

This Week's News

9th September 2022

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Head Teacher Update

I had written my newsletter before the sad announcement of the death of the Queen. As a school we have tried to teach the children about the role of the Queen and her part in the history of this country. I have led an assembly today to try to support all of the children and to ensure that if they have questions then we are here for them and will listen to them. We also celebrated her life. She had written to the children during the Summer to thank them for the cards they sent for the Platinum Jubilee. As a school we will observe the period of national mourning following guidance from the Department of Education.

I really hope that you have all had a great Summer and have been able to have some time off with your family. It is great to be back and to see all of the children again. They look incredibly smart and I am very grateful to you for that. At the forefront of my mind is the next challenge we face this year, that we cannot avoid, being the cost of living crisis. We will adapt the way in which things are done in school in order to make things a little easier for you during the next year we hope.

It is always good to start a new year reflecting on what we can improve on from the previous year. We have listened to feedback from parents and want to ensure that there is consistency across the school for year groups reflecting their age and stage of development. One area that is often raised is the topic of home learning. We are going to use an approach across the school to focus on key skills. Reading will be daily and there will be weekly home learning tasks for children. Each year group will be set home learning using the online systems we have in place.

We are going to use Google Classroom (with the exception of Reception) to communicate these learning tasks with you. We also had feedback that parents didn't know what the children were learning so we will be posting a brief summary of the learning each week which will also be part of the home learning for the children to tell you what they have been learning.

Our website has also had a complete refurbish during the Summer and now has a new look. We hope that it is much easier for you to find the information you need regarding all aspects of school life. It isn't completely finished but it should have the key/statutory information on there. We would like to post photographs on the website, so if you have changed your mind on whether you consent for your child to be on the website then please let us know. We will also publish a list of dates for the whole year to include the summer events to help you to plan. These have been emailed out to you today with this newsletter.

We hope that we can have a very successful year despite the challenges that we are all facing and as ever if you do have constructive feedback then please let me know.

John Bagwell - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Deadlines

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 - 97.2%

Y1 - 98.8%

Y2 - 97.6%

Y3 - 99.2%

Y4 - 93.8%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Pick Up Arrangements

We need to ensure that all children go home safely and with the right people. I am sure you can appreciate that it is a very busy time of the day and we need to ensure that children go with the correct adult. Please can you ensure that you inform the school office in the day by telephone if someone different from the named persons we have on our records is collecting. Thank you very much for your co-operation and please don't get upset if we check before we release children to a different adult from their parent or guardian.

Building Works

As you will have seen these are continuing after the summer holiday break . I do not have an end date as yet due to the impact of the weather on the replacement of the roof. It was too hot in the summer and now it is too wet so who knows living in Britain when they will able to complete it. On the positive side it does mean that we will have triple the insulation which should improve heating costs.

We will also be starting the replacement of the fencing this term around the perimeter of the school which will hopefully not result in too much disruption.

BRS Monday Football Club

BRS Coaching Academy have a few remaining spaces for the Parley After school Club on Mondays. If your child is in Years 1-4 and would like to, you can book a space via the following link: <https://brs.wufoo.com/forms/parley-after-school-club-monday-2022/>



We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor

If you have an interest in education or wish to give something back to the local community, why not apply to join our friendly governor team!

**Further information can be found on the school website or contact Chris Jones for an informal chat & application pack:
c.jones@parley.dorset.sch.uk**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 19/09/2022

Parley First School, Glenmoor Road, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 8QE

Tel: 01202 874400



Community News

CHINWAGS!

Starting September 2022, the Parley Pastoral team, will be hosting some informal drop-in sessions called Chinwags. These are for parents and carers to come together, share ideas and receive support to any parenting or school related issues, in an open and friendly environment.

In attendance will be Leigh Webb, Pastoral Lead, Claire Aiken, SENCO and Judy Fletcher, Play Therapist.

The dates scheduled for these sessions are:

- 14th October 22
- 25th November 22
- 13th January 23
- 24th February 23
- 28th April 23
- 26th May 23
- 7th July 23



All sessions will run from 2-3pm in the Jubilee room.

We hope to see you there!



Open Day

Dudsbury Guide Camp Sunday 18th September

10AM to 3PM

Bacon butties served from 10am. Cake served from midday *small charges apply*.

Take part in Iron Age Activities in the on site roundhouse.

Also try our other activities at the open day to see what is available if you were to hire any part of our site. All accomodation open for viewing

www.dudsburycamp.co.uk

174 Christchurch Road, West
Parley BH22 8SS

Fundraising for MIND

Kirsty MacDonald (Year 3 mum) and Amy Brown (Year 4 mum) are taking on a huge, personal challenge on the 2nd October and running the London Marathon. They have chosen to run for the charity **Mind** with 100% of all fundraising and sponsorship they raise going to the charity.

To help with their fundraising they have organised an amazing raffle which takes place on the 18th September with some fabulous prizes including a weekend away in Cornwall. (See attached) →

Tickets are £1 and can be purchased either directly with them or through their justgiving page. This same page can be used for general sponsorship too.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kirsty-MacDonald28?>

[utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Kirsty-MacDonald28&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=0d2f42d055e644f78af3945bec33c196](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Kirsty-MacDonald28?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=Kirsty-MacDonald28&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=0d2f42d055e644f78af3945bec33c196)

They are aiming to donate over £2500 to Mind and would greatly appreciate your help and support.

Help us support Mind



We're supporting **Mind**, the mental health charity. Mind wants to make sure no one has to face a mental health problem alone. They provide advice and support to anyone facing a mental health problem, as well as campaigning to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

Kirsty's & Amy's London Marathon Challenge Raffle

£1 per ticket

Star Prize - 2 Night Weekend Break for 2 people

Standing Stones holiday cottage - <https://www.holidaycottages.co.uk/cottage/78517-standing-stones>

Newlyn Cornwall

Other Prizes

£20 **Renouvs** Voucher

Cut & Blowdry with Hair by Chloe, Ferndown

A 2-hour house clean courtesy of JB Sparkle & Shine

A Dog Walk with **Pawsome** Pups Dorset

Family Moors Valley Train Ride

4 months Child Karate lessons with Inner Strength Martial Arts (ISMAA), including free suit

Shellac Manicure with Kelly Foster, Ferndown

Boxed Cream Tea for two courtesy of Teas Maid, Swanage (3 available)

Afternoon Tea (at home) courtesy of Piglets Pantry (via Buy a gift)

A course of 3 Adult Yoga Classes with Isabel Brooks Yoga

£50 voucher for the Hive Beach Café at Burton Bradstock

Round of Golf for 4 at Ferndown Forest Golf Club

Bottle of Bollinger Champagne

Set of Gin Glasses & Gin Liqueurs

Multiple gift sets, including wine, candles, perfume, and beauty products

Draw on 18th September 2022

mind.org.uk

Mind (The National Association for Mental Health)
Registered address: 2 Redman Place, London E20 1JQ
Registered Charity No. 219830

