# This Week's News 8th February 2024





# Head Teacher Update

I have gone a day earlier this week as we have a training day tomorrow. All of our INSET days going forward will match with Ferndown First School and Ferndown Middle School in attempt to make things a bit easier for you in terms of childcare. These days are essential for us to ensure firstly all of our statutory training is updated and that we develop our knowledge and skills in a huge variety of areas. This term alone, we have had training from the Mental Health Teams and Speech and Language. The focus on tomorrow's training is Curriculum Planning which I have already mentioned so won't bore you in explaining all of that.

I am incredibly grateful to POPS who have been so supportive of the school this year already and have funded many different projects for the children. These events have enhanced the learning for children as well as I hope, giving them very positive memories of school. We have a number of different events planned for the remainder of the year, the next being a Bingo Night on Thursday 29th February if you fancy an informal bit of fun! Full details can be found on page 2. We are also looking at adding to the outdoor facilities at the request of the School Council by installing a slide on the field. The children absolutely love the Teletubby mounds so this will hopefully compliment those. It will be a wide and low slide rather than a tall narrow one!

I want to keep costs down as they cost a LOT! I really need to create another mound of earth but am not having much luck getting any donated. If you do know where I could get a lorry load from then I would be very grateful. A random request I know!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break and the weather is kind to us all. We will then be ready for another busy half term leading up to Easter. I have to say, January felt like a very long month so hopefully the weather will improve as the days get longer again.

**Mr Bagwell** 

Headteacher

## **Diary Dates**

Thurs 8th Feb	Open Afternoon 3.15 - 4.00pm
Fri 9th Feb	INSET Day School Closed
Thurs 29th Feb	POPS Bingo Night
Fri 1st Mar	ChinWags 8.30am

#### Link to Key Dates

# **Deadlines**

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail <u>7 days before the</u> <u>date you wish to book</u>.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

#### **School Attendance**

Whole School - 95.0% YR - 93.8% Y1 - 94.8% Y2 - 95.7% Y3 - 95.1% Y4 - 95.0% The school day begins at **8.45am.** 

Gates open at 8.30am

# POPS Bingo Night

Our POPS Bingo Evening will take place on **Thursday 29th February**! There will be at least two bingo games with cash prizes and we will be holding a raffle on the night. Chips will also be available to purchase in advance, provided by our neighbours, Wok and Fry. Tickets are now available to purchase in the Shop section of the ParentMail app. You can purchase Bingo tickets, chips and cheesy chips (each sold separately).

PLEASE NOTE: All food must be pre-ordered as orders cannot be taken on the night.

Bring your own drinks and cups and don't forget your pen and some cash for our raffle! We look forward to seeing you there for a great night of fun!

### Mini Athletics

The booking window is now open for parents to book for Spring Term 2: <u>https://www.miniathletics.com/find-a-class/?q=bournemouth#result-2</u>

### **Hot Meals**

We have been advised by our hot meal provider that the meat free sausages are back on our menus so for the first week back after half term which will be Week 2, the Monday is meat free hot dogs instead of the burgers. Then Week 3 on Thursdays we are back to meat free sausage puffs instead of just cheese puffs.

# Peardrops

Details of any outstanding fees for Peardrops have been emailed to parents this week. Please ensure any outstanding monies owed are paid by the time we return after half term. Thank you very much.

### Lost Property

Once again, we would like to remind all parents to ensure ALL children's belonging are clearly named so we can return lost property to the correct owner. If your child has lost something, please remember to check the lost property bin in the Key Stage 2 cloakroom. You can access this each day, at pick up, via the door on the Key Stage 2 playground. Thank you.

# **ChinWags**

The next ChinWags sessions for parents and carers will be held in school on **Friday 1st March**. Further details can be found below.



# **Community News**



