



Headteacher:
Mr Wheeler

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

Friday 22nd
September 2023

Good morning all,

WHAT A WEEK! 😊😘😓😓

I cannot tell you how amazing the staff have been this week and by the end of Wednesday they'd easily packed in over a week's working hours. Their professionalism and dedication to the school has shone through again - just as we knew it would.

I am afraid I cannot reveal any details at this point for fear of invalidating the result as it goes through the standard quality assurance processes, so we will await the report in approximately 3-5 weeks time. What set such an incredible tone for every conversation though, was the enormously heartening responses from you and the children through the surveys. You can see the overwhelmingly positive responses by clicking [here](#) and searching for our school. We don't get to see your comments, though some were paraphrased and read to me by the inspector in the final feedback. I don't mind admitting that that was a pretty powerful moment for me personally as I desperately scribbled down what she was saying so that I could pass it on to the **team**.

➤ 14. I would recommend this school to another parent.



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Figures based on 29 responses up to 19-09-2023

I use that word **team** very deliberately. And I am not just referring to the staff. This school is about ALL of its people: the children, you - their families, the staff, the governance team, the trust and all of the other agencies we work with. I have felt that very strongly this week and I thank you wholeheartedly for your part in that.

One thing is for sure: In pursuit of excellence, we will continue to support and challenge with kindness and clarity so that the children can shine like stars.

Rearranged PTFA meeting

One thing that did have to slip off the agenda this week was plans for us to get together to discuss the PTFA events and activity for the upcoming year. This meeting has now been rearranged for Tuesday 26th September @ 2pm. It would be great to see as many of you as possible but I know it is such short notice. Please let Claire, Bella or Leanne know if you're able to join us, or if you can't but would like to be involved moving forwards.

Charitable Fundraising

One thing on the agenda for next Tuesday is discussing the charities we would like to support this year, and I did not plan to announce this before speaking with the group - blame Ofsted's timing for that one. In the last year the Initio schools have begun to work with a fantastic charity called My Time who support young carers. Initially it shocked us how many young



people this term, young carers applied to - and it is absolutely right that it does. You might also be surprised to learn that over 10% of the children in our school qualify. My time helps to provide pastoral support, fun and respite for these young people who desperately deserve it. And at a time when accessing publicly funded support is increasingly challenging, charities like this are filling the void and we thank them for it.

I hope that it is a cause you feel you can get behind, and if nothing else, you can enjoy the thought that Ed Johnston of St. Michael's Middle School and I will be in physical discomfort and fluorescent pink vests as we run, cycle and swim in the following events:

- Dawlish Sprint Triathlon: 24th September 2023

- Wimborne 10 mile run: 19th November 2023

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 Tuesday 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 started this week 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