



## Head Teacher Update

Thank you for all of your efforts to enable the children to enjoy and participate in World Book Day. Although most children absolutely love a day like this with the dressing up, I do appreciate that for you as parents it can be a more daunting prospect. I also want to make sure that days like these are at no expense to you financially. It is certainly not a competition but a country wide celebration of books which has grown in popularity over the years.

Also thank you for all of your support for the Book Fair last week and on Monday. The weather certainly wasn't kind to us so I do appreciate you taking the time to come in with your children. In addition to this, I would like thank everyone again for attending the Bingo evening last week. We were able to raise £500 towards the new slide for the field. POPS have also been very busy in school this week arranging and running the Mothers Day Wrapping Room. I hope that all of you Mums get the pampering you deserve on Sunday.

Our Choir will be an integral part of Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday at 10:00am if you would like to join us at St Marks Church.

We did have big plans for the boat in the Key Stage 2 playground but the plan has now changed for it to be transformed into a Biodiversity Boat with an integrated wormery and planted with wild flowers to encourage insects and bio diversity. It can then also be used as an active learning resource for the children when learning about life cycles and the environment, which is part of curriculum development.

We have been thinking about the reporting at the end of the year and as a TRUST, we want to ensure that our reporting arrangements are consistent across all schools. So on page 2 is a message from the TRUST. If you could take a couple of minutes to reply to the consultation we would be very grateful. Thank you very much.

Our Year 4 children have been taking part in a trip to Poole Harbour in partnership with the RSPB this morning to learn about the wildlife there. Again, we hope that this inspires our children to have an interest in the natural world around them and who knows, become the next David Attenborough.

We will also have a visit from Kirsten from Dorset Waste Partnership on Monday for a whole School Assembly to talk to children about recycling and how waste can be reduced and processed. The Dorset Waste Partnership will then return to school at 3:00pm on Wednesday to distribute food waste caddy's free of charge if you would like one, or yours is broken. Again, we are trying to do our bit as a school to protect the environment. We are planning to install solar panels (now we have a new roof!) and LED lighting to reduce our carbon footprint.

I hope that you all have a very relaxed weekend.

Best Wishes

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Sun 10th Mar	Mothering Sunday Service at St Marks
Mon 11th Mar	Big Walk and Wheel begins
Fri 15th Mar	Red Nose Day
Mon 25th Mar	POPS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3pm
Thurs 28th Mar	Non Uniform Day

[Link to Key Dates](#)

## Deadlines

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 - 95.2%

YR - 94.0%

Y1 - 95.0%

Y2 - 95.7%

Y3 - 95.3%

Y4 - 95.2%

The school day begins at

**8.45am.**

Gates open at 8.30am

## Castleman TRUST Consultation on Reporting to Parents

At Castleman Academy Trust, we are always looking to improve our offers to our children and families. We are keen to better understand how families feel about our reporting arrangements and are seeking your views on our current reporting systems and your suggestions for improvements and developments.

Here is a link to a survey we would be grateful if you would complete by 31st March 2024: <https://forms.office.com/e/LaW1kw8uwx> . The results will be analysed and your suggestions used to help us improve our reporting arrangements.

Thank you for your assistance. We look forward to hearing all your ideas!

## Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

POPS will be holding a Pre-Loved Uniform Sale on **Monday 25th March** from 3.00pm outside the Jubilee Room.

## Non Uniform Day

The last day of term, **Thursday 28th March** will be a non school uniform day in exchange for voluntary donations of £1.00. Thank you very much for your continued support to the school.

## Dr Bike

As your local Sustrans Bike It Officers, they have organised a Dr Bike maintenance day on **Monday 25th March**. This is to ensure that those cycling to school are doing so on bikes which are safe and fit for purpose. They will be at the school during the school day, completing basic cycle maintenance and safety checks on all bikes whose owners have given us permission to have them checked over. They should have time to complete most simple repairs, depending on the number of bikes and timings on the day.



### Dr Bike

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March-All day**

Does your bike need a bit of love and attention?



Give us permission to check over your bike at school drop off and we will aim to get your bike fixed and ready for the journey home-all for **FREE!**

Whilst bikes owned by the pupils will be our priority, this maintenance check-up is also open to staff and parents/guardians who wish to leave their bike with us. We cannot guarantee that all adult bikes will be checked if there is a high volume of bikes owned by the pupils, however they will endeavour to look at as many as possible on the day. You will find them by the bike sheds on arrival. *Anna Philps and Jon Thompson - Sustrans Bike It Plus Officers for Dorset*

## Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 15th March 2024!** We are inviting children to come to school dressed in something **Red** to raise awareness and fight poverty for communities here in the UK and around the world. We would love to raise as much money as possible but understand the current climate but if you are able to give a pound or small donation it will go a long way!

## Little Lotus Yoga

Please note that from 15th April to 31st May, there will be no Little Lotus Yoga taking place at school. Adult evening classes will remain as normal.

## Open Afternoon

Due to upcoming parent consultations and other events going on across the school, we are going to postpone the Open Afternoon next Tuesday 12th March. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



# Community News

**EASTER ADVENTURE WEEKEND**  
**30th & 31st March**  
**Buddens Activity Centre**  
**Enjoy loads of fun activities:**

- Archery
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Zip Wire
- Abseiling
- Gauntlet High Ropes
- Crate Stacking
- Camp Cooking

Plus you'll automatically be entered into a draw to win a birthday party for 12 at Buddens Activity Centre



**SAT 6TH APRIL**  
**POOLE PARK OPEN DAY**

- FREE hire 10am-2pm
- 20% discount for 2024 bookings made on the day
- Everyone welcome

Leeson House Field Studies Centre Dorset Council

**Easter Activities at Leeson House**

Leeson House Field Studies Centre

Join us for a day of activities at Leeson House, with a cooked lunch included!

**Hot, home-cooked lunch included!**

**Nature Explorers (8-12yrs)**  
 Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th April, 10am - 3:30pm  
 £20 per child per day or FREE for HAF Passcode holders.  
 Come and join us for a day in the wild! Catch a newt and other minibeasts in our onsite ponds, practise bushcraft and fire lighting skills and have a try at our Easter egg orienteering challenges.



All sessions will be small, with no more than twelve children per day. The same activities will be repeated daily. All of our staff are trained in first aid and all activities are fully risk assessed. Activities are suitable for children with mild to moderate SEND needs.

**Booking**

To request a place call 01929 422126 or email [leesonhouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:leesonhouse@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

The closing date for bookings is Friday 22nd March. More information can also be found on [www.helpandkindness.co.uk](http://www.helpandkindness.co.uk)

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 EMAIL [STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK](mailto:STUART@RIPPARUGBY.CO.UK)  
 CALL STUART ON 07899 268265

**ONLY £25 PER DAY**

**EASTER BREAK 4-BALL CAMPS (FOOTBALL, RUGBY, DODGE BALL, NETBALL)**

Join us for our February half-term 4 – Ball Camps from 9am through to 4pm at the following venues and dates...

Parley First School  
 Glenmoor Road, West Parley, BH22 8QE  
 Tuesday 2nd & 9th April 2024

Bransgore C of E Primary, Ringwood Road,  
 Bransgore, Christchurch BH23 8JH  
 Thursday 4th & 11th April 2024



Open to boys and girls from school years 1 through to 7

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 as Silly Billy



**TREASURE ISLAND**

THE BARRINGTON ARTS CENTRE  
 FRIDAY 12 APRIL 2024 - 1pm & 5pm  
 01202 894858 - [www.BarringtonCentre.co.uk](http://www.BarringtonCentre.co.uk)



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