This Week's News 22nd March 2024

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Head Teacher Update

It has been a very busy week again this week, especially for our Year 4 children who have been to Avon Tyrrell in the New Forest for a residential visit. They took part in a range of adventurous activities including canoeing and low rope challenges, as well as hiking and of course, sleeping away from home. I was incredibly proud of them and their achievements over the past few days. I have been going on residential visits for a very long time and this group of children were one of the best I have been with at settling and going to sleep which is always a bonus!

I believe that these experiences really help children to learn and develop their independence and social skills. It also gives them an opportunity to challenge themselves and try new things (even new foods for some of the children). I am sure that they will be tired this weekend as some of them have also been representing the school at the East Dorset TAG Rugby Festival yesterday and then at the gymnastics tournament today. It has been a VERY busy week for them but as I said, I am incredibly proud of them and their achievements. It is great that the children get all of these opportunities, but I am trying to manage the workload for staff too to ensure that it doesn't all get too busy. Mistakes creep in when we are rushing to get things organised. My apologies for a few small errors on letters. Some of the systems recently haven't quite worked as I would have expected.

We have Parent Consultations next week on Tuesday and Wednesday which is a good opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's learning. We have tried again to offer a hybrid version to try and make it as accessible as possible.

Tickets are now on sale for Happy's Circus, which will be arriving in school on Saturday 22nd June. We hope that you will be able to attend and come and join in with all of the Circus fun! Further details can be found on page 2.

I was listening to a very interesting discussion on the radio this week about parking outside of schools. It has always been a hot topic of debate. I appreciate that it is a very busy period for a short amount of time and then becomes time pressured. Please can I remind everyone once again to park responsibly and safely. I did come back to school last week at the end of the day and some of the parking around the school was unsafe and could have led to a child or adult being hurt as they leave the school. Thank you for your understanding as you are also setting an example for our children too, teaching them to follow the rules.

New week we obviously only have four days as we finish for the term on Thursday. We will try and have some fun with an Easter Egg Hunt which again has been very generously organised by POPS to ensure every child has an egg to take home.

Thank you for your support again this term. It is greatly appreciated and I hope that you all have a lovely Easter break when we get there on Thursday. We will look forward to seeing you when we return in April.

With Best Wishes,

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Mon 25th Mar Dr Bike

Mon 25th Mar POPS Pre-Loved

Uniform Sale 3pm

Tues 26th Mar Parent

Consultations

Wed 27th Mar Parent

Consultations

Thurs 28th Mar Non Uniform Day

Thurs 28th Mar Last Day of Term

Link to Key Dates

Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail <u>7 days before the</u> date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.1%

YR - 94.0%

Y1 - 95.0%

Y2 - 95.7%

Y3 - 95.3%

Y4 - 95.7%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Due to the ParentMail system error communicated earlier this week, we would like to remind to all parents that all original parent consultation sessions have been cancelled so please only attend the new sessions you have booked this week. Thank you very much.

Happy's Circus

Happy's Circus is coming to Parley First School on **Saturday 22nd June 2024**. Tickets are now on sale!

Click the link below to get yours at the Early Bird ticket price of £12 per ticket.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/partnersofparleyschoolpops/1193164



Last Day of Term

Just a reminder to all parents that <u>the last day of term is **Thursday 28th March**</u> as the following day is Good Friday. <u>School will finish at the usual time of 3.05pm</u>.

Non Uniform Day

Thursday 28th March will be a non school uniform day in exchange for voluntary donations of £1.00. Thank you very much for your continued support to the school.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

POPS will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on Monday 25th March from 3.00pm outside the Jubilee Room.

Peardrops

Thank you to everyone who has made their BACS or childcare voucher payments for next half terms' Peardrops bookings. Please may we remind all parents who pay by these alternative methods to ensure that payment is made promptly. Please email the school office to let us know once payment has been made so we can locate it. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Ghostbusters

If you were planning to go and see Ghostbusters in the near future, look out for Mr Brown who is in the new film. Mr Brown is a very talented man in many ways, in addition to his musical talents, he is also renovating a replica Ecto1 and was asked to be in the new film as an extra. So if you are eagle eyed you will see him outside the Fire House high fiving Paul Rudd. This is a great example to children that you can have these interests and you never know what might happen.





Community News











