



Head Teacher Update

I have to say it has been an extremely busy week this week. There are a few winter bugs around which is usual for this time of year when you have 312 children and 50 plus staff all contained in one building. Hopefully this will improve with a snap of cold weather!

I would like to start by thanking all of you who supported the Christmas Market event this time last week. It was great to see so many of you, especially from my new favourite place which is apparently a horsebox bar!! We hope you all enjoyed it! We will now continue to plan how to spend the money raised on the children.

I can't quite believe that we are so close to the end of term as it seems so early, but we will be looking forward to our Reception children putting on a performance of the Nativity next week. I am a little disappointed that I am not going to be able to attend but I am going to be involved in the interview process for the new Headteacher at Ferndown Middle School which will be held over two days. I have been lucky enough to hear them rehearse though and as ever, it sounds amazing and just what a Reception Nativity should be... unpredictable!!

We have had a number of different monitoring visits again over the past few weeks from a range of different people and I have been incredibly proud of the children and staff and how well they articulate what they have been learning. One area we have been looking at in particular is how we ensure that all children are well educated about diversity and how to ensure they are respectful. I am very passionate about stopping any form of racism or discrimination. It is very rare we get any racist incidents, but my opinion is that there shouldn't be an at all!

We are also planning for a whole school performance to you as parents on **Friday 8th December** at **2.30pm** on the **Key Stage 2 playground**. We have been learning some Christmas songs this term and would like to perform them to you to get you in the Christmas spirit.

Just a little reminder from me please that we are trying to promote considerate parking around the school. I did receive a rather aggressive email from the manager of Tesco this week blaming our parents of anti social behaviour. I am afraid I did have to challenge this as it's not just parents at the school who park in an anti social way, so if you could help me by not being one of those people that will really help my debate. Thank you very much.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wed 6th Dec	Year 4 Avon Tyrrell Meeting
Thurs 7th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
Fri 8th Dec	Christmas Singing to Parents on KS2 Playground
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch

[Link to Key Dates](#)

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.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.3%

YR - 93.7%

Y1 - 95.2%

Y2 - 95.4%

Y3 - 95.9%

Y4 - 96.4%

The school day begins at
8.45am

Gates open at 8.30am



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Last Day of Term

We would like to remind all parents that we will finish at the normal time of 3.05pm on Friday 15th December. Please also remember that as always, After School Club does not run on the last day of term. Thank you very much.

Mobile Phones

Please may we remind all parents that children are **not** allowed to bring mobile phones in to school under any circumstances. Thank you very much for your understanding and support with this.

Peardrops

The Peardrops booking window for Spring Term 1 is now open. You will now be able to make bookings from Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday 8th February 2024 inclusive on ParentMail. Please note that Friday 9th February is an INSET Day and therefore the school will be closed to children. As always, bookings are made on a first come, first served basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to book a specific date, please email the school office to be added to the waiting list. Thank you very much.

Parking

We regularly receive complaints from both parents and local residents regarding the dangerous parking in the neighbouring roads around the school. As a school, all we can do is remind parents / guardians to park responsibly. However, any parking complaints can be reported directly to Dorset Council via the link below. We have contacted Dorset police ourselves regarding the ongoing issues. We also ask that you remind any grandparents or family members who collect your child and do not receive our newsletter, to please park considerately. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Please send all parking complaints to: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/parking-problems>

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be participating in Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 7th December** for Save the Children. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper in place of their usual school sweatshirt or cardigan. Any voluntary donations will be greatly received and can be made on ParentMail.



Christmas Meal

Please remember to complete the Google Form linked below by **Wednesday 6th December** to indicate whether your child will be having the hot Christmas lunch or not. Thank you. <https://forms.gle/8nXMD3vjupiTvEft7>

Big Ambition Survey

Children or parents can complete the Big Ambition survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition . Further resources are available on the [website](#).

It is really important that the pupils at Parley First School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say. I want to ensure that the voices of children in Dorset are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country. As Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with the Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

The survey can be done as homework and parents can assist children who cannot complete the survey themselves (children under 5 and children with Special Educational Needs). This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. de Souza'.

Dame Rachel De Souza

Community News



Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December
9am to 3pm

WINTER 2023 MULTI ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUBS

FUN & CREATIVE
INDOOR & OUTDOOR
ACTIVITIES FOR
BOYS & GIRLS
4-12 YEARS OLD

St Luke's CofE Primary School
St Luke's CofE Primary School, Bemister Road, Winton, BH9 1LG

Ferdown Scout Hut
Cherry Grove, Ferdown, Dorset, BH22 9EZ

Activities

- ✓ Multi - Sports
- ✓ Arts & Crafts
- ✓ Cooking Classes
- ✓ Outdoor Trips
- ✓ Themed Workshops

We accept childcare and Tax free childcare vouchers



School Applications

If you have a child in Year 4 who is due to transfer to middle school next September, or a pre-school child who is due to start school for the first time next year, you must have made your application to Dorset for You by **Monday 15th January 2024**. You can apply by clicking the link below. You will be notified of the outcome by Dorset for You on 16th April 2023.

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Thursday 14th December 2023



Turkey Breast
Cocktail Pork Sausage
Or
Vegetable Wellington Vg
Meat-Free Sausage (half) Vg



On the Side
Roast Potatoes
Stuffing Ball
Garden Peas
Baton Carrots
Brussel Sprouts
Gravy



Pudding
Christmas Iced Biscuit
Or
Fruit Salad



Raring 2 Go



The new Raring 2 Go Winter magazine is online now. The issue has lots of information about what's on this winter, discounts at BigLittle Theatre School and Avon Tyrrell Activity Centre plus competitions to win tickets to Splashdown and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Bournemouth Pavilion.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bournemouth/winter2023/>

Divers Abilities would love to hear from anyone who has access to a van and is willing to give up a few hours or a couple of days to help with their Tree cycling scheme in January. Those interested in being part of the collections can email

treecycling@diverseabilities.org.uk or call 01202 711507 to find out more.