



Head Teacher Update

It has been a great week in school again this week. The children have been really focused on their learning and I have been in classes most days as well as during lunchtimes. We are trying to ensure that table manners are developed and that food goes into mouths rather than on the floor. We are working with the children on using the cutlery to cut their food and for them to sit up properly at the tables.

We held another Parent Learning Evening for our Reception parents yesterday, although sadly, I was not able to make this one on this occasion. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. We hope you found the evening useful. We will put all of the slides and resources from the evenings on our website for you to look at it if you would like to.

Our Reception children had a visit from the Police this week as part of their learning about people who help us. They certainly enjoyed the visit and thank you to PC Beth who came in to talk to the children. It was slightly disconcerting when I heard sirens in the playground though!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Parent Consultations. If you haven't then there is still time and we will look forward to meeting with you. We do now have a number of lettings in the evenings as we try to supplement already stretched budget to get the 'nice to have' things for the school. We will try to ensure that there is clear signage to different parts of the school, but the hall will be out of bounds for obvious reasons. Thank you for your understanding.

You may have noticed a couple of changes happening around the school. The buildings in the Key Stage 1 playground are having a bit of a makeover to ensure they are watertight and that resources can be stored in them without getting damaged, primarily for POPS resources. We then aim to refresh the mural on the wall that has been there for about 12 years now and is in need of an update. The slight issue is the cost of doing that from different firms, so I am looking for a slightly cheaper option. If you know of any great artists who would be interested in a project like this, I would be very grateful.

We had one of our Bikeability sessions this week for our Key Stage 2 children on the playground after school. This is again an essential skill for children and one that we need to try and make sure the skills learned are transferred to the roads and then sustained as the children get older and leave the school for their own safety. Some of the riding of the older children has been very dangerous lately.

You may also have noticed that a new sign has been erected as you approach the school, before the shops. This will be another speed reminder for traffic outside the school. I am hoping the new signage will be approved and installed soon to stop parking outside of the school gates to improve safety for you all. Please can I remind everyone that scooters/bikes should NOT be ridden on the playgrounds at any time including picking up from clubs. Also, dogs are not permitted on site unless they are working in the school with the children. Thank you very much.

I am now looking forward to a weekend of rugby after a VERY busy week.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

With best wishes,

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Link to Key Dates

Mon 16th Oct	Reception Parents Chinwags 8.30 - 9.30am
Mon 16th Oct	Parent Consultations 4 - 7pm
Tues 17th Oct	Parent Consultations 4 - 7pm
Fri 8th Nov	Flu Vaccinations

Deadlines

Mon 15th Jan	Applications for Middle School / Starting School September 2024
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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 - 94.7%

YR - 93.7%

Y1 - 93.7%

Y2 - 94.7%

Y3 - 96.4%

Y4 - 97.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Eco Council

Our school Eco Council have decided to have a Parley Fruit Bowl filled with un-used fruit that week at the end of the school day every Friday for Parley First families to help themselves too. This is an attempt to reduce food waste. Well done to Jenson for coming up with this brilliant idea!

The school collectively sent 18kg of used pens to Ellie's Fund Recycling which is fantastic and enables the charity to raise funds. Well done to everyone! Further details of the charity can be found below:

[https://www.yorksbtcc.org.uk/Support-Us/Recycling-in-Yorkshire/Recycling-in-Yorkshire-\(1\)](https://www.yorksbtcc.org.uk/Support-Us/Recycling-in-Yorkshire/Recycling-in-Yorkshire-(1))

Google Classrooms

We would like to remind all parents to register for Google Classrooms as we are still very short across the school. Details have been sent home previously with your child. If you have any problems please email our IT team at the address below.

googleclassroom@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk

Peardrops

The Peardrops booking window for Autumn Term 2 is now open. You can now login to ParentMail to book sessions for Breakfast and After School Club from Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December inclusive. However, please note that **only Breakfast Club will run on Friday 15th December as we do not run After School club on the last day of term.** As always, bookings are on a first come, first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you cannot book the date you need, please email the school office to be added to the waiting list.

Year 3 & 4 Fun Run

Wednesday 18th October at St Michael's Middle School - First Race 4.00pm



Children in Years 3 & 4 are invited to enter the East Dorset Fun Run either as an individual runner or as part of a school team. Teams are 3 runners of the same gender from the same school. The fun run will be approximately 1km and Years 3 and 4 will compete together. Please arrive at 3.45pm at St Michaels Middle School. and fill in the form.

To enter, just scan the QR code or click the following link: <https://forms.gle/grotGf8umJFHQLYq9> **Please sign up your own child via this method and not through the school.** Mrs Katrina Cole. School Games Organiser:

E: sgo4eastdorset@gmail.com **Schools will be told if event is cancelled.**



Wellbeing workshops for parents and carers

In partnership with the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST), we will be hosting two information sessions for parents and carers with a focus on wellbeing. The dates for these sessions are:

- **Monday 6th November**
Supporting your child with worries
- **Monday 13th November**
Supporting your child with challenging behaviours

Each session will be held from 1.45-2.45pm and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to attend, please sign-up using this link: [Parent and Carer wellbeing workshops](#)

Please visit the MHST website for more information on the work they do to support schools:
<https://camhsdorset.org/about-camhs/mental-health-support-teams-mhsts>

Reception Chinwags

As discussed during the recent Reception Learning Evening, we will be holding a Reception Chinwags for parents and carers on **Monday 16th October** from 8.30-9.30am.

Chinwags is an informal opportunity, to come together to meet others and receive advice and guidance on parental and school related topics run by Wellbeing Lead, Leigh Webb. We'd love to welcome you along for tea and coffee and to share ideas. Younger siblings welcome.

If you would like to attend this drop-in session, please can you complete this form: [Reception Parents Chinwags](#). Please meet by the school office to attend this session.

Community News



ONLY £25 PER DAY

OCTOBER HALF-TERM 3-BALL CAMPS, FOOTBALL, RUGBY AND DODGEBALL

Join us for our October Half-Term 3-Ball camps from 9am through to 4pm at the following venues and dates...

<p>Parley First School Glenmoor Road, West Parley, BH22 8QE Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th October 2023</p>	<p>Highcliffe St Mark Primary Greenways, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5AZ Friday 27th October 2023</p>
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Open to boys and girls from school years 1 through to 7

TO BOOK YOUR SPACE
VISIT RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
EMAIL STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK
CALL STUART ON 07899 268265




Parley First School

Christmas Market

A variety of food and drink stalls.
Fun for all the family!
This is an outdoor event.

**5-7 PM Friday
24th November**

External non-refreshment stalls required, £10 per plot,
Contact us at parleypops@gmail.com for more information.

On Sunday 5th November 2023
AFC Bournemouth Women's team are playing Portishead Town in the FA Women's National League, at Vitality Stadium.

<https://www.afcb.co.uk/news/womengirls/women-to-play-portishead-at-vitality-stadium/>


As part of this, AFC Bournemouth have released a group booking system, which will allow schools and other groups to block book a set number of tickets.

There are opportunities to buy individual and small group bookings, as well as larger group bookings. Bookings can be made through the link below, which will directly send you to the ticket department at AFC Bournemouth:

Individual or smaller bookings:
<https://tickets.afcb.co.uk/selection/event/seat?perfid=10228541448509&ot=0>mStepTracking=true>

Group or larger bookings:
<https://afcbournemouth-comms.co.uk/p/47OT-UCQ>

Feel free to send these to people within your school setting, or even share within your school newsletter. It looks like the record attendance for the Women's team could be broken again this year, with over 3000 tickets already being sold for the game.





BE SCARY TOGETHER

Come enjoy your Halloween Tennis camps with us with Spooky fun and games across our venues !

DAILY
MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
9 AM - 3 PM

AT
FERNDOWN
DONHEAD
SHAFTESBURY
VICTORIA AVENUE




✓ VERMONT

