

WINCHELSEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Autumn Term 2008/2009



Welcome

Welcome to our Autumn Term newsletter. Please take the time to read it because it has lots of important information about the life of the school.



Christmas Fayre

This is on Friday 28th November from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. We are hoping that this will be our most successful fund raising event ever and we hope we can count on the support of you, your family, friends and relatives. Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets!

Primary Christmas Performance

This is 10th December at 2.00 p.m. The theme is "Around the World". There will be mince pies, coffees and teas. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Parents' Evening

This is on Wednesday 3rd December from 5.00 - 7.00 pm. It's important that you come to discuss your child's progress. We hope to see all of you. Please return the form at the back of this newsletter by Friday 28th November. We will then advise you of individual times for your interviews.

Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

We will send these out before the Parents Evening. Please bring them along to your appointments.

Using Images of Children

Some parents have not yet returned this permission form to the school so I am attaching a new copy to this newsletter. Please ensure that this is returned.

Pupil Social Area and New Library

Both are finished and in use and are proving really successful (see the photos at the start of this newsletter).

Sensory Garden

We have done lots of work on the garden over the summer. We have now started planting and by the summer term it will be a lovely space for use by the whole school community.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning

This is at 11.00 a.m. on the 11th December at the school. A guest speaker, Emma Few, will attend. Emma is our Family Outreach Worker and she works for the Locality Team at Poole Borough Council and is able to offer advice and support to families on a number of issues from debt to relationship difficulties, parenting to behaviour management and many other subjects. Emma offers a free, flexible, confidential service to parents either within school or at home.

Please fill in the form at the end to say you are attending.

Headteacher's Breakfast

This will be at 9.00am on the 10th of December and is for all members of the School Council. It's our way of saying "thank you" for a job well done.

If your child is on the School Council (phone us if you are not sure) please fill in the form at the end to confirm your child will attend and to inform us of any food allergies.

Rainbow - Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education.

We have introduced the Rainbow Scheme of Work to further improve our work developing our pupils' social skills. This is a very interactive scheme and provides themes that are followed and developed across the whole school. As part of this, this half term we are looking at *Falling Out And Getting On*. Sammy Boyle (Peer Mediator Trainer) has worked with children from Rockley on helping develop their skills in resolving day-to-day friendship issues. We will continue offer this to other children on a regular basis in Year 5&6.

It should also be noted that our recent **Anti-Bullying Week** was very successful. We can't say that there will never be another instance of bullying here (what school can?) but we continue to be very vigilant and the overwhelming majority of our pupils are with us in wanting to stamp out bullying.

Enterprise Week

This was for the senior pupils and was very successful. They made equipment (planting boxes) for the sensory garden.

Year 11 Work Experience

All of our Year 11 pupils have just completed 2-week work experience placements. They were very successful.

This continues to be a very important component of our programme for our leavers.

Winchelsea Information and Support for Parents (WISP)

Their next meeting is the Christmas Social on December 8th 7.00 - 9.00pm in the School Social Area. Please attend (even if it is the first time) - it will be great to see as many of you as possible.

Parents And Children's Football Club

Please note that this will not be running in December and January due to poor light. It will restart on the 3rd February 2009.

After School Clubs

We have 3 after school clubs:

Dance Club - Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30 - for Key Stage 2&3

Activity Club - Thursday 3.30 - 5.30 - for Key Stage 2,3&4

Football Club on Tuesday 3.30 - 4.15 - for Key Stage 1&2

In addition, we have Judo at school during school hours (Key Stage 3&4). Although all clubs are very popular places do occasionally become available, so contact the school if you are interested in your child attending any of them.

"Gimme Me A Break"

This is Youth Club operating at the school on Fridays 7.00 - 9.00 pm for children age 12 and over. It's not run by the school, but we want to support it because it is offering really good social and recreational opportunities for a range of youngsters (including some pupils from Winchelsea). It is also a good break for parents!

Holiday Activities

We have worked with the Poole East Partnership to extend the range of activities we are able to offer to our children. It was great to see so many of our pupils (of all ages) taking part in these and interacting happily with children from neighbouring schools.

AS-UR

This is a support group established for parents of children with autistic spectrum disorder (ASDs). It has been in temporary recess this term but will be operational again after Christmas and we hope to see their holiday clubs running again by spring half-term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas Fayre Friday 28 November 6.00 - 8.00 pm

Parents Evening Wednesday 3 December 5.00 - 7.00 pm

WISP Christmas Social - 8 December 7.00 - 9.00pm in the
School Social Area

Headteacher's Breakfast - 9.00am on the 10 December - for all
members of the School Council

Primary Christmas Performance - Primary parents - 10
December at 2.00 p.m.

Primary Christmas Performance - Whole school and friends of
the school - 10 December at 2.00 p.m.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning - 11 December 11.00 - 12.00
am at the school.

Theatre company in - Beauty and the Beast - 12 December

Primary Christmas Party - 15 December

Whole School Christmas Lunch - 16 December

Senior Christmas Party - 17 December

Last day of term for pupils - Thursday 18 December

Staff Training Day - Friday 19th December

Children Return to School - Monday 05 January

Term Dates 2008/2009

Autumn Term	Monday 01 September	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 02 September	Staff Training Day
	Wednesday 03 September	Children Return to School
	Autumn Half-term Holiday Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October	
	Monday 03 November	Children Return to School
	Thursday 18 December	Last Day of Autumn Term for Children
	Friday 19 December	Staff Training Day

Christmas Holiday
Monday 22 December 2008 - Friday 02 January 2009

Spring Term	Monday 05 January	Children Return to School
	Spring Half-term Holiday Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February	
	Monday 23 February	Children Return to School
	Friday 03 April	Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holidays
Friday 06 April to Friday 17 April

Summer Term	Monday 20 April	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 21 April	Children Return to School
	Monday 04 May	May Bank Holiday
Summer Half-term Holiday Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May		
	Monday 01 June	Children Return to School
	Friday 17 July	Last Day of Summer Term
	Monday 20 July	Staff Training Day

Headteacher's Coffee Morning

I/we are able to attend the Headteacher Coffee Morning

11 December 11.00 - 12.00

Pupil's name _____

(Please print)

Class _____

Headteacher's Breakfast - 9.00am 10 December

My child will attend the Headteacher's Breakfast

Please be aware they have the following food allergies:

Pupil's name _____

(Please print)

Class _____

Parents' Evening Wednesday 3rd December from 5.00 - 7.00 pm.

Class teacher Name of pupil

Mr Cook	Headteacher	
Ms Burgess	Deputy Headteacher, Science	
Mrs Seymour	Key Stage 3 & 4 Manager, 4GS and Careers	
Mr Russell	4DR, ICT, Maths	
Mrs Courtney	3SC, Art, French, Expressive Arts (Classes 4DR & 4GS)	
Mrs Wilkins	3JW and Design and Technology	
Mrs Muir	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 & 2 Manager, Lilliput	
Mr. Parker	Sandbanks	
Ms. B. Taylor	Browsea	
Ms. Everson	Furzey and Autism Coordinator	
Mrs E. Taylor	Rockley	
Mrs Courtney	Art	
Ms. E. Vockins	PE	
Mr. Cooper	Music and Expressive Arts (Classes 4DR & 4GS)	
Mrs. Tombs	Food Technology	
Mrs Wheeler	Pastoral Care Worker	

Please advise us of the best time for you to attend (first and second choice, numbered 1 & 2, please) below. We anticipate appointments will be up to 10 minutes each.

5:00 - 5:30	<input type="checkbox"/>
5:30 - 6:00	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:00 - 6:30	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:30 - 7:00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anytime	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please return this form to the school by Friday 28th November.



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Using images of children - Consent form

We often take photographs of the children at school. The photographs are used for many purposes - to record achievement, for display, as cues for the children, as a reminder to the children of visits, special occasions and work carried out in the classroom, occasionally to support work done by a member of staff or student - to be kept in their file for college/university reference only. We may from time to time also use the images in our school prospectus or in printed publications that we produce, as well as on our own web site.

We may also make video (or webcam) recordings for school to school conferences, monitoring, school or other educational use.

The school may be visited by the media who will take photographs or film footage of a visiting dignitary or other events. Pupils may appear in these images, which could be included in local or national newspapers, or on televised news programmes.

Photographs are treated with respect at Winchelsea School.

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, we need your permission before we can photograph or make recordings of your child. It is important that you answer questions 1 to 5 given below, then date and sign the form where shown.

(Please see reverse for conditions of use)

Conditions of use

1. This form is valid for the period of time your child attends Winchelsea School. The consent form will automatically expire after this time.
2. We will discontinue use of any photographs or recordings after your child leaves this school as soon as practically possible.
3. We will not use the personal details or full names (which means first name **and** surname) of any pupil in a photographic image on video, on our website, in our school prospectus or in any of our printed publications.
4. We will not include personal e-mail or postal addresses, or telephone or fax numbers on video, on our website, in our school prospectus or in other printed publications.
5. If we use photographs of individual pupils, we will not use the name of that child in the accompanying text or photo caption.
6. If we name a pupil in the text, we will not use a photograph of that child to accompany the article.
7. We may include pictures of pupils and teachers that have been drawn by pupils.
8. We may use group or class photographs or footage with very general labels, such as " a dance lesson" or "making cakes".
9. We will only use images of pupils who are suitable dressed to reduce the risk of such images being used inappropriately.
10. If the child is looked after please indicate this in further information.

Please note that conditions for the use of photographs are on the back of this form.

	Please circle your answer
1. May we take your child's photograph and display it in school?	Yes / No
2. May we use your child's photograph in the school prospectus and other printed publications that we produce?	Yes / No
3. May we use your child's image on the school website?	Yes / No
4. May we record your child's image on video or webcam?	Yes / No
5. Are you happy for your child to appear in the media?	Yes / No

I have read and understood the conditions of use on the back of this form.

Childs Name.....

Parent's or Guardian's Name.....

Signature

Date

Further information:-