## This Week's News 26th January 2024

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## **Head Teacher Update**

We have had a very busy and varied week with so many different learning opportunities happening. ALL of the children took part in some traditional Chinese Dance Workshops this week to broaden their understanding of the Chinese culture which was fantastic. The children used a range of equipment and props including a Chinese Dragon to create simple dance moves and also emersed themselves in the VERY relaxing music! A range of different photos should be available on Google classrooms and some will be on the website too.

The children really seemed to enjoy this experience and hopefully they shared with you too. We are again really grateful to POPS for funding this for the children. That wasn't the only excitement this week. We had booked a pantomime many months ago before the opportunity to go to the Barrington came up so we decided to go ahead with both. The travelling pantomime arrived this week and again we hope the children really enjoyed it as well as having that opportunity to watch live theatre. We are now planning for a Musical Theatre after school club to start very shortly and be run by Miss Trueman who is one of our new members of staff.

The excitement didn't stop there this week... I am exhausted! We also had a project completed to create a learning wall which included the children's ideas for the main corridor to again support children's learning. We have created a timeline to reinforce the key learning of historical events and where they are placed in this timeline as well as a bit of a fun one which includes their most popular book characters. Hopefully you will all be able to see it when you visit next.

It has been a great week and I have been so proud of the children and the way in which they engaged with the workshops, the pantomime and also for our children who took part in a Music Workshop with residents from Ferndown Manor Care Home. It was one of those uplifting moments again where intergenerational connections were made.

On a final note I wanted to thank you for all your support to improve the attendance of children in School. We do really appreciate your support with this.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

Fri 2nd Feb POPS Pre-Loved

Uniform Sale

Thurs 8th Feb Open Afternoon

3.15 - 4.00pm

Fri 9th Feb INSET Day

School Closed

Thurs 29t Feb POPS Bingo Night

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 - 95.0%

YR - 93.7%

Y1 - 95.0%

Y2 - 95.8%

Y3 - 95.0%

Y4 - 95.6%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

#### **POPS Uniform Sale**

POPS will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale after school on **Friday 2nd February** outside the Jubilee Room for anyone looking to purchase additional items for their child.

## **POPS Bingo Night**

Save the Date! POPS will be holding a Bingo Night in school on **Thursday 29th February**. Further details to follow so watch this space! Thank you very much for your continued support to the school.

## **Peardrops - Spring Term 2**

The Peardrops booking window for Spring Term 2 is now open on ParentMail. You can now book Breakfast and After School Club sessions from Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March inclusive. As always, bookings are on a first come, first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment. If you are unable to book the date your require, please contact the school office to be added to the waiting list.

It is parents responsibility to cancel bookings no longer needed via ParentMail to obtain a refund. The system will allow you to cancel bookings 7 days or more in advance. If you pay by childcare voucher or BACS, please inform the school of the cancellation with plenty of notice so we can organise a credit where possible. Please note, you will still need to cancel the session on the system. Sessions not cancelled on ParentMail will not be credited. For bookings that are cancelled within 7 days, please contact the school office so this can be done manually. Thank you very much.

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