



# PARLEY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



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Trust

## POPS NOTICEBOARD

This week you will have hopefully received the first edition of The POPS Post. There are a number of exciting events coming up next half term including the Autumn Discos, Wreath Making, Christmas Stalls and the Wrapping Room.

There is also something spooky, big and orange growing somewhere in Parley... How Big? How orange? How spooky? You'll have to wait and see!



The notice board in the car park now belongs to POPS so you can find all the latest information there!

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and have not yet submitted your interest, please ensure it is received by 8pm on 16<sup>th</sup> October to: [j.benton@parley.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:j.benton@parley.dorset.sch.uk) We welcome nominations from all parents and carers regardless of background or experience, full training and support will be provided.

## PEARDROPS PAYMENTS

Please may we remind all parents to ensure any childcare voucher payments are made within 7 days of making a booking on Arbor as per the Peardrops Agreement and Rules. Thank you very much for your continued support.



## DIARY DATES

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Consultations  
4.00-7.00pm

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Parent Consultations  
4.00-7.00pm

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Shoebox Appeal boxes due

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct - Avon Tyrrell Evening 6-7pm

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Autumn Disco

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

Wessex Rotary have extended the deadline for submitting shoeboxes to their Christmas Shoebox Appeal. If your child would like to make one, you have until Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October to return one to the office.

## AUTUMN DISCO

POPS have organised our Autumn Disco to take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Full details can be found on the flyer on page 3 of this newsletter.



## HEADTEACHER UPDATE



It is incredibly busy at the moment. Of course it is always busy, but it seems even busier than usual. This half term is flying by but I am really pleased with the progress children have been making across the school. Our Reception children have settled so well and got into the routines. Right across the school I am very pleased with both the social and learning behaviours and am incredibly proud to show prospective parents ready for next years intake.

We also won a national award last week for the school attendance for being in the top 25% of primary schools most improved attendance so I wanted to thank you for that. I don't want to become boring by saying the same thing but good school attendance makes a significant difference to children's attainment in school too. Thank you very much for all of your support with this aspect of the schools performance.

Next week will be our more formal Parent Consultations. We try to be as flexible as possible with a face to face option and a hybrid option of online which I hope you find helpful. Of course this is a snapshot of attainment at the beginning of the year and we will continue to provide you with updates throughout the year. Again I am looking at how Arbor can be used to communicate more effectively.

I continue to work with the TRUST to continue to develop the school buildings and grounds. The big project this year will be to refurbish the Key Stage 2 toilets. They are in need of a complete redesign so hopefully will be funded as a priority this year.

That is more enough from me this week. I hope that you all have a great weekend.

John Bagwell  
Headteacher

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 97.3%

Year R - 96.2%

Year 1 - 97.2%

Year 2 - 98.0%

Year 3 - 98.4%

Year 4 - 96.4%



## COMMUNITY NEWS

PARAGON FOOTBALL COACHING

**PARLEY HOLIDAY CLUB**

PARLEY FIRST SCHOOL, GLENMOOR RD, BH22 8QE  
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5 - 14  
RUNNING: OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>, 29<sup>TH</sup>

Start: 9AM End: 3PM

£22 PER DAY  
£60 ALL 3 DAYS

FOOTBALL & MULTISPORT | FULL DAY OF FUN GAMES AND ACTIVITIES | INDOOR & OUTDOOR FACILITIES

Early Drop-Off / Late Pick-Up Available

BOOKING DETAILS

WEBSITE: [www.paragonfootballcoaching.co.uk](http://www.paragonfootballcoaching.co.uk)  
PHONE: 07455691658  
EMAIL: [info@paragonfootballcoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@paragonfootballcoaching.co.uk)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

POPs Presents

**Autumn Disco**

Thursday 12th November 2026

Featuring DJ Brown

School Years 1 and 2  
£3.50  
16:30-17:30

School Years 3 and 4  
£3.50  
17:45-18:45

Tickets Include:  
• Biscuit  
• Squash

There will be an opportunity to purchase glow sticks on the door

Tickets will be available on the Arbor app

**POPs**  
Partners of Parley School

**LITTLE MONSTERS BIG SPLASHES**

NEW MILTON | LYMINGTON | APPLEMORE | RINGWOOD | TOTTON

Are your little monsters ready to make a splash? Our Swim Academy is offering no tricks, just plenty of treats this Halloween.

With our fantastic teachers by their side, they will build loads of confidence, develop their spooky-fascular swimming skills and have a frightfully good time in the water.

From perfecting their strokes and learning new skills to conquering exciting milestones, every lesson gives your little swimmer something new to sink their fangs into. With plenty of encouragement, fun and splashes along the way, they'll be making monstrously good progress before you know it!

Whether they're taking their first steps into the pool or already working towards their next Swim Academy stage, our teachers are there to help them make waves and grow their confidence every step of the way.

Ready to take the plunge? Sink your fangs into Swim Academy and sign up today online or creep on over to reception!

**SIGN UP TODAY**

**TRICK OR TREAT**

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**MAKE A SPLASH WITH SWIM ACADEMY**

NEW MILTON | LYMINGTON | APPLEMORE | RINGWOOD | TOTTON

Are your little swimmers ready to make a splash? Our Swim Academy is the perfect place to build confidence, develop swimming skills and have plenty of fun in the water.

With our friendly and supportive teachers by their side, swimmers can learn at their own pace while developing the skills they need to become happy, confident and capable in the pool.

From perfecting strokes and learning new techniques to reaching exciting milestones, every lesson offers another opportunity to learn, progress and achieve something new.

With plenty of encouragement and fun along the way, those little improvements can soon turn into big achievements.

Whether they are taking their first steps into the pool or working towards their next Swim Academy stage, our teachers will be there to support their journey and celebrate their progress every step of the way.

Ready to take the plunge? Join our Swim Academy and start their swimming journey today.

**FUN FACT**  
Benjamin Franklin invented the first pair of swimming flippers and hand paddles when he was just an 11 year-old boy.

**SIGN UP TODAY**

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