
- T = working towards the age related expectations
- GD = working at 'greater depth' (beyond the age related expectations)

Those parents whose children are on the SEN register will have also received their children's ISPs (Individual Support Plans). Please do have a good look over these prior to parents evening so that any tweaks or changes can be discussed.

There also comes a time in any primary school teacher's year that they have to admit that Christmas is approaching on the horizon. Of course this is a really special time for young people and there are lots of fantastic events coming up for you to get involved in. This includes the Nativity performance which we have very ambitious plans for. I know that some parents have been enquiring about costumes etc. You will have this information shortly. I am also conscious that requests for donations can also seem to become quite frequent at this time of year. We have decided that in this year's Christmas appeal, we would like to support the children and families of Ukraine and attached with this newsletter is a flyer. There are also details of all the wonderful events that the PTFA are organising to make the festive period a really special one (separate flyer attached to this info blast).

I am conscious that you will see the word donation or a number of times and want to reassure you all that in these tough financial times, it is not expected that you donate to these things, it is great if you can, but I do not want families to feel pressured. As part of that thought, while we will mark **Children in Need** this year on 18th November with the children welcome to wear their Pudsey ears or yellow clothes etc, school **will not** be collecting donations.



Lastly, there is the small matter of the Wimborne Academy Trust Sumdog contest starting today for Foxes and Stags. Last year the children did fantastically well and barely even noticed that they were spending their evenings practising their maths. The aim of the game is to get as many correct answers as possible from a maximum of 1000 questions across the week. Let's see how high we can get our classes up the leaderboard! (I'm not competitive at all...)

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, see you Monday in your Odd Socks!

Mr Wheeler



Upcoming School /PTFA Events

Today: Week long Sumdog contest has started for Foxes and Stags!!!

Monday 14th November: Odd Socks Day (part of anti-bullying week, celebrating difference and our work around 'The Courage to be Unique'). Check out [this link](#) for more info.

15th and 17th November: Parent Consultation Evenings (see separate invite letter)

Friday 18th November: Children in Need (more details above)

Thursday 8th December: Christmas Panto at the Lighthouse

Friday 9th December: Non uniform (Christmas jumpers)

Friday 9th December: Christmas quiz and film night

Monday 12th December - afternoon: Nativity performance (more details to follow)

Thursday 15th December (last day of term): Christmas Fair (school day finishing at normal time)

Information Evening Resources

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Maths Information evening on Tuesday. It felt like a really worthwhile event and it was great to see so many of you feeling enthusiastic about our approach. Of course there's never a perfect time for everyone to attend these things, and with parents evening next week too, getting enough childcare could have been a barrier for some among a variety of other things I'm sure. If there is a desire to catch up on some of the content, I will be happy to run a repeat session. If this is of interest to you, please make it known to the school office via email (office@pamphillfirstschool.org).

You can also follow [this link](#) to the presentations that have been used during information evenings for your reference. Of course looking over the slides never tells the whole story though, so if you weren't able to attend, and the slides raise questions or queries, please do get in touch.

SEND at Pamphill

You may be aware that Pamphill have restructured the staff involved in helping to champion those pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities at Pamphill. For many years, Mrs Christopher took on this role and, as you know, has now moved on to pastures new. We believe we have shaped a really effective offer in recent months which was highlighted in this week's Inclusion Review where we welcomed leaders from across Wimborne Academy Trust to review our practice. For your information, the key personnel and roles are as follows:

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants

The experts in all of your children and those providing the support children need. They assess, plan and teach to provide the children with what they need most.

SENCo: Sarah Fairman

Sarah oversees the provisions in place for those with SEN and provides guidance to teachers about how they might provide further support. They may also be the liaison with other agencies or experts supporting the school and its pupils. Sarah has been working in similar roles for several years and works across several Wimborne Academy Trust schools.

Headteacher: Mike Wheeler

Holds responsibility for SEND provision in the school, monitoring and ensuring that all pupils have the best opportunities possible.

Trust Inclusion Lead: Laura Howieson

A trusted external advisor who supports and challenges the school on its practices.

If you would like further information about SEND at Pamphill, please use [this page](#) of our website.



Music Lessons

These are now underway and have been very well received. There aren't any more spaces in this sequence but keep an eye out for the next round if you would like your child to have the opportunity.