



## Head Teacher Update

I hope that you have all had a good week. It certainly seems very busy at the start of the term. We are finalising our development plan for the next year and we want to make sure that you as parents are fully aware of the main development points of the school. Our main priority this year again is to develop the curriculum to ensure that the learning is really clear for our children. They should be able to come home to you and talk to you confidently about what they have been learning, not just in Maths and English but in all subjects! That is the aim anyway and what we are working towards.

I am also very keen to develop opportunities for children to develop their soft skills as I mentioned at the end of last term. Alongside this development within the learning on a daily basis, we are going to take part in project with Bournemouth University called 'Start Small, Dream Big' which is a Primary Careers Project. It is something I believe we need to continue to promote with our children, to promote ambition alongside knowing why they are learning and what the purpose of it is. So often I get the response to the question... "Why are you learning this?" The response is usually... "for Middle School". It is much more than that! We will also be addressing wider issues around stereotypes in jobs and how we can break these down. As we start the training I will share more information.

We are planning to hold learning evenings for parents again this term. One significant development we would like your input with is the development of our Relationship Policy, which will replace our very dated Behaviour Policy. We are very proud of the standards of behaviour at the school, but feel that it can be even better with a very specific approach, which we hope will ensure positive behaviour is embedded in our children, not just while they are with us in our environment. We would like to share this with you during the learning evening which will be on Thursday 5th October.

### Marvellous Me

We were having a few technical issues with MarvellousMe which thankfully have finally been fixed today! You should now begin to receive communications from your child's class teacher via the app going forward.

### Staffing Update

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Aiken our Special Needs Lead has had a period of time off school to battle her diagnosis of Cancer. We were very positive that she had gone into remission and she had returned to work on a phased return. However, unfortunately she now has to have further investigations and treatment which means that she will not be returning full time for the next half term at least. If you do have any questions regarding Special Educational Needs, please can you contact the school office by either phone and email and we will be able to direct you to a member of staff who will be able to assist you. Thank you very much.

I think that is all from me for this week. I hope that you have a good weekend.

**John Bagwell**

**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

### Link to Key Dates

Thurs 5th Oct	Whole School Learning Evening 7pm
Thurs 12th Oct	Reception Learning Evening 7pm

## 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 - 96.8 %**

**YR - %**

**Y1 - 97.7%**

**Y2 - 97.4%**

**Y3 - 97.2%**

**Y4 - 96.6%**

*The school day begins at*

**8.45am.**

**Gates open at 8.30am**

## Hot Meal Menu Changes

We have been advised by HCS3 that due to ongoing supply issues, pudding choices may vary each day. There will always be a fruit salad option but please advise your child that the pudding for the meal they chose may differ from that stated on the menu.

Please also note that next week the bubble salmon option on Wednesday will be replaced with a fish cake. Thank you very much.

## Applying for a School Place

If you have a child who is currently in Year 4 and due to transfer to middle school next September or a pre-school child who is due to start school in 2024, you have until **Monday 15th January 2024** to submit your application. You can do so via the following link and offers will be made on Monday 16th April 2024.

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

## Little Lotus Yoga

A few spaces have arisen in Mrs Brooks Little Lotus Yoga Class after school on Wednesdays. The club is for children in years 1 to 4. Please contact Isabel on T: 07762 991479 or E: [Isabel.g.brooks@gmail.com](mailto:Isabel.g.brooks@gmail.com)

## Key Dates

Earlier this week we emailed out a list of key dates taking place this academic year.

### Learning Evenings

This term we will be holding two learning evenings. Learning Evenings are an opportunity for you to come in to school and find out more information on the curriculum and planned learning for your child(ren) for this academic year. The first evening will take place on **Thursday 5th October** and this is for the whole school. The second will take place on **Thursday 12th October** and this is for our new Reception parents only. Both evenings will begin at 7.00pm and take place in the school hall. Please note that these evenings are for parents and carers only and not children. There is no need to book, just turn up on the evening. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

### Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations are our Parent's Evenings. These will take place this term on **Monday 16th October** and **Tuesday 17th October** from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Booking details will be sent out to you nearer to the time and you will be able to book an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please look out for this information in the coming weeks. All bookings are made on the ParentMail app.

These dates, along with all of our term dates can be found on our website.

**Term Dates:** <https://www.parley.dorset.sch.uk/our-school/term-dates/>

**Key Dates:** <https://www.parley.dorset.sch.uk/important-dates/>

## Naming Belongings

Please may we remind all parents to ensure all children's belongings are clearly named so we can easily return any lost items. Thank you very much.

# Community News



September 2023

## Newsletter

### FACE THE NEW TERM!

**FREE SESSION**  
Are they getting a good night?  
insomnia, screens & energy drinks  
Book Now - [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday  
14th Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



**Cannabis Awareness**  
Cannabis, how much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.

Thursday  
21st Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



**Anxiety Explained**  
Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?

Thursday  
28th Sep  
18:30 - 20:30



**Supporting a Child with ADHD**  
interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)    [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

## ADHD

Everyone is talking about it...what about you?  
Would you like to know what ADHD is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two hour online talk delivered by Jane Keyworth,  
Lead Facilitator at FACE ([facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk))  
on 28th September (6:30pm to 8:30pm)  
Available to book now via the website