

Other news items

**Autumn uniform**

Winter uniform (collared shirt with a tie and not polo shirts, skirt, pinafore or trousers) must be worn after the half term break please. We are very proud of how smart our children look and ask for your support with this. If we look good we feel good.

Large hair accessories are becoming inappropriate for school. Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back for hygiene and safety reasons with a small hairband or ribbon.

Please make sure the children bring their coats with them every day after half term as we like to get them outside in the fresh air even in the rain!



The roots to grow,  
The wings to fly.

**Environment**

We will be replacing the flooring in the old building corridors and cloakroom after half term which will improve the environment for our children.

**BREAK UP FROM SCHOOL 20th October 2017 for half term.**

INSET day 20th October 2017.

- Future dates:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> November am: NHS flu vaccinations for Year 1,2,3,4 (organised by NHS)
  - 15<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm: Mrs Middleton’s class sharing assembly in hall – parents welcome
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm: Mr Harpham’s class sharing assembly in hall – parents welcome
  - 29<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm: Miss Redman’s sharing assembly in hall – parents welcome
  - 1<sup>st</sup> December at 9.30am: KS1 Christingle service in the church
  - 6/7<sup>th</sup> December (Time to be decided): KS1 nativity plays
  - 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm: Choir to perform at Cheap Street Church Christmas tree festival in Sherborne
  - 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30: Whole school trip to Octagon Theatre for pantomime
  - 13<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm: Whole school Christmas lunch and party
  - 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am: School carol service in church – all welcome
  - 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.45pm: Carols around the tree in the school hall – all welcome

**Final thoughts...**

It’s been a flying start to the year and the school feels a-buzz with activity.

If you have any worries or concerns going forward, please share them with us so we can work together to solve them.

Kind regards

Miss Emma Grunnill

Headteacher

**Our House Captains were voted in by the pupils. This year, they are:**

Green: Edward Spearman and Isabel Loader

Yellow: Tyrese Rowsell and Zahra Greenwood

Red: Belle MacBean and Toby Lyus

Congratulations to everyone who stood in the election. You did very well!



**IN BRIEF:** It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at our Harvest festival. Thank you for your kind donations...

Welcome to Mrs Tracey Moise and Miss Lauren Langdon who join the Local Governing Board as parent governor representative and staff governor representative respectively...

DIARY DATES—OCT 17

- 10th Parent/teacher meetings 4-6pm
- 11th Parent/teacher meetings 5-7pm
- Life van to visit
- Open day for prospective parents
- 12th Disney music project—Year 1 and 2
- 20th INSET day—no pupils please





**BA NEWS OCTOBER 2017**



Getting to know you...



Our new pupils have settled very well into school life and are now full time. Miss Langdon has introduced an online record of the Reception children’s learning this year which we are encouraging parents to look at and comment on. It is a fantastic way to see some of the things the children have been doing.

It was lovely to see so many parents attending the class welcome meetings teachers held this year. This was a valuable time for you to meet staff and ask any questions you might have at the start of the year as well as learning about changes to marking, assessment and class routines.

We look forward to seeing you all at parent/teacher meetings next week. Governors will be on hand in the hall serving refreshments—please go and meet them.

The book fair will be in the hall on the night of the parent/teacher meetings. Please feel free to come and browse the books. A percentage of the total book sales will come back to the school.

### Staffing news

We welcome Mrs Terri Adams to the school staff in the post of Catering Assistant. Mrs Adams has a son in Miss Langdon's class so knows the school fairly well already. We hope she will be very happy at our school.

Mrs Hemsley recently informed me of her intention to retire (along with her husband) at the end of the Spring term. Mrs Hemsley has given nearly 18 years service to the school and is a complete stalwart. We will miss her very much and wish her the very best of luck with her future.

### Curriculum Enrichment—making learning meaningful

#### Golden Mile



This year, the school will be continuing with the Golden Mile initiative. The Golden Mile is a safe, simple and measurable health & physical activity initiative and an all year round one whereby Pupils and Staff can get involved. We simply walk, jog or run around our Golden Mile track within the safety of our school grounds and then upload the number of laps our pupil's achieve. Physical activity brings all sorts of benefits, such as confidence and stronger self-esteem, more energy, better memory, and simply a good feeling about ourselves. We hope to see all sorts of improvements over the year.

#### Life Van

We welcome the Life Van back to school on the 11th October. The Life Van staff deliver age appropriate sessions on health and safety, making wise choices and developing good self esteem. The children really love these sessions; they form an important part of our Personal, Social, Emotional and Health curriculum.

To find out more, visit: <http://lifeeducationwessex.org.uk/>



#### Disney workshops

The music leaders from the Sherborne pyramid of schools have organised a Disney singing workshop to develop singing in KS1. This year, Year 1 and 2 will participate in these sessions led by musician Alistair Dean. Brace yourself for lots of singing at home!

#### Christian Values

This half term's value is Generosity. We have been learning about what it means to be generous and how it just doesn't mean giving money. Edgar Green (Year 6) and his band of merry workers have been busy tidying up the spiritual garden and borders around Mrs Middleton's classroom—an example of being generous with time. Megan Parsons, Belle MacBean and Ruby Hughes have also been generous with their time and effort by competing in a 5k Bubble run raising £566.25 in aid of Charlton Farm Children's Hospice. Examples of our values in action! Well done everyone.



### Underdown Hollow

This term, our topic is London and the Great Fire of London. Underdown Hollow class had a visit from John from the Fire Service. He told us that you have to test your smoke detector every Tuesday. We have also been learning about the Great Fire of London and guess what we made—biscuits out of salt dough for our bakery. It was squidgy. Did you know what year was the Great Fire of London? Samuel Pepys hid expensive cheese under the ground so it didn't burn. How much cheese do you think he hid? To make sure our houses are safe we have a bear called Blaze that comes to check our houses for fire safety.

By Lily Hughes

## A snapshot of life at school...



### Great Western – What we like doing!

We've been trying to make our own human sized skeleton out of paper and we made some funny mistakes. We listened to a song called Dem Bones to help us. We liked writing about what parts of our skeleton do and how it protects us.

This term we have been learning about volcanoes that erupted in Roman times and wrote about Pompeii. We watched videos of Vesuvius and other volcanoes erupting and they were amazing and they looked very real. They looked scary. We painted some cool pictures of volcanoes that you can see at parents' evening. We did some fabulous story writing about escaping from a volcano. They took a long time to write.

In maths we have done place value and we enjoyed working out who the thief was by using numbers to find a sentence that told you clues to the answer.

We have been learning about Van Gogh in art and how do to the strokes that he used in The Starry Night and others. We like using the colours that he used and making our own colours with all the different paints.

### Silverlake

On Wednesday 4th of October, year 6 class went to Fleet Air arm Museum. We studied and learnt about Battle of Britain. We all enjoyed our trip and I liked taking part in the air raid drill which was lead by Edward and Charlotte.

Everyone got hands on when we were all finding about the different things that people did, who they were, what their war tactics were as well as the uniform they wore. There were two different uniforms that Edgar and Georgia wore. Georgia was in a ladies uniform that was used to transport equipment. Edgar wore a heavy men's uniform of a pilot; it was made out of sheepskin to keep the pilot warm. We all really enjoyed our trip and we discovered a lot of new much needed facts on the Battle of Britain. By Zahra Greenwood

### Churchwell

We have been learning the story of the little red hen. We have made story maps and thought of actions to go with each part of the story

