

# Ferndown Middle School

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### Class Charts

Class Charts enables us to share behaviour information with you instantly. You will be kept informed of any house points earned by your child as well as any reflections given for negative behaviour as they occur. You can also communicate directly with your child's teachers using the Messaging tab. Please be aware that teachers may not be able to respond to messages immediately for a number of reasons.



### House Points

House Points are awarded for a variety of positive behaviours these include positive contributions to lessons, good behaviour, good class work, good homework, good lunchtime behaviour, respectful behaviour and proactive independent approach to their learning. As House Points are collected virtually via our Class Charts, pupils have a variety of rewards to choose from. House points can be redeemed for a prize at any time once sufficient house points are collected.

### Sanctions

The school employs a number of sanctions to enforce the school rules and to ensure a safe and positive learning environment. We employ each sanction appropriately to each individual situation. Please see our [Behaviour Policy](#) for further information and guidance. The school does not tolerate bullying of any kind. If we discover that an act of bullying or intimidation has taken place, we act immediately to stop any further occurrences of such behaviour. Please see our [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) for further information and guidance.

### Reflections

Our policy regarding delays and detentions (which we call 'Reflections') requires children to spend time reflecting on their behaviour with an adult to try to minimise this behaviour in the future.

### Afterschool Detentions

If your child receives an afterschool detention, you will be contacted separately via ParentMail informing you of the date, time and reason. The email will include a reply form for you to complete and submit.

### Home Learning

Class Charts is also where you can access your child's timetable and their assigned weekly home learning tasks.

We hope that the use of Class Charts helps improve home school communication. I want to reassure you that if there is an emerging concern about behaviour, your child's tutor, Head of Year or a member of the school's Behaviour Team will contact you.

Please contact the school office if you experience any problems logging in to your account.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs G Allen, Headteacher

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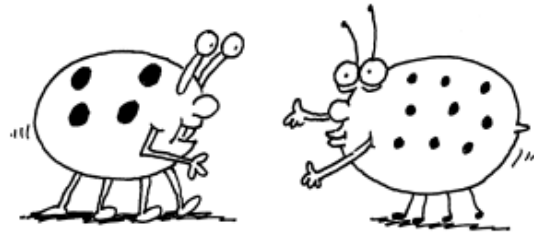
### Family Maths Challenge!!!

For this week's newsletter I thought it would be nice to have a bit of fun! Have a go at the family challenges below. Can you draw a diagram or model to help you work it out? Can your children show you how they would approach them?

Mrs Littley

*Answers at the end of the newsletter.*

### Zids and Zods



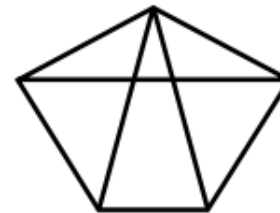
Zids have 4 spots.  
Zods have 9 spots.

Altogether some Zids and Zods have 48 spots.  
How many Zids are there?  
How many Zods?

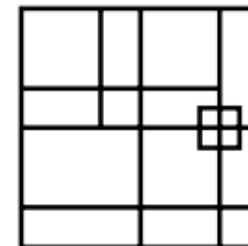
What if Zids have 5 spots, Zods have 7 spots,  
and there are 140 spots altogether?  
Find as many solutions as you can.

### Spot the shapes 2

1. How many triangles  
can you count?



2. How many squares  
can you count?



3. Draw your own diagram to count triangles.  
Don't use too many lines!  
How many triangles can a friend find?  
Can you find more?



### Albert Square



36 people live in the eight houses in Albert Square.  
Each house has a different number of people living in it.  
Each line of three houses has 15 people living in it.  
How many people live in each house?

### Cola in the bath

A can of cola holds 33 centilitres.



If you had a bath in cola - don't try it! -  
approximately how many cans of cola would you need?  
Hint: 1 cubic centimetre is the same as 1 millilitre.



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### School News

#### Parent Communication Questionnaire

Please can you kindly spend a few minutes responding to the questions on the link below. The focus of the questionnaire is to better understand your views on how the school communicates with you. The deadline for completion is 2<sup>nd</sup> February. [Parent Communication Questionnaire Jan 2024](#)

#### Subject Teachers Consultation Evenings

If you have not already booked, the majority of teachers still have availability, to book an appointment please visit <https://ferndownmiddle.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Second hand uniform will be displayed in the school foyer for free or a small donation on Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

*Please note there will be no after-school Netball and Orchestra on Mon 5th Feb; and no Netball, Role Playing and Arts & Craft on Thurs 8 Feb.*

#### Bikes and Scooter

A lot of our children ride their bikes or scooters to school, which is great, but it's important they stay safe whilst riding. We have noticed a number of children riding without lights and wearing dark clothing.

Cycling/scooter to school is permitted and is a healthy way to travel to and from school. All children must adhere to the following rules:

- Cycling/scooter to school is **not** allowed on school footpaths or in the playground.
- In the interest of safety, children must comply with the 'Highway Code'.
- All cyclists or scooterists must wear helmets.
- Parents are asked to ensure that bicycles and scooters are in a roadworthy condition and are fitted with the necessary lights (front and rear).
- All bicycles and scooters should be put in one of the bike sheds provided and secured with a padlock.
- The school reserves the right to withdraw the permission to cycle/scooter to school in the case of misuse by children or if the bicycle/scooter is considered to be unsafe in any way.
- The school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage to your bike or scooter whilst on the school grounds.



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### Wellbeing



## PARENT/CARER WEBINAR



Dorset HealthCare  
University  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Children's Mental Health Week begins on 5th February.**  
**This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'.**

**My Voice Matters is about empowering young people and families to use their voices, share what matters to them, and encourage those around them to hear their voices.**

**Tuesday 6th Feb at 1pm - 1.30pm**

If you would like to find out more about the Mental Health Support Team in Schools we would like to invite you to a webinar for Parent/Carers.



Please note: This webinar is only for parents and carers in schools we currently working in. Please do not share with friends/family in other schools.

**[dhc.mhstbcp.webinars@nhs.net](mailto:dhc.mhstbcp.webinars@nhs.net)**







“The #1 teen dating website in the world”. That’s the claim of MyLOL, which offers 13 to 19-year-olds the chance to rate each other’s pics, send private messages and contact strangers online. If that sets your alarm bells ringing, you’re far from alone: law enforcement agencies and schools in several countries have seen fit to issue warnings about the platform.

Among the main issues is the fact that MyLOL doesn’t have a reliable age verification method – meaning there’s no foolproof way to stop anyone outside the platform’s intended 13–19 audience signing up for an account under a false age. This week’s guide also highlights potential concerns around in-app purchases and the use of geolocation for sinister reasons.

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### Key Dates Key Dates

Below are some of the key dates for the next half term.

Mon 5 February 2024	Parent's Evening via video link for KS3 only
Thurs 8 February 2024	Parent's Evening in person, in school, all years
Fri 9 February 2024	Inset Day
Mon 26 February 2024	Year 6, National Child Measurement Programme
Wed 6 March 2024	KS2 SATS parent presentation 6.00 pm online
Fri 26 April	Tutor group and year 8 photos
Mon 13 May – Thurs 16 May 2024	KS2 SATs

### Residential and Visits

Fri 1 March 2024	Year 8 Trip to Bournemouth University
Wed 13 March 2024	Year 7 Trip to Lulworth Cove & Corfe Castle
20 - 24 May 2024	Year 6 Residential to Hooke Court
20 - 23 May 2024	Year 7 Residential to Butchers Coppice
17 - 21 June 2024	Year 8 Residential to Woodmill Outdoor Activity Centre



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Do you know  
about...



**free  
school meals**

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If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a **healthy meal every school day**, and can get:

- access to **free holiday clubs**
- **extra money for their school** towards more teachers and activities

You could  
save over  
**£450**  
a year!

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete our confidential checker at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals](https://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals) or phone **01305 221090**

**Pupil  
Premium**

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, **you could get extra £££'s for your school!**

Apply for the Pupil Premium at [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium](https://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)

### [The Dorset Parent Guide to support your child's special education needs](#)

A copy of the Dorset Parent Guide to support your child's special education needs can be found on our [website](#).

**The Dorset Parent Guide to  
support your child's Special  
Educational Needs**  
0 to 25 years



### [Dorset Education Advice Line \(DEAL\)](#)

Dorset Education Advice Line is a phone line for parents, carers and professionals who support children who may have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

This advice line is part of Dorset Councils Local Offer to children, young people and families and will work alongside existing services such as SENDIASS and the Education Psychology helpline.

Further details and a contact form can be found on the following link:

[Dorset Education Advice Line \(DEAL\) - Dorset Council](#)



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Extra-Curricular Clubs Spring Term 1, from 2 January to 8 February 2024

Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/area	Leader
Monday Lunchtime	<b>Boys Football – Years 6, 7 &amp; 8</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SH
	<b>Library - All Years</b> Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	<b>Music Theatre Group - All years (Full)</b>	30 mins	12:40–1:10	Music Room	SW
Monday After School	<b>Netball – Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	50 mins	15.30–16.20	Playground/Gym	SG & AC
	<b>Rippa Rugby - Years 5, 6 and 7 (External club paid) 8 Jan to 5 Feb</b> <a href="#">Welcome to Rippa Rugby</a>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Field	External
	<b>Orchestra – Invite only</b>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Music Room	SW
	<b>Tennis (External club paid) <a href="#">Live4tennisbookingform</a> 8 Jan to 5 Feb</b> Collection outside the school reception office	1 hour	15.30–16.30	Ferndown Tennis Courts	External
Tuesday Lunchtime	<b>Girls Football – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SG
	<b>Gymnastics – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Gym	SH
	<b>Library - All Years</b> Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	<b>Young Voices practice (Full)</b>	30 mins	12.40–1.10	Music Room	SW
	<b>Youth Club (Year 7 invite only)</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.30	Youth Club	LB
	<b>French for Holiday – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	LA15	FS
	<b>STEM Club – Years 7 &amp; 8 Starts 19 Sept</b> First 10 to sign up with Miss Dale	30 mins	12.35–13.05	PA02	KD/NBA
Tuesday After School	<b>Dodgeball (External club paid) 9 Jan to 26 Mar</b> <a href="#">TeamTheme Booking Form</a>	1 hour	15.25–16.25	Gym	External
	<b>Homework Club – All years</b>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Library	GB
Wednesday Lunchtime	<b>Basketball – Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SG
	<b>Running Club – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	SH
	<b>Library - All Years</b> Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB

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	<b>Samba - All years</b>	25 mins	12:45–1:10	Music Room	SW
	<b>Choir – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Music Room	NP
	<b>Spanish – All years</b>	20 mins	12.50–1.10	LA6	EBS
	<b>Computers – Years 6, 7 &amp; 8</b> Max 15 places, sign-up sheet in ICT room	30 mins	12.30–1.00	PA03	MM
	<b>Craft Club – All years</b> First 15 children on the day, no need to sign up	25 mins	12.40–1.15	LA9	EW
	<b>Art Club – All years</b> 20 pupils, sign-up sheet on Art door	30 mins	12.15–12.45	PA10	NC
<b>Thursday Lunchtime</b>	<b>Sports Leaders – Year 8</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Gym	SG
	<b>Library - All Years</b> Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB
	<b>The Ark – All years</b> With Miriam Biggs local youth worker. A club where they explore the Christian faith through games, crafts, and fun	30 mins	12.40–1.10	LA13	MB, VG
	<b>Science – Year 5 (Sign up with Mrs Johns)</b>	35 mins	12.35–1.10	PA2	CJ
	<b>School Council – Every other Thursday</b>	1 hour	12.15–1.15	PA4	BR
	<b>Ukulele – All Years</b> First 18 every week	25 mins	12.45–13.05	Music Room	GB
<b>Thursday After School</b>	<b>Netball – Year 7 &amp; 8</b>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Playground	SG
	<b>Homework Club – All years</b>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	Library	GB
	<b>Roleplaying Club – Alternate KS2/3</b>	1 hour	15.20–16.20	LA3	AM
	<b>Arts and Crafts – All years 10 places – Sign up with AM/LP</b>	1 hour	15.20-16.20	PA12	AM/LP
<b>Friday Lunchtime</b>	<b>Football – Year 5</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Field	MW
	<b>Young Voices practice (Full)</b>	30 mins	12.40–1.10	Music Room	SW
	<b>DT Club – All years - opportunity to complete unfinished practical work</b> First 12 pupils each week	30 mins	12.15-12.45	PA11	AM
	<b>Library - All Years</b> Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45–1.10	Library	GB

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	<b>Eco Club – All years</b>	30 mins	12.15 –12.45	LA11	ML
	<b>Dance – Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	30 mins	12.15–12.45	Hall	KZ

### Please note the following:

- Please read through the choices with your child and ensure they are clear on where the club is held and the joining instructions.
- Please be aware that it is the parent's responsibility to ensure the child knows that they are attending an after-school club.
- Parental permission is required for your child to attend an after-school club, please use this [link](#) to confirm your consent.
- Please make arrangements to collect children following an after-school club and make sure that the child is aware of these arrangements.
- We will endeavour not to cancel after-school clubs at short notice - if however, this is necessary; either ParentMail, telephone call, or SMS will notify parents.
- External club arrangements are with the club and not the school.

### Breakfast Club



The breakfast club runs each morning for pupils across all year groups. Cost: £3.25 per breakfast.

Start time 7.30 am (Pupils need to arrive no later than 7.40 am and must sign in at reception). Finish time 8.30 am.

It is a fun and sociable environment where pupils enjoy a varied breakfast in the company of other pupils.

A selection of cereals, toast and drinks are provided.

Booking forms can be found on the school website: [Breakfast Club | \(fernmid.dorset.sch.uk\)](https://www.fernmid.dorset.sch.uk)

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### Term Dates 2023 - 2024

#### Winter Term Dates 2023

Inset Day	Friday 1 September 2023	<b>Bank holidays in the autumn term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday 25 December 2023</li> <li>Tuesday 26 December 2023</li> </ul>
Autumn term starts	Monday 4 September 2023	
Half-term	Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2023	
Autumn term ends	Friday 15 December 2023	
Christmas holidays	Monday 18 December to Monday 1 January 2024	

#### Spring Term Dates 2024

Spring term starts	Tuesday 2 January 2024	<b>Bank holidays in the spring term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Year's Day: Monday 1 January 2024</li> <li>Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024</li> <li>Easter Monday: Monday 1 April 2024</li> </ul>
Inset Day	Friday 9 February 2024	
Half-term	Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2024	
Spring term ends	Thursday 28 March 2024	
Easter holiday	Friday 29 March to Friday 12 April 2024	

#### Summer Term Dates 2024

Summer term starts	Monday 15 April 2024	<b>Bank holidays in the summer term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early May bank holiday: Monday 6 May 2024</li> <li>Spring bank holiday: Monday 27 May 2024</li> <li>Summer bank holiday: Monday 26 August 2024</li> </ul>
Half-term	Monday 27 to 31 May 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 3 June 2024	
Summer term ends	Friday 19 July 2024	
Inset Day	Monday 22 July 2024	
Inset Day	Tuesday 23 July 2024	



### 66 Zids and Zods

There are 3 Zids with 4 spots and 4 Zods with 9 spots.

If Zids have 5 spots and Zods have 7 spots, the possible ways of making 140 are:

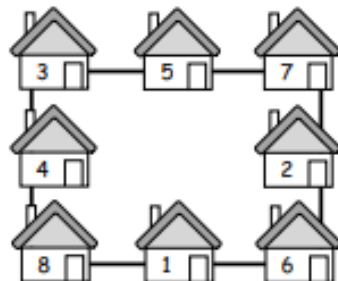
28 Zids;  
21 Zids and 5 Zods;  
14 Zids and 10 Zods;  
7 Zids and 15 Zods;  
20 Zods.

### 58 Spot the shapes 2

1. There are 11 triangles.
2. There are 17 squares.

### 68 Albert Square

For example:



### 80 Cola in the bath

A bath 1.5 metres long by 60 cm wide would have a floor area of approximately 9000 cm<sup>2</sup>. If there was 10 cm of cola in the bath, the volume of liquid would be about 90 000 cm<sup>3</sup> or 90 000 ml. This would require roughly 270 cans of cola.