



PARLEY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

FRIDAY, 2ND OCTOBER



Southern
Education
Trust

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join our Local Governing Board. This is an exciting opportunity for a parent or carer to contribute to the strategic leadership and continued success of our school. As a Parent Governor, you will work alongside other governors and school leaders to help shape the vision and direction of the school. We are particularly interested in hearing from parents or carers with experience or knowledge of the education sector.

If you are interested in applying, or would like further information, please email Jane Benton (Clerk to the Governors) by 16th October 2026: j.benton@parley.dorset.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

Mon 5th Oct - Flu
Vaccinations

Thurs 8th Oct - School Nurse
Sessions
8.45-10.00am

Thurs 22nd Oct - Avon Tyrrell
Information
Evening
6-7pm

DORSET YOUTH

Dorset Youth offer a range of support for families including advice for parents, free and paid activities and information about other organisations who may be able to help your child(ren) should they be experiencing any difficulties. There is lots of helpful information on their website: <https://dorsetyouth.com/>

PEARDROPS - AUTUMN 2

Peardrops bookings for Autumn 2 will open in Arbor on Friday 9th October. All technical faults with Arbor have now been rectified so we are hoping for a much smoother process this time around. Thank you very much.

AVON TYRRELL

The Year 4 Avon Tyrrell Information Evening will be held on Thursday 22nd October, 6.00 - 7.00pm. All aspects of the trip will be discussed in detail, including accommodation arrangements, food and dietary requirements, medication and medical needs, supervision, activities, communication whilst away, packing and much more. Please ensure you have also paid your initial deposit as the deadline date for payment was due by Wednesday 30th September. Thank you very much.

HEADTEACHER UPDATE



It has been another incredibly busy week in school this week. The children had their individual photographs on Monday and I would like to thank you on how smart the children are looking. The atmosphere around the school is calm and purposeful with the children fully engaged in their learning. The children are attending really well which is also having an impact on attainment and their learning. Thank you very much.

I asked for some feedback on what you needed to know and although I had a limited response to this plea, one parent took the time to give us some really helpful constructive which I am incredibly grateful for.

I have been reflecting on how we communicate effectively and also what we communicate. I am not a parent of a child in school anymore as my boys have grown up and have careers of their own. So feedback from you as parents who have to live it everyday is really useful. I think one of the problems in education is that new systems and processes are constantly being implemented but the main issue is with this is that often the existing systems run alongside. So.....

Actions for us as a school to improve communication are:

- Review the many systems we have to communicate with you as parents and strategically cut them so that you don't have to be juggling so many different information sources. For example, Arbor was introduced and it can do exactly the same actions as a number of other systems we had in place. It would ensure that there is one system for communicating urgent information. We will of course need to keep Medical Tracker to communicate any injuries.
- Any newsletter or information needs to be able to be viewed clearly on your devices as we appreciate that is how you access information mainly rather than actual computers. (I am not sure how clear our new look newsletter is user friendly on a phone screen?)
- We will also be moving to an online ordering system for the Hot School meals. This is for a number of reasons but mainly to reduce food waste. Hopefully it also means you know what your child is ordering.



HEADTEACHER UPDATE



For family or friends who step up to raise a child. What is Kinship?

Many children are fortunate to grow up with the support of a wide network of caring adults. Kinship care is where a child who is unable to live with their parents, is cared for by a relative, family friend, or another trusted adult who already has a meaningful connection with them. This may be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, older sibling, or close family friend who steps in to provide a safe, stable, and loving home. Kinship carers play a vital role in helping children maintain important relationships, a sense of identity, and continuity during what can often be a challenging time. We are able to offer you support if you feel you are a kinship carer. Please come and see us and we can work together to support you.

Drama Workshops

We were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform on Thursday. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Superheroes, using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. This was for all children from Reception to Year 3. I am a great believer in giving children these opportunities and it was great to see the amount of fun they were having. I certainly needed some joy this week!

Year 4 Boat Trip

We were also incredibly proud of our Year 4 children this week, who took part in an educational visit to Poole harbour working in partnership with the RSPB. They had a beautiful day yesterday with the weather conditions being perfect. A highlight of their visit was to see an Osprey hunting in the harbour. These visits are hugely important to broadening children's wider knowledge. They all seemed to enjoy it with the added bonus of going on a bus!

I am delighted to let you all know that Mrs Martin and her husband are expecting their first child in March. I am sure you will join me in congratulating them both with this very exciting news. We are currently in the process of planning for this maternity leave for both The POD and the Deputy Headteacher roles that Mrs Martin has in the school, ready for the Spring term.

I hope you have a good weekend. We have another busy week next week starting on Monday with flu vaccinations!

John Bagwell
Headteacher

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Whole School - 97.9%

Year R - 97.3%

Year 1 - 98.8%

Year 2 - 98.7%

Year 3 - 98.1%

Year 4 - 96.6%



COMMUNITY NEWS

PARAGON FOOTBALL COACHING

PARLEY HOLIDAY CLUB

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

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Ages 8-14

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BEGINNERS INDOOR NETBALL TRAINING
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-11

FERNDOWN

FREE TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE

FERNDOWN LEISURE CENTRE
WEDNESDAYS

NETBALL STARS IS THE BEST PART OF MY DAUGHTER'S WEEK!

UNDER 7
4:05-5:00PM
AGES 4-7

UNDER 11
5:00-5:55PM
AGES 8-11

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5.0 RATING

STARS

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29TH & 30TH OCTOBER

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