Ferndown Middle Newsletter May 2016

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Key Dates

Term Dates are available on the school website

Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 23rd May – Friday 27th May	Project Week
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June	**Half Term**
Monday 6th June	**Staff Training Day**

Year 6 SATS

Just a reminder that next week in school, Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATS tests. These tests will take place Monday to Thursday and we have planned a reward afternoon for the children on Friday to thank them for their hard work up to this point.

The children will do tests in reading on Monday and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar on Tuesday. Maths tests will be on Wednesday and Thursday.

The most important thing at this late stage is that the children get to school on time, well rested and breakfasted as this will enable them to do their very best.

Whilst we discourage late-night cramming sessions, your child will benefit from some revision over the weekend. Teachers will set some tasks for the children to do to keep them warmed up and ready to go for the week ahead. Please help by supporting your child as much as possible.

There is a possibility that your child is feeling some anxiety about the tests. We do try to minimise the effect of the tests on the children and whilst some children seem to breeze through the testing process, others are more sensitive. Rightly, the children want to do their best and this inevitably leads to nerves. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind all the children that it is normal to be nervous for anything in life that is important to us. I also believe that this experience will give the children confidence to face the testing that they will encounter in their future education. These tests are a reflection on all the progress they have made over years of schooling and all we ask is that they do their best.

I hope that you all have a pleasant weekend and look forward to giving the children the opportunity to show off all their skills next week.

Mr Stow.

John Thornton Trust

Thank you to the John Thornton Trust for providing the Ferndown Schools with a mini bus. This is an amazing gift that will benefit so many children.

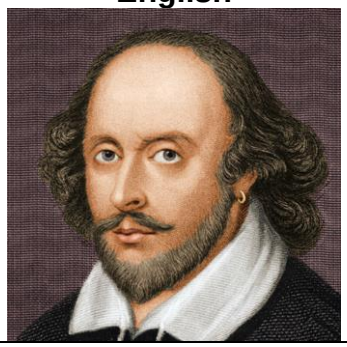
The Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club have organised a Muddy 5K Fun Run which will be taking place on Saturday 21st May, 10am to 5pm at Homeland Farm, Ringwood Road, Three Legged Cross, Dorset. BH21 6QZ.

Why not challenge yourself, and have fun with your friends and family? Run, crawl or walk over the 5K course, overcome the obstacles and raise money for local charities. This is a great opportunity to have fun with your colleagues, get muddy with your kids and show your friends what you are made of.

All money raised from the entries will go towards two local charities the Wessex Cancer Trust and Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club.

Funds raised by JTYAF runners who raise sponsorship will come direct to the charity.

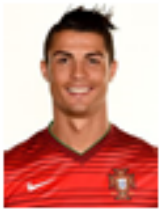
Event entry is through the Active website.

Music 	The academic year is coming closer to its end but the music department is vigorously working towards the last concert of the year. The Summer Concert, themed 'Movies', is going to showcase the best that Ferndown's pupils can offer. The programme will include performances from the orchestra, samba band, ukulele orchestra, choirs, steel band, soloists and also our smaller instrumental groups prepared by our peripatetic teachers. Come and enjoy listening to tunes we all know and love! The date is Wednesday 13th July at 7pm – further details to follow. The Samba Band will be performing in the family friendly event, Ferndown's 'Fete on the Fields' on the 18th of June. They will kick start the event nice and loudly with rhythms from Rio combined with samba funk. Later on at 15.45pm you can hear the Ukulele Band and the Year 5 choir sing a medley from 'The Jungle Book'. Please come and support the event and our pupils and enjoy a fun family day out on the fields.
Science 	Over the past 2 weeks pupils from all years have been able to witness the hatching and initial development of chicks. The eggs were obtained from 'LivingEggs'. We were supplied with an incubator and, once hatched, the chicks were transferred into a container with a heat lamp. The pupils were able to watch from the first crack of the egg to the stage where their adult feathers were appearing. The pupils enjoyed being able to hold the chicks and were sad to see them go to the farm. This enhances the Year 5 study of life cycles which includes watching in real time the life cycle of a butterfly.
English 	Saturday 23rd April marked the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death and across the country many celebrations took place to pay tribute to his life. Key Stage 3 pupils are currently studying Shakespeare's life and work in their English lessons this half-term. There are a number of video clips and quizzes available on websites, such as CBBC Newsround and CBBC Horrible Histories, which pupils could view at home to further their knowledge and understanding. http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/showbiz/shakespeare
Sport News Swimming Boys' Indoor Cricket	**Swimming** - Kaysea and Thomas entered the School Games Swimming Gala and I am delighted to announce that they brought back some medals for their performances. Kaysea won the silver medal and, not to be outdone, Thomas won a gold and a silver. A huge congratulations – we are all very proud of you! **Hardball Cricket** - our Year 6 boys had a tough opening round match in the Hardball Competition where we visited Castle Court. Unfortunately they were the stronger side and defeated us, but for 7 of the 8 lads it was their first experience of hardball cricket and an experience they should use for the future. Will captained the side extremely well and encouraged the boys all through the match. Finally we would like to thanks Castle Court for their hospitality at the end, where the boys thoroughly enjoyed their cookies and cake! **Boys' Indoor Cricket** – The boys' indoor team qualified for the South West Regional Finals as Dorset County Champions and played schools from Somerset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. We had an early start as we left school for Chippenham Dome at 7.30 am. Our boys were a credit to the school and the county: we won 1 and lost 2 and finished in 3rd place overall. A fantastic achievement and very well done lads! **Rounders** – Our Year 8 mixed rounders team played their first game of the season against Lytchett. The team opted to bat first, reaching a total of 3½ rounders. They then took to the field, showing excellent discipline and focus. As a result, Lytchett also scored just 3½ rounders, taking the result to a draw. The team have shown tremendous commitment in training so far and I don't doubt that they will go from strength to strength as the season continues. Well done to all of the students involved!

Euro 2016

Bienvenue en France! In a month's time we will start to enjoy the Euros 2016, hosted by France. So we would like to extend a challenge to FMS pupils. Answers to Madame Baker-Smith! There will be a small prize for the best answers.

1. **Which towns are hosting the matches?**
2. **Can you find out the French for any of the countries playing?**
3. **French Top Trumps – try to make your own Top Trump card for a player of your choice.**



Nom: Cristiano Ronaldo
Nationalité: Portugais
Position: Attaquant
Équipe: Real Madrid/Portugal
Matchs: 123
Buts: 66
Trophées: 16
Age: 31 (5 février 1985)

Nom: Wayne Rooney
Nationalité: Anglais
Position: Attaquant
Équipe: Manchester United/Angleterre
Matchs: 109
Buts: 51
Trophées: 12
Age: 30 (24 octobre 1985)

Nom: Gareth Bale
Nationalité: Gallois
Position: Ailier
Équipe: Real Madrid/Pays de Galles
Matchs: 54
Buts: 19
Trophées:16
Age: 26 (16 juillet 1989)

Nom: Paul Pogba
Nationalité: Français
Position: Milieu de terrain
Équipe: Juventus/France
Matchs: 27
Buts: 5
Trophées: 7
Age: 23 (15 mars 1993)

Nom: Gerard Piqué
Nationalité: Espagnol
Position: Défenseur central
Équipe: Barcelone/Espagne
Matchs: 71
Buts: 4
Trophées: 23
Age: 29 (2 février 1987)

Nom: Gianluigi Buffon
Nationalité: Italien
Position: Gardien
Équipe: Juventus/Italie
Matchs: 164
Buts: 0
Trophées: 16
Age: 38 (28 janvier 1978)