

This Week's News

20th October 2023

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Head Teacher Update

I can't quite believe that we have got to half term already. Those seven weeks went very quickly! I would like to start this week by thanking all of you who came to the Parent Consultations this week. We are in a very small minority of the schools that have such a high attendance at these events. Almost every parent attended on this occasion and those who weren't able to make another appointment which is really positive to enable the children to make progress. So thank you very much!

There has been some great learning again this week and I have the pleasure at the moment of showing prospective parents around the school for the next intake in 2024. The feedback I always get without fail is how polite and well mannered the children are and that is absolutely right. They are all a real credit to you and a pleasure to work with each day. The atmosphere around the school is incredibly positive when you pop in and out of classes with children always engaged in their learning.

We are now planning for after half term and again reviewing and adapting the curriculum to meet the needs of the different cohorts of children. Each year they change in their composition and the way in which they respond to different topics. We want to ensure the children are enjoying the learning and that the sticky knowledge is sticking!

We were advised that some parents were not receiving all of the notifications from MarvelousMe but we have this week received confirmation from MarvelousMe that this was a technical fault on their side which is now resolved.

It is now time for a quick break before we get well in to the build up of Christmas and everything that brings with very young, excited children.

Have a great week.

Best wishes,

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Wed 1st Nov Year 3 & 4 Fun Run

Wed 8th Nov Flu Vaccinations

Thurs 9th Nov School Disco

Deadlines

Mon 15th Jan Applications for Middle School / Starting School September 2024

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail 7 days before the date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.9%

YR - 95.1%

Y1 - 94.7%

Y2 - 95.9%

Y3 - 96.4%

Y4 - 97.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Google Classroom

If you are experiencing any issues with accessing Google Classroom for your child, please email the following address: googleclassroom@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk

Year 3 & 4 Fun Run - Postponed

The Dorset Fun Run due to take place this week was postponed due to the bad weather. We have been advised the new date will be **Wednesday 1st November**, same time and location (St Michael's Middle School, 4.00pm). Any children who previously registered for the Fun Run will be automatically transferred to the new date.

Fraser Portraits - Catch Up Session

Fraser Portraits will be holding catch up sessions in December for any children who were absent from school on the day school photographs were taken. The sessions will take place on **Tuesday 5th December** in Merley and **Thursday 7th December** in Corfe Mullen. Sessions will take place after school and you will need to call Fraser Portraits to book. Tel: 01202 692433.

Online Safety

Please refer to the online safety information included in this flyer which gives lots of advice on how to keep your child safe online.



POPS Events

Thursday 9th November - Autumn Disco

4.30 - 5.30m - Reception & Year 1

5.45 - 6.45pm - Years 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th October - Christmas Wrapping Room

Friday 24th November - Parley Christmas Market

5.00 - 7.00pm

Christmas Parley Pots - To be brought in on the morning of Friday 24th November ready to sell at the market.

Please refer to the email sent home to all parents on Wednesday 18th October for full details of all of these events.








Wellbeing workshops for parents and carers

In partnership with the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST), we will be hosting two information sessions for parents and carers with a focus on wellbeing. The dates for these sessions are:

- Monday 6th November**
Supporting your child with worries
- Monday 13th November**
Supporting your child with challenging behaviours

Each session will be held from 1.45-2.45pm and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to attend, please sign-up using this link: [Parent and Carer wellbeing workshops](#)

Please visit the MHST website for more information on the work they do to support schools:
<https://camhsdorset.org/about-camhs/mental-health-support-teams-mhsts>

Community News



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At Mini Athletics After School Club

- we teach athletics based games to develop core skills including running, throwing and jumping in a fun and exciting way
- we encourage confidence and team work to build on a life-long enjoyment of sport and active lifestyle
- sessions are led by well-trained and highly energetic coaches

We cannot wait to welcome your child to our Mini Athletics After School Club

For more information please contact us on:
ljudd@miniathletics.com for more information

www.miniathletics.com

Opportunities at Wimborne Minster

Choristers

Wimborne Minster are currently seeking Choristers and will be holding a taster morning on **Saturday 28th October 10-30-12-30** followed by pizza with some of our current Choristers. During the morning refreshments will be available for parents / carers accompanying children. All boys and girls aged 7+ are welcome to attend, there are no auditions.

Also our Choristers enjoy expert music tuition led by our choir master and musical instrument bursaries. Our Choristers also enjoy a varied social programme including theatre trips, alpaca walking and Butchers Coppice. Choristers do not have to have previously attended church. There is no charge, in keeping with tradition our Choristers are paid to sing.

Art Installation

This Christmas Wimborne Minster are planning an art installation made by local schools and community groups entitled 'starry night'. Schools and other community groups are invited to visit the Minster to make stars for the installation. There will also be the opportunity to explore the historic Wimborne Minster and dependent on the interests / age of the group listen to a retelling of the Christmas



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Intensive holiday courses now booking

Stages 1, 2 & 4 lessons are available during the October half term at a discounted rate of £20 when mentioning your school name

For more information, visit
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 or call 01202 877468

Dorset Council
 Places for People (placesleisure.org) working in partnership with Dorset Council

Arts Award Discover

Calling all creative children aged 7 to 10 years old: join us for six weeks full of inspiration, creativity and fun art projects. Booking is essential.



Wimborne Library

6 sessions every Monday from 6 November to 11 December 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Spaces can be booked in person, by phone or email:
 ☎ 01202 882770
 ✉ wimbornelibrary@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

To achieve Arts Award Discover, children need to attend all 6 consecutive weekly sessions.
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MINI HANDBALL CLUB

MONDAYS
 OPEN TO ALL LOCAL CHILDREN
 IN YEARS 3&4

16:45 - 17:45
 FREE TSHIRT

ST MICHAELS
 MIDDLE SCHOOL, COLEHILL

**FREE TASTER SESSION
 MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER**

Sign Up

MINIHANDBALL.CO.UK