



## Head Teacher Update

After last week and the impact of that torrential rain, we have been glad to be able to get the children out at playtimes this week. Unfortunately, there are so many bugs going around that we have had a number of staff absences which has added to the challenge. I even had the pleasure of serving the hot school meals this week which was certainly enjoyable! I have been really pleased with how the children have adapted to this new system and how well they are eating. The quality of the food has certainly improved.

We have been planning a number of events for this year and I have been listening to feedback from parents. I appreciate that historically, trips were a big part of school life, but things are changing rapidly in this area as they should now be referred to as educational visits. I want to make sure that if our children leave the premises then it is for a very specific purpose and the planning and preparation for these events meets all of the current legislation and guidance. We have updated the Educational Visits Policy in line with the TRUST with a number of changes to the existing policy.

With all this said, I do feel that there are huge benefits of educational visits, and we have a number planned to happen this year for all of our Key Stage 2 children. I also want to balance this with visitors and special events happening in school that the children will remember in their long-term memory for all children from Reception to Year 4. I think we can ensure that children really have long lasting memories and will look forward to visits as they move through the school.

Thank you to everyone following the one-way system. There is always a small number who don't so I will try to encourage those to follow the systems. Often it is grandparents who have not had the newsletter to read so I would be grateful if you could let them know too please.

We have a POPS meeting today and will be planning the events for this year. I would like to remind and encourage you if you would like to help be part of the school, then everyone is welcome as part of POPS. If you would like to know more then please visit the POPS Facebook page or the school website for more details.

Following on nicely from that, we have been trying to update the website and the content on there, particularly in relation to the class pages information. If there is anything that you feel should be on the website that would be useful to you that isn't on there then please let me know. Hopefully this will improve the communication systems for the school.

Next week we have an INSET Training Day on Friday 6th October. We have tried to have the same training days as the Middle School this year, but for this one we had to book specific training for our phonics teaching which we could only get on this date and it is for all the staff in the school. The remainder of the days will be the same as the Middle School.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

**John Bagwell**

**Headteacher**

## Diary Dates

### Link to Key Dates

Thurs 5th Oct	Whole School Learning Evening 7pm
Fri 6th Oct	INSET Day
Thurs 12th Oct	Reception Learning Evening 7pm
Fri 8th Nov	Flu Vaccinations

## 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.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

## School Attendance

**Whole School - 96.0 %**

**YR - 93.1%**

**Y1 - 95.4%**

**Y2 - 96.1%**

**Y3 - 96.1%**

**Y4 - 97.0%**

*The school day begins at*

**8.45am.**

**Gates open at 8.30am**

## Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Friday 8th November**. Further details and the NHS form to be completed, have been sent out today. Please ensure you complete this before the deadline to ensure your child receives the vaccination in school.

## Google Classroom

Thank you for your support with Google Classroom. We have changed the setup of Google Classroom this year, the unique code and login details adds an additional security element, and this will also align with school computer logins. All children have been sent home with their unique login and code, please could we ask that you have a go at logging on. If you have any difficulties please contact: [googleclassroom@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:googleclassroom@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk)

Google Classrooms in all year groups are now up and running. Home learning and knowledge organisers will be shared on Google Classroom.

## School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place in school on **Monday 2nd October**. Please ensure your child comes to school ready to have their photograph taken. There will be an opportunity for children to have their photograph taken with non-school siblings so please queue up at the main office at 8.00am for this. We unfortunately cannot advise how long this will take. School sibling photos will be taken during the school day. If Monday is your child's PE day, please send them in in their normal school uniform and their teacher will plan a different day for PE and let you know. Thank you very much.

## Hot School Meals - Census Day

Census Day is next Thursday 5th October. The local authority uses the total number of children in attendance and eating hot school meals on this particular day to calculate the funding the school will receive for the academic year for hot meals. We have requested our lunch provider to swap Wednesday and Thursdays meals for next week only so Wednesday 4th October will be a Roast Dinner (meat and vegetarian options) and on Census Day - Thursday 5th October, the meal will be - Ham Carbonara and - Margherita Pizza as a firm favourite of the children. For any children not normally ordering hot meals, we ask if they would like to try on this day, then to please encourage them to order one at school in the morning. Thank you for supporting our school.

**LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 10-12 PM**

# Saturday Club

**Community Cafe:**  
Toast, snacks, drinks by donation

**Parents Swap shop!**  
Bring your unwanted toys/clothes/equipment for others to take  
Find new to you things!  
Free entry

**Stay & Play:**  
Arts/crafts, Lego, Playdough, toys & more!

**Warm space**

At Ferndown Day Centre,  
Penny's Walk precinct,  
BH22 9JP, What3words  
desire.kicks.stacks  
www.ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk

## Ferndown Community Support Events

Beginning this **Saturday 30th September** the new **Saturday club** offers a dedicated community space for all, once a month, with emphasis on parents/carers and children. In addition to the Stay & Play, the community café is now available offering a warm space, drinks, toast and snacks.

**Parents Swap Shop** - Bring your outgrown toys/books/games/clothes/equipment to pass on to someone else and/or pick up something that you might need to. There is no need to bring something to take something you need. The aim is to support those on tight budgets and the wonderful benefits of reusing and recycling!

**LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 10-12 PM**

# Saturday Club

**Parents Swap Shop!**  
Bring your unwanted toys/games/books/clothes/equipment for others to take - find new to you things!  
You do not have to bring items to be able to take them  
Please be respectful, only take what you need, or can use  
This is a space for people to share items at no cost & to support tight budgets. Therefore anyone caught selling items taken here will be banned from attending and taking further items  
Any items not taken by someone will need to be taken home again by the donor. This will be strictly enforced as we do not have storage space.  
Thank you for your understanding & we hope you find this support helpful  
Free entry

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## ABOUT US

We believe community creates the beating heart of a place. Since our humble beginnings we have striven to support all & any members of our local community, whether they need a little bit of extra help with shopping or collecting prescriptions, or if they are feeling lonely & disconnected, & many other things! We also love arranging events, particularly our Christmas events where we seek to support the community in need & spread joy. Our Community Larder, Food, Pet Food & Hygiene Bank, continues to provide vital support to those most vulnerable, & that's not all we do! We are Ferndown Community Support CIC, a HMRC registered not for profit organisation. Our mission is to keep all our residents as healthy, connected, safe & comforted as possible, in whatever way possible. We have a great bunch of volunteers at all levels (but we always need more!); this is truly a community effort with everyone pulling together for each other. Please read on to discover what we do, how we can help, & what you could be part of!

Please consider supporting our work if you can, donations can be made online, in the larder & food bank, or food, pet & hygiene items in Tesco's, Orchard House, Nationwide & Savers. Thank you.

Please get in touch for more information or support, or to offer your help

Email:  
[info@ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk](mailto:info@ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk)

Phone:  
01202 936121 (9-5pm Mon - Fri  
(answerphone out of hours))

Web:  
[www.ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk](http://www.ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk)

Facebook:  
[@ferndowncommunitysupport](https://www.facebook.com/ferndowncommunitysupport)

Instagram:  
[@ferndowncommunitysupport](https://www.instagram.com/ferndowncommunitysupport)



You can find our Community Larder, Food Bank+, and Brunch Club here:



Ferndown Community Support CIC reg no 13292899



# Community News

**ONLINE SOCIAL GROUP**

**NEW ONLINE SYP GROUP**

Are you LGBT+? Under 25? Do you prefer online connections? Can't travel to our in-person groups?

This is the group for you!

- 6:30pm to 8:30pm Zoom Sessions
- Young-Person Lead Activities
- Monthly, Starting 01/11/2023
- Youth-Worker-In-Charge: [Charity](#)


For Signup details please email [Hello@SpaceYouthProject.co.uk](mailto:Hello@SpaceYouthProject.co.uk)

We look forward to setting up this new, digital Space and meeting all of you!

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[www.spaceyouthproject.co.uk](https://www.spaceyouthproject.co.uk)


Why do I get so angry with you?



Understanding Anger  
two-hour online talk by Jane Keyworth,  
Lead Facilitator at FACE

Book Now at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
18:30 - 20:30 £24





**Zumba with Dhanesha**

Don't forget Zumba with Dhanesha on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings for adults at 19.30. First class is free and then £5 pay as you go. Contact Dhanesha on 07921 568662 if you are interested.

 September 2023  
**Newsletter**

FACE THE NEW TERM!

**FREE SESSION**  
Are they getting a good night?  
insomnia, screens & energy drinks  
Book Now - [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Thursday 14th Sep 18:30 - 20:30		<b>Cannabis Awareness</b> Cannabis, how much do you know? what are the risks? Increase your knowledge and awareness of the issues.
Thursday 21st Sep 18:30 - 20:30		<b>Anxiety Explained</b> Whether it is your anxiety or your children's, what exactly is it and how do we manage it?
Thursday 28th Sep 18:30 - 20:30		<b>Supporting a Child with ADHD</b> interactive session explaining what ADHD is and offering a range of interventions that can make lasting differences.

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)    [info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk](mailto:info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**SPACE SOCIAL EVENT**



**SPACE FAMILY DAY**

We'd love you to join us for our next Space Family Day on Saturday the 18th of November

**Pool Coming Out (Its not just a 1-time-thing).**

- For Dorset's young people (including those questioning or gender non-conforming) and their families: parents/carers, siblings, & any other significant relatives.
- The theme of this Space Family Day is how "Coming Out" is often done more than once, we will be looking at the theme throughout the day with activities and informative discussions.
- Free food and drink is provided for the day!
- Arrive: 10:15am welcome for 10:30 start  
10:30am - 12:30pm activities  
12:30pm - 1:30pm lunch (provided)  
1:30pm - 2:30pm feedback session

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL!**  
Please book by **MONDAY NOV 13** to ensure your place by contacting us!  
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