

This Week's News

5th January 2024

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Head Teacher Update

Welcome back! I hope that you have all had a very enjoyable Christmas break. It was certainly a shock to the system on Tuesday arriving at school in the darkness and the rain pouring down. The children have returned exceptionally well again after the holidays. We will continue to share what the children are learning with you again this term so that hopefully you can also support this at home in conversations.

I know that I sound like a broken record but it is very important that children remember key knowledge and experiences. We are going to continue to provide opportunities for children to have different experiences and learning opportunities. We have another live show planned this term in addition to a number of other visits and visitors coming in to the school.

We have started the year with an assembly this week where we have spoken to the children about what is expected of them in school and to try and make sure that they know who they need to speak to if they are worried about anything. Another area we will continue to teach the children about is Internet Safety. I am sure many children had electronic devices for Christmas and games that they had to play connected to these. It is essential that children remain safe online. In school, we have a filtering system that is tested on a monthly basis to ensure that no harmful content is accessible. Obviously we can't do that in every home so we want to make sure that children are also knowledgeable about how to keep themselves safe. We do have a number of resources on our website if you would like to know more.

www.parley.dorset.sch.uk/internet-safety-parents/

On a completely different note, we are continuing to develop the grounds for the children. We had to put our Forest School on pause sadly for a short period of time due to a lack of funding but we have managed to find a solution so are planning for the future. We have been able to get resources from a charity and also some new trees that will be planted withing the grounds. It is something I am really keen to try and get children learning in classrooms without walls (outside). We have the grounds to do it now and once all the Health and Safety requirements are in place we can proceed.

It is also really important that children are in school. Attendance is a key educational topic and we want to ensure our children are in school. We obviously understand that sometimes children are unwell and that can't be helped. Holidays will not be authorised in term time and we have a responsibility to report these to the Local Authority who will decide to issue penalty notices for these term time holidays. Please can you also ensure that children arrive on time as we do start the day promptly and the learning begins as soon as the children enter the school. Again, we appreciate that there are traffic issues on rare occasions and the unexpected. If you are late, please use the Sign In app to record the reason for lateness for our records. Thank you very much for all of your support with this. We want to work with you as families to support you as much as we can.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and the sun finally comes out!

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Fri 12th Jan	Chinwags 8.30 - 9.30am
Thurs 8th Feb	Open Afternoon 3.15 - 4.00pm
Fri 9th Feb	INSET Day School Closed

[Link to Key Dates](#)

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 - 95.1%

YR - 93.8%

Y1 - 94.9%

Y2 - 95.3%

Y3 - 95.2%

Y4 - 95.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Mrs Leith

We are very happy to inform you all that Mrs Leith gave birth to a beautiful baby girl during the last week of term. Both are doing very well. We have now welcomed Miss Woodward who is teaching 1L and will be with us for the duration of Mrs Leith's maternity period.

Job Opportunity

We are looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to join our friendly lunch team on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes, 12.00 - 1.00pm. If any parents, carers or grandparents are interested in this role and are able to cover one or all of these days, please contact the school office via the details below, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to pass this information on to anyone you know who may be interested in this position. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Tel: 01202 874400 Email: office@parley.dorset.sch.uk

Peardrops

If you have not yet made your Peardrops payment for this half term, please may we request that you do so as soon as possible. There are a number of outstanding payments still to be paid. Outstanding fee details have been emailed out to you. Thank you very much.

Gymnastics

From Tuesday 6th February Years 3 & 4 Gymnastics Club will run from 3.00 - 4.00pm and Years 1 and 2 will be from 4.00 - 5.00pm. Mrs Mansbridge should have contacted parents of current gymnasts to advise of this slight change. If your child would like to join Gymnastics, please contact Mrs Mansbridge on the details below.

Tel: 01202 872015 Email: jo.mansbridge@outlook.com

PARLEY CHINWAGS



Parent and Carer drop-in session

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



**Next session is Friday 12th January 2023
from 8.30-9.30am**

Please meet Leigh Webb by the school office

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