



Headteacher:
Mr Wheeler

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

Friday 2nd
February 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

I can't believe there's only one more week until half term. It's been such a busy one with all manner of awesome learning opportunities; most recently with Owls going out to Bournemouth Aviation Museum, as well as Foxes class working with the national trust rangers as they learn about minibests and animal classification. [Photos of both of these activities will be shared soon via Dojo]

Thank you for all of your responses regarding the proposed folk dancing clubs in the first half of summer term. The number of positive responses mean we can pursue yet another year's involvement in Wimborne Folk Festival which is just marvellous!

Be A Hero - Project Celebration

It's this coming Thursday!!! Thursday 8th February, 5:30 - 6:30pm, See more details on the next page. Stephen is due back from Uganda any day now and we can't wait to share the impact of the children's fundraising efforts.

Zones of Regulation

Thank you to all of those who attended our Maths and Zones of Regulation workshops in recent weeks. There was a real buzz of positivity around all three of the sessions and it seems they have been very well received. In school we have continued the work with the pupils as planned and, now that we have developed the understanding of the material, we will begin to focus on the emotional regulation strategies or 'tools' after half term.

Future Plans - Site Development

The school, preschool and PTFA continue to work closely and have decided to spend a portion of our funding developing/refreshing the outdoor spaces on site. Our plans to enhance the garden space at the front of the school and rejuvenate the meadow area during the spring are hugely exciting. As always though, budgets are tight and therefore we have to be creative about how we can keep costs down.

We are enormously grateful to the National Trust who have set aside a 'volunteering day' on 7th March to bring a team to site. In advance of that on **Saturday 2nd March, 10am - 12pm**, I am also keen to put together a crack team of willing gardeners and landscapers to dig out and repair some of our bark chipped pathways, as well as creating some new 'zones' in our garden that we will ultimately turn into shingle/patio bases for the children to use. *If you or a member of the family would be willing to donate a few hours of their efforts, please let myself or Clare Humphrey know. The hope is that we can put on some refreshments / lunch for those helping and we would be most grateful to anyone who can contribute for some/all of the time.*



Thank you again for all of your support,

Mr Wheeler

Upcoming School Events

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, 10am - 2pm (ish)	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