

This Week's News

19th January 2024

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Head Teacher Update

I hope you have all had a good week and have managed to keep warm. I have had a very varied week this week which has been interesting, from reviews of other schools to First Aid training and today I am on a conference led by the Virtual School to support our children who are in care. We are constantly striving to improve our skills in multiple areas with ever increasingly complex needs of children.

I had a really interesting experience this week looking at how Artificial Intelligence can be used to assess the quality of teaching. I appreciate that technology is advancing and for some organisations, that could be the way forward, but my concerns are around the fact that this could take the human aspect of teaching away and that is not something I want in this school. I am open to new ideas but AI will not be able to see how a child (or teacher) is feeling. I did find it interesting though... it could be the future?

I have included a couple of reminders on page 2 this week. I have had a few incidents over the past couple of weeks with drivers in the car park, particularly outside the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you very much.

Over the next few weeks we have planned in some different learning experiences for the children, with the aim of broadening their understanding of the world beyond Parley as well as improving their cultural understanding of the world. The children will be taking part in some Dragon Dance Workshops next week over two days which we hope that they will really enjoy. This will then be followed by another live performance from a group of professional actors in the hall with some singing and dancing and hopefully plenty of fun! We are really grateful to POPS for funding these opportunities for all of the children in the school.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

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

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 - 93.8%

Y1 - 94.9%

Y2 - 96.7%

Y3 - 94.9%

Y4 - 95.8%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Car Park

Please can we remind parents/carers dropping off and picking up from Breakfast and After School Club to use the marked bays closest to the cabin if they are available. We politely ask that everyone enters the car park at low speed (5mph) due to the high volume of adults and young people walking in and out. Thank you for your support with this.

Road Safety

We have received some reports of children not riding their bikes safely to and from school. Please may we remind all parents to ensure that you stay close to your children when walking, scooting or cycling to school to ensure the safety of both them and others. Thank you very much for your understanding.

Nut-Free School

Just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school. We have children and staff on site who have allergies so appreciate your support in keeping them safe. Thank you very much.

Peardrops - Please Read

Payment for Late / Manual Bookings

If you have booked a late or last minute Breakfast or After School Club session with the school office for your child, either this term or last term, please can you ensure you have made payment to us via BACS. We still have a number of outstanding sessions which we are still awaiting payment for. Details of how to pay are emailed to parents whenever a manual booking is made so please check your emails. Thank you very much.

Cancelling Bookings on ParentMail

If you are cancelling a Peardrops booking 7 days or more in advance, please cancel this via the ParentMail app. If you pay by BACS or childcare voucher, we can put a credit on your account, as long as you inform us of the cancellation. There is a high demand for Breakfast and After School Club and if you do not cancel your unrequired sessions, you are stopping other families being able to book sessions. The office can only manually cancel sessions on your behalf 1-7 days before a booking date, as the booking window on ParentMail is no longer live at this point. Please note, we can also only issue credits for late cancelled sessions which we are given reasonable notice about. It is the parents responsibility to inform us of any cancellations made on ParentMail so that we can, where appropriate, issue credits. If you have any questions at all about this, please contact the school office. Thank you very much.

INSET Day

We would like to remind all parents that **Friday 9th February** is an INSET Day and therefore the school will be closed to children. Thank you.

Open Afternoon,

We will be holding an Open Afternoon on **Thursday 8th February**, 3.15 - 4.00pm. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their work and classroom.

Community News



MINI HANDBALL CLUB

MONDAYS TERM TIME
OPEN TO ALL LOCAL CHILDREN
IN YEARS 3&4

16:45 - 17:45
FREE TSHIRT

THE REEF (NEXT TO ST MICHAELS MIDDLE)
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NEW FEBRUARY HALF TERM

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STOP EVERYTHING! WE'VE GOT SOME NEWS THAT'LL HAVE YOU JUMPING UP AND DOWN WITH EXCITEMENT! OUR FERDOWN CAMPS ARE NOW A TOTAL STEAL AT JUST £18 PER DAY - THAT'S A JAW-DROPPING £3 AN HOUR! SAY WHAT?! BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! SPACE IS LIMITED, SO YOU BETTER RUN, NOT WALK, TO THE CHECKOUT. OH, DON'T FORGET TO USE THE SUPER-SECRET CODE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THIS INCREDIBLE DISCOUNT! (ADD COUPON AT CHECKOUT)


FEB SALE 24

(1/2 day 12th) Full day
13th & 15th FEB 2024

SCAN QR CODE



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Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.


- Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- Week 2 - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- Week 3 - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place...Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.



IN RINGWOOD ON WEDNESDAYS
OTHER CENTRES AVAILABLE

A BIGLITTLE THEATRE SCHOOL CLASS



MTKIDZ

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - RECEPTION TO YEAR 7



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- ★ HIGHEST QUALITY TEACHING
- ★ EXPERIENCED AND PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS
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