



Head Teacher Update

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a great half term break despite the lovely weather we had. This week has certainly been an exciting one for many of our children with the excitement of Tuesday evening followed by the lovely storm yesterday. Thankfully we were able to remain open although we did experience some flooding in the classrooms and around the school. Unfortunately it is an issue that isn't a quick fix and this more extreme weather is putting pressure on the drainage system. It didn't stop us teaching and it certainly didn't stop the children learning. I did take the decision to keep the children inside at all points during the day yesterday though due to the high winds as well as the ground being saturated which increases the risk of trees potentially falling.

I suspect it won't be the last one and that is why it is important for us to continue to teach the children about the environment they live in and how to look after it. Our Year 3 children went on a very successful off site visit to Durlston Country Park on Tuesday this week, where they were learning about the Jurassic Coast and how important it is as a World Heritage Site. The children really gained a huge amount from this bespoke visit, one we could not recreate in the classroom.

We also had a visit from a representative from the UK Parliament this week for our Year 3 and 4 children to talk to them about democracy and what that means. It is all part of our work to teach children about British values. You may have noticed that we have a new external display on the walls trying to promote the five areas of British values. The children seemed to really enjoy the session and had some great questions. You never know, there could be a future politician among them and may inspire them to that route.

Next week we will have more visitors to the school from AFC Bournemouth who will be talking to the children with an anti racism message. They have also been working with our Year 4 children over the past few weeks teaching about diversity.

POPS are very busy organizing a number of events coming up in the month of November. We are holding Discos next week and then on to one of our main events, The Christmas Market on Friday 24th November which is always a really great event (unless these storms hit of course!) All of the money raised will be re-invested into the school for the benefit of the children.

Just a little reminder to everyone that no cars should be driven into the school car park at the beginning and end of the school day. I will try and get out on the gates but shouldn't need to. I have also reminded parents who have pre-school children at Rainbows End. Thank you very much.

I hope you all enjoy the fireworks this weekend and please stay safe.

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

[Link to Key Dates](#)

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| Wed 8th Nov | Flu Vaccinations |
| Thurs 9th Nov | School Disco 4.30 - 5.30pm YR & Y1 5.45 - 6.45pm Y2, Y3, Y4 |
| Fri 24th Nov | Christmas Market 5 - 7pm |

Deadlines

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| 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 - 95.9%

YR - 95.1%

Y1 - 94.7%

Y2 - 95.9%

Y3 - 96.4%

Y4 - 97.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Reception Phonics Workshop

We will be holding a Reception Phonics Workshop on **Monday 13th November** at 2.30pm. This will take place in school, prior to picking up your child. Please complete the link below to confirm your attendance so we know how many people to expect. Thank you very much. <https://forms.gle/PGc2TSSer5a7U9De9>

Autumn Disco

The school Autumn Disco will take place on **Thursday 9th November**. Reception and Year 1s will be 4.30 - 5.30pm and Years 2, 3 and 4 will be at 5.45 - 6.45pm. Access will be through the Key Stage 2 playground where children will be marked in at the year group tables. Prices are £3 per child, payment on the night. A drink and biscuit will be provided. Parents and carers are welcome to stay in the Jubilee Room where refreshments will be provided and ask that children are left at the entry door once checked in and their adults do not come in to the hall due to health and safety.

POPS Christmas Events

Christmas Market | **Friday 24th November** | **5 - 7pm** | **Key Stage 2 Playground**

We welcome all of our Parley families and friends to this festive event where we will have stalls, food caterers, a licensed bar, music and festive lights! We will also be holding our cash prize raffle draw and this year will see the return of the Bidding Wall.

Paper plates will be sent home for our keen bakers to donate delicious cakes / biscuits for our cake stall and the raffle will be done electronically this year. If you have a business who can help or know anyone who would like to get involved by donating a voucher or prize to our Bidding Wall, please contact us - it's a great way to get advertised within our school community. If you can spare any time to help us with this event, please email us. Thank you very much! Email: parleypops@gmail.com

Parley Pots | **Friday 24th November**

POPS invite all the children to decorate a recycle, clean, lidded jar in a festive theme and fill them with sweets to be sold at the market. Please bring them in on the morning of 24th November and don't forget to name them as there will be a prize winner for each year group!

Christmas Wrapping Room | **Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th December**

Children can bring their own money in to school in a clearly named envelope to purchase gifts for their loved ones. All gifts will be priced at no more than £3.50 and will be wrapped up and taken home the same day. Gifts will be limited to 2 per child, however any children what wish to make additional purchases will be given the opportunity at the end should there be items left in the shop.

Bonfire Night Safety

Please read the following safety information from Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

This time of year there are many opportunities to celebrate, especially with sparklers, bonfires, fireworks and candles. We would like to encourage you to talk to your children about how they can stay safe near fire. Simple actions such as wearing gloves when using sparklers, keeping matches, lighters and fireworks out of children's reach, keeping everyone a safe distance from fireworks and bonfires can all help towards a safe celebration. Help your child understand the importance of being safe around candles, especially if wearing a fancy dress costume. It is safer to have battery operated candles in pumpkins. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home and everyone knows the escape plan. With the change of daylight hours it is important that children dress brightly to be seen when they are out and about, if you are walking near water take extra care as it maybe more slippery with leaves and mud on the banks. Watch this video which helps explain to your child how they can help stay safe https://youtu.be/2hcW6nl_Qgg

You may enjoy listening to this story with younger children, read by Firefighter Paul to help learn to stay safe on bonfire night https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G0-lvLq728&list=PLVM-KXkjmEA3f5dk1_BaYfSViI0_FoP4e&index=11

Community News

THE FERNDOWN COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
in aid of
"MISSION SANTA SACKS 2023"

**Sunday 19th
November 2023
11am - 3pm**
Ferndown Day Centre,
Library Road, Ferndown BH22 9JP

festive FUN! **FREE entry!**

Hot Drinks * Snacks
Cakes * Hot Dogs
Craft & Games Stalls
Storytime with Santa
(pre-booking advised)
Raffle * Live Music

FCS
Ferndown Community Support
Festive fun for everyone, whilst raising vital funds for those in need.
to book visit ferndowncommunitysupport.org.uk

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 for more information.

PARLEY CHINWAGS

Parent and Carer drop-in session



An informal opportunity for parents to have tea/coffee and share ideas. Younger siblings welcome.



Being a parent can be challenging

What would you like to talk about?

Would you like some help with any of these topics?

- Bed wetting issues
- Sleep support
- Worries
- Anxiousness
- Attachment

Next session is **Friday 10th November 2023**, from 8.30-9.30am.

Please meet Leigh Webb by the school office

ZUMBA Ferndown **ZUMBA gold**

THE BARRINGTON CENTRE
PENNY'S WALK
FERNDOWN
BH22 9TH

WEDNESDAY'S

ZUMBA
9.30 - 10.30 AM

ZUMBA gold
11 AM - 12 PM

1st session free starting on 11th OCTOBER

WITH **JULIE & DHANESHA**

ZUMBA £6 **ZUMBA gold** £6

PRETTY MUCH THE MOST AWESOME WORKOUT EVER!
DANCE SALSA, MERENGE, SAMBA, BUT ALSO OTHER TYPES OF MODERN MUSIC LIKE HIP HOP AND BOLLWOOD MEET GREAT PEOPLE AND BURN A TON OF CALORIES TOO!

FOR ACTIVE OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR A MODIFIED ZUMBA CLASS THAT RECREATES THE ORIGINAL MOVES YOU LOVE AT A LOWER-INTENSITY, FOCUSING ON BALANCE, RANGE OF MOTION AND COORDINATION AND INCLUDES DANCE STYLES SUCH AS SALSA, SAMBA, MERENGE, SWING AND ROCK 'N' ROLL.

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Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools **Mental Health Support Team IN SCHOOLS** **NHS Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust** **Parley First School**

Wellbeing workshops for parents and carers

In partnership with the Mental Health Support Teams (MHST), we will be hosting two information sessions for parents and carers with a focus on wellbeing. The dates for these session are:

- **Monday 6th November**
Supporting your child with worries
- **Monday 13th November**
Supporting your child with challenging behaviours

Each session will be held from 1.45-2.45pm and refreshments will be provided.

If you would like to attend, please sign-up using this link: [Parent and Carer wellbeing workshops](#)

Please visit the MHST website for more information on the work they do to support schools:
<https://camhsdorset.org/about-camhs/mental-health-support-teams-mhsts>

Isabel Brooks Yoga

Little Lotus Yoga at Parley First School
Spaces available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Adult Hatha Yoga
Spaces available on Mondays at 6.00pm with Isabel and at 7.15pm with Natalie.

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