



Head Teacher Update

It has been another really busy week in school. It obviously started early on Monday with the school photographs. The children are looking really smart in their uniforms so I would like to thank you for that. I do appreciate how expensive uniform is, especially shoes!! We do have second hand uniform sales on a regular basis that POPS organise and run if you do ever need any uniform. Please don't struggle but come and talk to us.

It was World Poetry Day on Wednesday and we took part in an International Webinar as a whole school and were also part of a world record attempt to break the biggest joint poetry lesson in the world. Hopefully this has been achieved and all of the children will be world record holders!

I have had a week of Ofsted inputs this week. One particularly focused on the school and how we continue to try and meet the needs of all of our learners. We are in an interesting and challenging time in education with an ever increasing level of need of pupils with limited and certainly not an endless pot of resources. I have been working with my headteacher colleagues across the TRUST and other schools locally. This is a repeated picture in our schools not just locally, but nationally.

That possibly sounds a bit negative, but it is just me reflecting on the current situation. I do feel that the new inspection framework and way of working will enable schools to have more flexibility and support to move things forward. The Big Listen was a significant consultation from Ofsted to change the way in which schools are inspected. One of the main areas of focus on school continues to be school attendance. I am very grateful for your support in ensuring our children attend school regularly and avoid those holidays taken during term time. I do have to remind you that these will not be authorised by me as I do need to ensure that we do everything we can as a school to improve attendance. The aim is to be well above national figures. We are currently at 95.8% which is only 0.3% above the national figure. Thank you for your support with this.

We have an incredible amount of support from you as parents and last Friday we held the Annual General Meeting for POPS. I did manage to join for a short period of time, but Miss Thebault and Mrs Lake did stay for the whole of the meeting. I am incredibly grateful to POPS for all of their fundraising efforts, as well as the other events they set up including second hand uniform sales as I have already mentioned. They have pledged £200 per class for the teachers to enhance the children's learning experiences in anyway they feel is appropriate.

Formal Parent Consultations will take place on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October. Both evenings will run from 4.00 - 6.00pm for in school, face to face appointments and from 6.00 - 7.00pm for online appointments. Bookings will open next week on ParentMail.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Learning Evening this week. We hope you found it useful. If you weren't able to attend and would like to see the slides, then please have a look at the website. We will have another one next week specifically for our Reception parents which will focus on Early Years.

I hope that you all have a great weekend.

With Best Wishes

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| Thurs 10th Oct | Early Years Parents Information Evening - 7pm |
| Tues 15th Oct | Open Afternoon 3.15 - 3.45pm |
| Mon 21st Oct | Parent Consultations 4-7pm |
| Tue 22nd Oct | Parent Consultations 4-7pm |
| 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 - 96.8%

YR - 97.8%

Y1 - 97.2%

Y2 - 95.9%

Y3 - 97.6%

Y4 - 9%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Parking - PLEASE READ!

Due to damage to staff vehicles and health and safety reasons, cones will now be placed across the threshold to the school car park. Authorised permits have been given only to the families of our vulnerable children. Please **do not** move the cones or drive into the car park without out prior authorisation from the school. Thank you very much.

Autumn Disco

POPS will be holding an Autumn Disco on **Thursday 17th October**. As a school, we have decided to hold the Autumn Disco for children in Years 1 to 4. The rationale for this is that the Reception children have just started full time with us and the disco can be very overwhelming for them. We will review this for the discos later in the academic year. Tickets will be priced at £3 each and will be available to purchase soon on ParentMail. Timings will be as follows:

Years 1 & 2 - 4.30 - 5.30pm | Years 3 & 4 - 5.45 - 6.45pm

Peardrops - Autumn Term 2

The Peardrops booking window for Autumn Term 2 will open towards the end of next week. As always, bookings are on a first come, first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment. There are still a few parents who have not cleared outstanding fees for Autumn Term 1 so please ensure you have cleared any remaining balances owed before booking for next half term. Thank you very much.

Community News



...PRESENT
DISCO NIGHT
THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER
YEARS 1-2 YEARS 3-4
4.30PM - 5.30PM 5.45PM - 6.45PM
TICKETS £3
AVAILABLE SOON ON PARENTMAIL



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Ferndown Wayfarers Cricket and Sports Club
Softball Superstars
Starts Thursday 10th October 2024
VENUE- FERNDOWN LEISURE CENTRE
DAY- EVERY OTHER THURSDAY
TIME- 5-8PM
-ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
-EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
-ECB QUALIFIED COACHES
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