



Headteacher:
Mr Wheeler

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

Friday 12th
January 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

It's been a fantastic start to the new term, and barring the winter bugs going around, we've made a flying start to 2024. I do hope those who have been suffering with colds (pupils and staff), or worse - man flu, are on the mend and feeling well enough to be back in school next week.

Two important correspondances came out this week, one about various upcoming events and another linked to our potential involvement in Wimborne Folk Festival later this year. **Thank you to all of those who have responded to the forms.** This will allow us to effectively cater for the proposed events. It's great to see so much support and enthusiasm for the events (I have copied details of them below for anyone who hasn't seen them yet), but at this stage I think it is only about 50% of families who have responded. I am sure this is only because people haven't got round to it, but if anyone is willing to mention it on the parent WhatsApp groups as a little nudge - that would be greatly appreciated.

On a separate note, we are very lucky to have Mrs Dalgarno working in the school office on a Thursday and Friday now, which has enabled Mrs White to reduce her hours as she wanted to. Mrs White will now work Monday-Wednesday, with Mrs Dalgarno working Thursday and Friday.

And finally for this section, **one last big reminder for anyone who has not applied for a middle school place, or a school starting place for younger siblings - you need to get it done ASAP, the deadline is Monday 15th January.** For those starting next year with siblings already in school, please make sure you have mentioned that on your application form. I know we are oversubscribed again next year which is great, but admissions need to know about siblings to make sure you are higher up the priority list!

Thank you again for all of your support,

Mr Wheeler

Upcoming School Events

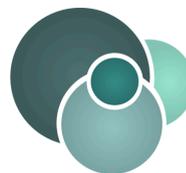
Maths Workshop for Owls and Foxes Classes

Tuesday 16th January, 2-3pm in the school hall.

The school works in partnership with an organisation called the NCETM as we strive to find ever improving ways to influence children's Mathematical understanding. This workshop will focus on the partnership between home and school in building firm foundations of

mathematical understanding. Any family member will be welcome to work alongside their pupils in a range of mathematical tasks and games, in what we hope will be a really positive and fun event. There is no test! The aims of the session are as follows:

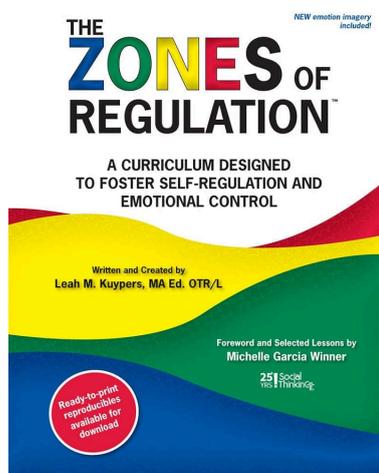
- To share with you some of the things your child will be learning in school
- To improve your confidence in helping your child with maths
- To create some games and activities for use at home
- To share future home learning activities with you



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So that we can prepare the resources and ensure that all pupils have someone to work with (Year 4 pupils will help us where needed), it would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm attendance on the form via Parentmail.



Supporting Children with Emotional Regulation Workshop

Tuesday 23rd from 2-3pm and Wednesday 24th from 9-10am
(This is the same session being delivered at two different times for your convenience)

There has been a growing trend of parents seeking support in helping their children regulate their emotions as we figure out how best to parent in the modern world. However, accessing that support is not always easy.

I have been researching ways to provide this support for children through our curriculum, and couldn't help but think that a lot of the theory would be useful to me at home with my own children. In school this term we will be using the work of Leah M. Kuypers to inspire the way we teach the children to regulate their emotions through our PSHE lessons and collective worship. This workshop will explore ways that families could utilise some of the same theories, resources and language to help their children at home too, in a strictly non-judgemental environment.

So that I can be best prepared for resourcing this workshop, and providing the right information for you to take away, it would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm attendance on the form via Parentmail.

An Evening of Celebration with the Emily Collins School - Be a Hero Projects

Thursday 8th February, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Last term we challenged the pupils to give something special to someone else. The children and I set ourselves the target of raising enough funds to send the children of the Emily Collins School on a trip - something that would have been a great achievement. The reality is that they surpassed that target by a considerable margin.

I want to ensure that the children's achievements are given proper attention and we close this learning experience by making it absolutely clear just how monumental their achievements are. Stephen Collins and I have been working together behind the scenes and some incredible things have already happened as a result, with more planned. He is actually going out to Uganda later this month so we have decided that the right time to bring everyone together is upon his return when we will be able to show you and the children what they have achieved.

I could not be more proud to have been associated with our families' response to this project and cannot wait to celebrate it with you.



Other Dates for the Diary

PTFA Events Calendar for the Spring Term

Autumn 1

8 th February	Be a Hero Project Celebration	No charge event to celebrate success of the project. Stephen will bring some cards and calendars that people can buy if they wish to.
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Autumn 2

Saturday 2nd March, 9-11am	Ground Force: Meadow Edition	Ahead of the National Trust kindly coming in to donate some time and wood chip, we're asking a collection of helpers to come and help prepare/rejuvenate the pathways and grass areas. Jobs will largely involve digging, raking and seeding.
8 th March	World Book Day	Details TBC
15th March	Quiz/Film Night	Ticketed social event, kids in one room for a film with snacks and onesies? Food and quiz night for grownups BYOB.
27 th March	Easter Disco	Tickets to include refreshments. Book Crazy Kev