



Headteacher:  
Mr Wheeler

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

Friday 15th  
September 2023

Good afternoon all,

It's been a great start to the new academic year at Pamphill with all sorts of immersive learning opportunities for the children. The children have settled quickly and engaged enthusiastically because of the great work of our staff in building relationships quickly. One particularly cool moment from the last week was seeing our Stags fully immersed in their stone age topic: painting in their 'caves' (under tables) using the kinds of natural materials used thousands of years ago.



We are also delighted that the change over to our new caterers has been a positive one with many children reporting that the dinners are more enjoyable than in previous years. Big thanks to Mrs White and our lunchtime supervisors for helping make the transition as smooth as possible. And as an extra bonus we even achieved 100% attendance for the whole school in the first week!

## Notices and requests

- If you are interested in being part of conversations about a new PTFA, you are welcome to join us at school on Monday at 2pm as we set out our calendar for the year.
- Please ensure you inform the office if you are sharing collections between families. We are happy to facilitate this and understand the necessity, but we cannot release pupils to anyone other than their parents unless we have been made aware. This can be done for both one off and long standing arrangements.
- Library book changing on Tuesdays. We are very lucky to have the support of a group of volunteers giving the pupils the chance to change their 'Love of reading' book every week on a Tuesday. Please help to ensure previously enjoyed books are returned on a Tuesday so that the children can swap them.
- Class competitions for reading totals will start from next Friday so please try to get into the routine of reading with your child(ren) at least 3 times a week and recording it in their reading journals - it is such an important part of their reading development.
- More information about upcoming events and information evenings below.
- Following parent feedback, we are moving to a fortnightly awards assembly in which we invite parents to attend. This will still mean you have multiple opportunities a year to come in and celebrate your child(ren)'s success.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Wheeler

## Upcoming School /PTFA Events

**Monday 18th September:** PTFA meeting at 2pm (all welcome)

**Thursday 28th September:** Information evening about reading and school culture, 6pm -7pm

**Friday 29th/Saturday 30th September:** Glow Badbury event (times on your ticket bookings)

**Wednesday 4th October:** Open morning for prospective parents @ 9:30am (booking through the office)

**Wednesday 4th October:** Harvest Service - St Stephen's @ 2:30pm (pick up from church) Donations for the food bank welcomed

**Thursday 5th October:** Open morning for prospective parents @ 11am (booking through the office)

**Wednesday 11th October:** Maths Information evening including special guest speaker Stephen Collins (Emily Collins School, Uganda), 6pm-7pm

## September Events at the Wimborne Minster



**Saturday 16th September:** Harvest themed Muddy Church in the Forest Garden – 10-30-12



**Thursday 21st @ 7pm:** Skittles Night at Colehill Cricket and Social Club. – Suggested donation £5 per person with the option to purchase drinks at the bar

**Saturday 23rd:** Harvest themed Messy Church in the Minster – 10-30-12

Save the date – Choristers taster morning – Saturday 28 th October – 10-30-12-30

## Regular Events

SEN forest garden group in partnership with Dorset for Children – Mondays 10-11am

Forest garden Toddlers – Tuesdays – 10-30-12

Forest Garden Home Education Group – Alternate Fridays starting on the 8 th September – 10-30-12

Minster Praise – Sundays – 11-15-12-15

**For more information please email [claire@wimborneminster.org.uk](mailto:claire@wimborneminster.org.uk)**