

23rd April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful first week back at school. The brighter and warmer weather is lifting our spirits and it has been lovely to see the children access all of our outside spaces for their play and learning.

Class teachers are also beginning to look at trips and visits as national restrictions begin to ease so we have plenty of opportunities to look forward to and hopefully end the year on a high.

Uniform/Forest School:

I am beginning to see some interesting outfits and footwear around the school!

Your children should be in full school uniform on the days they are not doing PE. For PE days, they should be in their blue polo shirt and jumper if required, with plain black shorts/leggings/joggers. Trainers should be as plain as possible.

Forest School days should not be treated as mufti days. I am politely requesting that you send your children in plain and darker clothes for Forest School sessions. Please do not send your children in bright and new clothing. Teachers will also be having this conversation with their classes.

Please also ensure that your children are wearing sun cream on bright and warm days, that they have a named water bottle, sun hat and a coat for the chilly days.

Please also try not to allow your children into school with small toys/fiddle toys as these can become lost or damaged easily.

Thank you for your support with this.

Time Capsule:

I don't know whether you saw the Bournemouth Echo over the holidays documenting our Time Capsule work? If you haven't seen the link it can be found here:

<https://www.google.co.uk/amp/s/www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/19232038.amp/>

The whole school enjoyed being part of this and the Reception children are very exciting to be the year group that will get the chance to dig it up when they are in Y6.

Hot School Meals:

Please remember to book your hot school meals (even if you are entitled to FSM) via Parent Pay at least a week in advance. The chef has to order ahead and if you miss the cut off, you will be called to provide a meal for your child.

Healthy Eating and Allergies:

Please support us by providing a healthy packed lunch for your child. We have several children and adults with nut or other severe allergies, please be aware of chocolate spread and chocolate items in lunch boxes as these often contain nuts and we are nut free school.

Ideas for healthy lunches can be found here: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/school-lunch-recipes>

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Pupil Praise:

I have already had lots of visitors for Principal awards this week which is amazing! Well done to:

Y1: Mason

Y3: Jacob,

Y5: Alfie, Milly, Cassie and Issy.

Congratulations to all of our Jewell of the Week children too.

Y5 also produced some winning art work to be displayed at the new Livingstone site. Congratulations to Oliver, Jake and Alfie for the work that you produced.

Mrs Serle and Mr Vickery would also like to praise Y5 for their Anglo-Saxon and Viking Easter Projects.

Y1 had some amazing models come in at the start of the week too.

We have also appointed some new librarians this week. Congratulations to Liti, Leah, Julia, Lexi A, Lexi D, Abigail, Miryam, Rory, Tyler, Thomas, Geraldine, Anas, Cayden, Milly, Victoria and Jasmine.

A message from our new Vice Principal:

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

My name is Ali Sinclair and I wanted to write a few words to introduce myself.

Let me start by saying that I feel very privileged to have been appointed as Vice Principal of such a fantastic school which is full of a brilliant community of children and adults alike. Being part of a school which is at the centre of its community is something I am very passionate about: I grew up in the Bournemouth area and I have been fortunate enough to have worked within some excellent local schools. I started off my teaching career as a PE teacher in a secondary school but quickly found that my favourite part of the role was visiting the feeder primary schools and working with their staff and children. Although PE is still an area of the curriculum that I am extremely passionate about, I decided to take the leap into primary education. I spent 6 years down the road at Muscliff Primary school as both a class teacher and school leader before moving to become Assistant Headteacher at Winton Primary School and I am now very much looking forward to being part of the team at Jewell.

Over the past few months, I have been able to keep in close contact with Mrs Waddington and the school staff through virtual meetings and some in person meeting. Each time I visited, the staff and children made me feel extremely welcome and I look forward to taking the time to get to know each of them a little better throughout the Summer term. I will be making myself as visible as possible and will be catching up with the children during their break and lunchtimes as well visiting classes and talking to the children about their learning. I believe passionately that effective primary education works best when everybody works together and so in much the same way as with the children, I want to be as visible as possible to you as parents and will often be on duty at the beginning and end of the day should you wish to come and say 'hello'.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and sharing the journey that your child takes through this fantastic school.



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New Reception Intake 2021/22:

The Kids Play Café in Bournemouth is offering a stay and play session for all new Reception Starters. Details can be found here:

<https://www.kidsplaycafe.co.uk/product/jewell-academy-sat-17th-july-4pm-530pm-1-adult-and-1-child/>

Please note that this is not organised by the school and no school staff would be present at this session but it is a fantastic opportunity for you to meet up with other new starters.

School Watch and Safeguarding:

Please note that any School Watch Incidents provided to us by the police can be found here on our website.

<https://www.jewell-aspirations.org/parents-information/schoolwatch/>

We have also had advice from the Police this week regarding videos on Tik Tok. A gentle reminder that Tik Tok requires users to be at least 13 years old.

We would strongly recommend that you monitor the use of this app and talk to your children about the content they are accessing on any of their apps and devices in order to keep themselves safe and ensure they are not being exposed to content inappropriate for their age and stage of development.