



## Head Teacher Update

Well the excitement is certainly building this week to the Christmas Market event this evening. It is one of our main fund raising events of the year and will really help us to improve the school and the additional facilities for the children. I have to prioritise the main buildings maintenance which can take huge chunks of funding so the support from your through these events is absolutely fantastic.

We have a number of projects in progress at the moment to improve the internal and external facilities for the children. You will have seen some of them, with the new playground equipment and there will also be a transformation internally which I am hoping will be done before Christmas or early in 2024. I have managed to get additional support from Bellway Homes for another playground project and a complete refresh of the climbing wall in the Key Stage 1 playground.

POPS have also funded an activity we introduced last year. Each class will have an advent book calendar. This means each day the class will be given a new book for them to read or be read to. The children loved this last year and it also helps us to continue to inspire the children to read different texts and genres.

In addition to this, POPS are also funding the opportunity for all children to go to the theatre to watch the Pantomime at The Barrington in Ferndown this year which is a fantastic experience for all of the children and we are looking forward to it.

The work that goes on behind the scenes is significant so I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work to make this event possible and to give our children such great opportunities.

In this modern world we live in, it is vital we continue to provide support and teaching for children to enable them to stay safe online. I am very proud of the children and their knowledge of online safety but it needs to be a continuous process as technology develops at a rapid rate. So on Tuesday next week, we will focus on being Internet Legends and there will be specific teaching which is age appropriate for the children as reminders and also for some new learning.

I hope you enjoy the celebrations this evening and I look forward to seeing you there if you are able to make it.

**John Bagwell**

**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Fri 24th Nov	Christmas Market 5 - 7pm
Wed 6th Dec	Year 4 Avon Tyrrell Meeting
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas Lunch

## Deadlines

<b>Mon 15th Jan</b>	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 - 95.7%**

**YR - 94.4%**

**Y1 - 95.3%**

**Y2 - 95.8%**

**Y3 - 96.0%**

**Y4 - 97.6%**

*The school day begins at*

**8.45am.**

**Gates open at 8.30am**

## Christmas Raffle Tickets

Don't forget you can still buy tickets today for our Christmas Raffle by clicking the link below. There are 6 great prizes up for grabs! Good Luck!



£100

£60

£40



Beauty Hamper

Haskins Hamper

Chocolate Bouquet

<https://camcomps.co.uk/product/parley-firt-school-christmas-raffle/>

## School Uniform

We are very aware of the increased cost of living, and we try to be sensible with school uniform. However, we ask for your support with children wearing black shoes in school - this can be black boots as we are aware winter is here. We do prefer a black school shoe where possible. Trainers on PE days do not need to be black as we are very aware these will be used outside of school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

## Reporting Absences

Please may we request that ALL absences are reported on the ParentMail app. If your child is off with sickness and diarrhoea, the system will allow you to report a two day absence to save you having to notify us twice. Thank you very much for your support with this.

## Avon Tyrrell Meeting

The Avon Tyrrell meeting for Year 4 parents will now take place on **Wednesday 6th December**. This will be held on Zoom at 5.00pm and the joining details have been emailed home to all parents. An in person meeting with further information will be held in the Spring Term,.

## Lost Property

Some parents have reported named items not coming home with their children at the end of the day. We are aware that young children can easily mix up their belongings, but please may we ask for your help in checking that your child has the correct uniform when you do your washing and return any wandering items to your child's class teacher or the school office. Thank you very much for your support with this. We have seen a reduced amount of lost property which is great. Please be reminded that any unnamed, unclaimed items will be disposed of on the last day of term.

## Meal Swap

On **Monday 27th November** the meat free sausages will be swapped for a meat free burger as the batch of vegetarian sausages has been recalled.

## Christmas Meal

Please can you complete the Google Form using the link below if your child will be ordering the Hot School Christmas Lunch on Thursday 14th December. This form is so we can give our hot meal provider an estimate of how many meals they will need to produce. If your child changes their min nearer to the time or on the day, please don't worry as only meals ordered on the day will be produced and charged (if applicable). Please complete this by Friday 1st December.

<https://forms.gle/8nXMD3vjupjTvEft7>

## Reverse Advent

We will be participating in a 'Reverse Advent' that will begin on Friday 1st December. Further information will be sent home with the children today. We would be extremely grateful to any families who wish to participate and donate items to the local food bank. Please read the letter for further details. Thank you very much.

# Community News

**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](mailto:parleypops@gmail.com) for more information.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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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

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**Free School Meals**

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## 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>