

# Allenbourn Middle School Newsletter

## January 2023

### Spring Term - Issue Number 3



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#### Headteacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by **wishing all of our families a very Happy New Year**. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school for the Spring term. Following a very successful Autumn term, we are looking forward to the term ahead. This edition of our newsletter provides a number of updates and shares news from around our school. Thank you for taking the time to read these updates and for discussing key points with your child. Please do follow the link to complete our parent/carer questionnaire which will provide us with valuable feedback to guide our next steps together. We very much look forward to working with you this term.

#### Parent/Carer Questionnaire

As mentioned above, we would appreciate it if **all of our families could spare a few minutes to complete our questionnaire by following the link below to a Google form**. This is also available in the ParentMail accompanying this newsletter.

#### [Parent/Carer Questionnaire Link](#)

This questionnaire provides families with the opportunity to share views on our school. **The questionnaire is open for two weeks - closing on Friday 20th January 2023.**

#### A Night at the Musicals

I am sure you will have seen on our Facebook page and through local press coverage that we **held our production of 'A Night at the Musicals' in the last week of term**. A full article features later in our newsletter. I would like to **congratulate all of the children who participated**. Your performances were excellent! Many thanks indeed also to Mr Smith and the staff who supported him. This event reflects the skills and

strengths of our Middle School and we will remember this event for months to come.

#### Staffing Update

As the new term begins, we are **delighted to welcome Mrs Henstridge as our art teacher** and we look forward to seeing the work produced by the children this term. I am also pleased to share the news that **Mrs Nash will return from maternity leave after the half term break**.

We will be **saying goodbye to Mr Lonnen at the end of this term** as he takes up a new challenge. I am pleased to inform you that **we have appointed Miss Chadwick who will join us at Easter as a member of the Senior Leadership Team**.

#### New School Resources

Last term, **we purchased three new Chromebook trolleys** to ensure that each year group can access technology to support in lessons. We also **replaced the chairs in all of our year 7 and 8 classrooms**. New **playground benches were purchased** as we begin to improve the outdoor areas for children. During the February half term break, we will be **replacing the Year 5 decking** to improve this area of our school.

#### Pupil Behaviour

We have been very impressed with pupil engagement in learning as we have reviewed our behaviour procedures since September. It was a great pleasure to write to the families of our 'Always Children' as the Christmas break began. As we start the new term, **we will continue to leave negative behaviour notifications turned off on Class Charts** and instead call home to speak with families if necessary.

Kind regards

**Mr M. Legge - Headteacher**

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## Broadway comes to Allenbourn Middle School

Broadway stars sent personal messages to the cast of Allenbourn Middle School's end of term sell-out production.

There were 70 children from the Wimborne school – from Years five to eight – who took part in A Night at the Musicals.

Before the curtain went up, they heard from Amber Riley from Glee and Judith Franklin from the Tina Turner musical on Broadway who wished them well.

Deputy Headteacher and former theatre and visual arts professional, Luke Smith, pulled in some favours to reach the stars.

Mark Legge, Headteacher, said: "It was a fantastic production and because Luke previously worked at QE School, which is also part of Wimborne Academy Trust, we were able to borrow some of its professional equipment.

"Both nights were 170 seat sell-outs and it was a real collaborative effort to produce such high quality performances, with such detailed production elements, whilst maintaining an emphasis on inclusivity. Everyone involved on stage had a part and others were involved in costume, make-up, backstage and offering refreshments.



"We put together a number of acting scenes, musical numbers and dance sequences from shows including Barnum, Hamilton, The Lion King, Matilda and Les Miserables.

"It was a Christmas present to the parents who came to watch and on the back of it some of our children have parts in QE School's next show."

Liz West, chief executive of WAT, said: "This was a wonderful show which I enjoyed thoroughly: we have some hugely talented children. It demonstrated how being part of a trust can benefit schools with the sharing of resources, expertise and even students."

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### Child Protection

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mr L. Smith.**

The Academy Committee member with responsibility for Child Protection is: **Mr R. Dent.**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads with responsibility for Child Protection are:

**Mr M. Legge, Mrs P. Skipp, Mr R. Wright, Mr C. Daw, Mr J. Fisk and Mr Hickson.**

Our Designated Teacher with responsibility for Looked after Children is: **Mrs P. Wheeler.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that **children do not bring nut based products into school.**  
Please also ensure that **children have a healthy snack for break time each day.**

### Our Visions and Values



We have continued to embed the use of our new **school's visions and values since September.** A reminder that our aim is to focus upon the three key areas: **Academic Excellence, All Inclusive and Responsible Individuals** as we **aspire together @ AMS.**

**Please do follow our school on Facebook**

[Allenbourn Middle School Facebook Page](#)



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## In the News - Autumn Term

### Sports round up

Pupils enjoyed a wide range of additional sporting curriculum opportunities last term. Here is a quick round up of activities.

#### PEDSSA Cross County



#### **Our team results from the Ferndown event and top 10 placed athletes:**

Yr 5 and 6 Girls - 6th place

Yr 7 Girls - 2nd place

Yr 7 Boys - 2nd place

Yr 8 Girls - 3rd place

Yr 5 and 6 Boys - 3rd place

Isabelle Roberts 5th, Elsie Gray 8th, Poppy Dunn 10th

Elliott Trickey 8th, Will Hartley 9th

Nicole Bennett 7th, Chloe Emery 10th



#### **Netball**

Year 5 and 7 teams had friendly matches with St Michael's.

*Our Year 5 teams before their match.*

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### Rugby

**Year 8** have played several matches this year, showing great improvement over the term. At the recent **Bryanston 10's tournament, they reached the finals**, only to be narrowly beaten into runner's up spot.

**Year 7** have played several matches and have also improved and shown great determination. **At the Bryanston 10's tournament, they won 2, lost 1 and drew 1 match.** These are great results, especially as there are quite a few players who are new to rugby and have only just started to learn the skills and tactics of the game this year.



*Our Year 8 Rugby Team*

### Football

Our Year 7 and 8 Boys teams have played fixtures in the County cup. Unfortunately both teams were unsuccessful and will not progress this season. They will play more fixtures in the Spring term. **Our Year 7 Girls continue to progress in the County Cup and our Year 6 boys won their tournament in Ferndown to become East Dorset Winners!** They went on to finish fourth in the County Final and lost to Christchurch Junior School in the County Cup. Our Year 6 Girls have played in two tournaments, winning 3 games, losing 2 and drawing two.

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### **IMPORTANT - Reminders**

- **Chewing gum and any other sweets are not permitted in school.** Pupils chewing gum will be given an after-school detention.
- **The use of mobile phones is not permitted at any time.** We will be taking steps this half term to collect mobile phones at the start of each day before returning them as the day ends.

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**Remember:** *If you do not currently have a ParentMail account, please email the school office who will be happy to help you set one up.*

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### Did you Know?

We are working with Caterlink to reintroduce cards for use in the school kitchen to speed up purchasing at break and lunchtime.

### Dates for your Diary

Parent Evenings will be held this term on the following dates:

**Tuesday 21st February      Thursday 23rd February      Wednesday 1st March**

Appointments can be booked on Parentmail with details being sent home later this half term.

**Report Card 2 will be sent home on Friday 24th March 2023.** We hope that you found your child's first report card useful.

### Applications for places at Allenbourn Middle School

It has been **wonderful to tour our school with so many families since the start of the academic year.** Please remember that **the Dorset LA and BCP deadline for making an application for a Middle School place for your child is the 15th January.**



Allenbourn Middle School



The deadline for applying for a Middle School place is  
15th January 2023.

It's not too late to tour  
Allenbourn Middle School.

Come along and meet staff, see our excellent facilities and  
learn why we are the right choice for your child.

Please call us 01202 886738 or  
email [office@allenbournmiddle.org](mailto:office@allenbournmiddle.org) to book a convenient  
time to visit us.

01 Academic Excellence

02 All Inclusive

03 Responsible Individuals

Academic Excellence  
Develop new knowledge and skills,  
prepare for further study, career choices  
and life challenges.

All Inclusive  
Ensure every student has the  
opportunity to succeed.

Responsible Individuals  
Promote good and responsible  
values and attitudes, responsible for the  
maintenance of keeping healthy and safe.

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### A reminder for the New Term - Curriculum @ AMS

You can view the Curriculum Overview for each Year group on our school website [www.allenbournmiddle.org](http://www.allenbournmiddle.org) along with the Progression map for all curriculum areas.

**Curriculum maps** can be found in the 'Teaching and Learning' section under the heading 'Curriculum Overviews'.

**Progression Maps** for all subjects can be found in the 'Teaching and Learning' section under the heading 'Curriculum Subjects'.

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### The Essential AMS Pupil Equipment List

Please help to ensure that your child is ready to learn each day by attending lessons with the correct equipment.

- a handwriting pen with blue ink (including a spare)
- a pencil case
- a pencil
- a pencil sharpener
- a clear plastic 30m ruler
- an eraser
- a glue stick
- a board pen
- a set of colouring pencils
- a purple, a pink and a green biro
- a highlighter



### Pupil Questionnaire Feedback

Towards the end of last term, all of **our pupils had the opportunity to take part in the Big Ask@AMS pupil survey**. 525 children completed this survey and we will use this feedback alongside our School Council, teaching staff and Academy Committee to plan our next steps and areas of focus together.

Below are three example data sets that tell us a little more about our pupils' views on their Middle School. **The children also shared their ideas for rewards and awards and provided feedback on their learning and the lessons they attend.**

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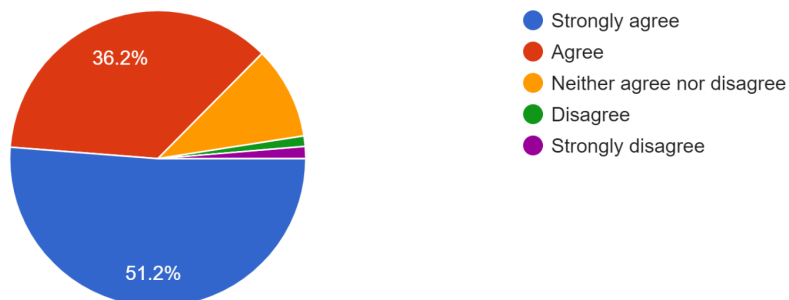
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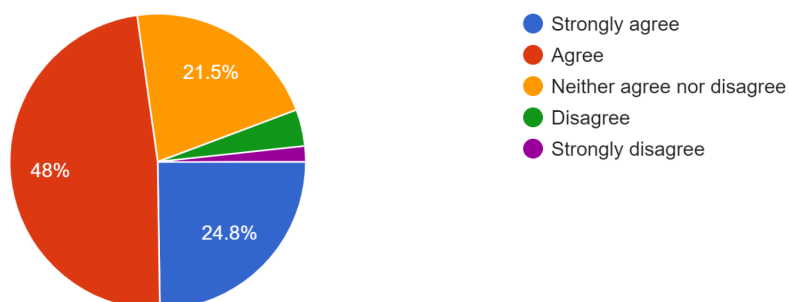
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally

525 responses



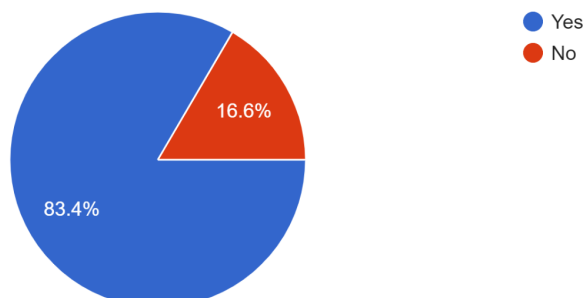
My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities

525 responses



I know who I would speak to if I needed help

525 responses



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Parents of our year 5 pupils will have received details of our Year 5 Bristol Residential Trip that is taking place in the Summer Term. **Thank you to those families who have paid initial deposits so promptly.** We must apologise for the tight deadline on the deposit payment, especially so near to the Christmas break. We will work hard to ensure that this request is made earlier in the future.

### Term Dates 2022 - 2023

#### Spring Term 2023

Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3rd January
First Day of Term for Pupils	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term Holiday	Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February
Staff Training Day	Monday 20th February
Pupils Return	Tuesday 21st February
Parent Evenings	Tuesday 21st February Thursday 23rd February Wednesday 1st March
Report Card 2 sent home	Friday 24th March
Last Day of Term for Pupils	Thursday 30th March
Staff Training Day	Friday 31st March

#### Summer Term 2023

First Day of Term for Pupils	Monday 17th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 1st May
Year 6 SATs Week	Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May
Half Term Holiday	Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June
Staff Training Day	Monday 5th June
Pupils Return	Tuesday 6th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21st July