



Head Teacher Update

You have to love the extremes in weather! Last week we were desperately sucking up water as it was pouring into the classrooms and then cleaning carpets, then this week we are trying to keep as warm as possible. Thankfully the snow did not amount to much. We will always try to keep the school open unless we are advised to close by the Local Authority. On the topic of Health and Safety, we had an unannounced visit from the Food Standards Agency. You may have seen the stars in different restaurants and food outlets. We have the same monitoring process and I was very pleased with the outcome with the highest rating we could achieve and the inspector also commented on the quality of the food being served which I thought you would like to hear.

It has been another good week in school. I am really pleased with the progress children are making. We assess progress and attainment regularly in a variety of ways. Last week we had a focus on assessing children's progress in phonics and we were really pleased with the progress they are making, ensuring that they are on track to meet the thresholds set for the end of the year against national standards. We need to keep this going but I would like to thank you all for your support for the children when they are home too.

I am continuing to try and develop careers teaching for our children and I am interested to see if any of you as parents would be willing to come and talk to the children about your career or careers. The aim is to try and broaden children's understanding and knowledge of the jobs that are in society. If you would be interested then please could you let me know. Thank you very much.

Just a quick reminder that the children are your responsibility before and after school. When the weather is wet or icy, your child should not be on the play equipment please for safety reasons. It is fine when it is dry and bright. Thankyou for your support with this. We want to keep all children safe.

I hope that you all have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thurs 8th Feb Open Afternoon
3.15 - 4.00pm

Fri 9th Feb INSET Day
School Closed

[Link to Key Dates](#)

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 - 95.0%

YR - 93.9%

Y1 - 94.8%

Y2 - 95.5%

Y3 - 94.9%

Y4 - 95.6%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Hot Meals

Please may we remind parents to check the hot meal menus each week to ensure your child likes the options available, and if not, send them in with a packed lunch. We had a number of children earlier this week who didn't like the choices available which resulted in us having to phone parents to bring in packed lunches last minute. You can view the weekly menus by clicking the link below and scrolling down.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hc3s/education-catering/primary>

Census Day

As per the email sent earlier this week, we would just like to remind all parents that **Thursday 18th January** is Census Day. The Local Authority uses the data they collect from the Census for the total number of children in attendance and eating hot school meals on this particular day to calculate the funding the school will receive for the academic year for hot meals. We have requested our lunch provider to swap Wednesday and Thursdays meals for next week as Pizza is a firm favourite with the children each week so please see the below for the meal options:

Wednesday 17th January will be a Roast Dinner (meat and vegetarian options) or Jacket Potato with Cheese

Thursday 18th January will be Chicken and Vegetable Oriental style Rice (meat), Margherita Pizza (vegetarian) or Jacket Potato with Baked Beans.

For any children not normally ordering hot meals, we ask if they would like to try on this day, then to please encourage them to order one at school in the morning.

Applications for Middle School and Starting School for the First Time

Don't forget, if your child is due to transfer to middle school this September, or start school for the first time in Reception, the deadline to make your applications is this **Monday 15th January**! You can make an application via the following link:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place>

A Message from The Centre Foodbank

Please see the below message from The Centre Foodbank in Ferndown.

"Dear All,

Thank you all for your very kind donation to The Centre Foodbank this year. The use of foodbanks is on the increase and we can only see the demand growing. There are times that the demand outstrips supplies. Without your continued support we now be able to support the most vulnerable families.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Kindest regards,

Nicky Hornsby"

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FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 4-BALL CAMPS (FOOTBALL, RUGBY, DODGE BALL, NETBALL)

Join us for our February half-term 4 – Ball Camps from 9am through to 4pm at the following venues and dates

Parley First School
Glenmoor Road, West Parley,
BH22 8QE
Monday 12th February 2024

Bransgore C of E Primary, Ringwood
Road, Bransgore, Christchurch
BH23 8JH
Wednesday 14th February 2024

Open to boys and girls from school years 1 through to 7

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