



Head Teacher Update

Thank you very much for your responses to the survey last week regarding smartphones and of course, other devices and technology. We had 64 response which I am very grateful for and we will now use the information to plan for some more sessions to support the children to stay safe online. I want to ensure that none of our children are harmed in anyway through the use of the technology that is an integral part of their lives and of course ours. The more we can limit phone/technology use as a leisure interest, the better it will be for our children's health, welfare and I am convinced, their behaviour.

The conference I attended last week really hit a cord with me with speakers from a wide range of expertise from around the UK and World contributing. On a positive note, almost all of our children do NOT have a phone of their own which certainly is not the national statistic, with 25% of 5-7 year olds having one, so we are in a stronger starting position to protect and educate our children about the risk they pose.

If you haven't completed the very short form and would like to contribute I attach the link again this week: <https://forms.gle/kyAsyHjQiqR5w8iH9>

We have continued to focus on learning this week with some excellent examples across the school. We are trying to ensure children are thinking deeply about their learning and actively listening to instructions. Our children in Year 1 to Year 3 had some Drama Workshops today. I am big believer that Drama can build confidence and help children to overcome social barriers. I am trying to get a Drama club after School but struggling a bit with that. We have secured a new Science Club and a Dodgeball/Multi Sports Club (both coming soon) so we have clubs running again each night of the week.

I have also had a positive meeting with our new School Meals provider this week along with Ferndown Middle and Ferndown First School. We are going to transfer to a company called Clever Chefs. We are hoping that this will be from after the October half term break, but this is subject to TUPE procedures to ensure that catering staff are in place. I feel that it will be an improvement again for the children with an increase in the options available to children and hopefully reduce food waste. The cost will not change for the meals and this will be the same for each school. Also the ordering process and payment systems will remain the same so should, in theory, be a smooth transfer over.

Just a quick reminder from me that if you haven't signed into your child's Google Classroom, then please do so as you may miss some important information from class teachers about the learning in the classrooms. Thank you very much.

And finally from me this week. I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 4 children on an educational visit to Poole Harbour in partnership with the RSPB. It was fantastic to see the engagement of children, who were really interested in learning about the environment they have on their doorstep. For some children, it was the first time they had been on a boat so such a great experience for them all.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Fri 27th Sept	POPS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale 3pm
Mon 30th Sept	Individual School Photographs
Thurs 3rd Oct	Whole School Information Evening - 7pm
Tues 15th Oct	Open Afternoon 3.15 - 3.45pm
Thurs 24th Oct	Flu Vaccinations

[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 - 96.6%

YR - 98.4%

Y1 - 97.1%

Y2 - 96.6%

Y3 - 97.7%

Y4 - 95.3%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place in school on **Thursday 24th October**. Further information on the vaccine and how to consent will be emailed out at a later date.

Science Club

A new Science Club will be starting at Parley on Mondays after school from Monday 7th October. Please see the flyer below for further details and click the link below to book.

Booking Link: [Mad Science After School Club: at Parley First School, Ferndown | MadScienceWessex | Powered by ClassForKids](#)

No Dogs

We would like to remind all families once again that dogs are NOT allowed on the school premises at all for health and safety reasons. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Car Park

We are seeing an increased number of vehicles entering the school car park during peak times of the day. The school car park is strictly for staff and visitors to the school, with the exception of taxis for our children who travel to and from school via this method of transport. Families should be entering the site on foot when dropping off and collecting children. This is to ensure the safety of everyone. Thank you very much.

School Photographs

Individual school photographs will take place on **Monday 30th September** so please send your child into school in full uniform NOT PE kit. Please refer to the email sent on Tuesday for further details.

Community News



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Please register by: 2nd October 24

Register ONLINE

Visit Wessex.madscience.org click **REGISTER HERE**
This will take you to the booking page run by Class4kids

If you are unable to access the internet, please call us to register by phone 01980 611807
Registration will be available until 2nd October 24
Please ensure you register by this date to secure your child a place. In the interest of fairness places are allocated on a first-come first-served basis.

Please note: successful online registration with full payment secures your child's place on our After-School Club programme unless you are otherwise contacted.
For further information or if you encounter any problems please don't hesitate to contact us:
schools@madsciencewessex.co.uk

Due to the nature of this After School Club, all students will be expected to behave in an appropriate manner and adhere to the rules of the school and of Mad Science. Any child who consistently does not behave will be asked to leave the After School Club and will not be entitled to a refund.

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