

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 9 May 2022



Message from Headteacher

Opportunity to visit the school

I am acutely aware that it has been a very long time since parents and carers have been able to visit the school due to covid. Indeed, there are many parents and carers who have not been able to see inside of the school building. Therefore, I am offering you an opportunity to tour the school on either of the following dates and times:

- Monday 20th June, 9.00 – 10.10am
- Wednesday 22nd June, 9.00 – 10.10am

If you would like to visit a booking form will be sent out next week as the places will be limited on both sessions.

Music Concert

I am delighted that we will be able to hold our music concert after such a long break. Mr Welcomme has been very busy preparing the pupils for the event.

Keep the date in your diary of Thursday 30th June between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.

More information to follow from Mr Welcomme.



The Sports Day has been arranged for Thursday 7th July, again more details to follow after half term.

Mrs Allen
Headteacher

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School News

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property of school jumpers, drink bottles, PE kit, etc, if your child has mislaid anything please encourage them to look through the items in the school hall.

Please remember to clearly label your child's clothing and school equipment, bags, pencil cases, etc. as this will help to have missing items returned to them.

Do you know if your child qualifies for free school meals?



Dorset Council is reminding families feeling the financial squeeze to check if their child could receive a free daily lunch at school. This could save them up to £450 per year per child.

As well as a healthy meal every school day, their school will receive extra Government funding (called the Pupil Premium) towards more teaching staff, tuition or activities. This could be between £985 and £2,410 per year.

Dorset children who receive [free school meals](#) can also take part in free activities during the summer, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Dorset Council provides a [confidential checker](#) so parents and carers can quickly see if they qualify. The schools do not see financial information about the families applying.

[More about free school meals](#)

Teaching Assistants Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint committed and enthusiastic Level 1 or Level 2 Teaching Assistants to support children with additional needs to commence in September 2022. Experience of the following would be beneficial for the Level 2 Teaching Assistants – Speech and language and communication difficulties, ASD, ADHD and ODD (oppositional defiance disorder) and general learning difficulties.

The postholders will play an important role in supervising the activities of pupils during the teaching period and lunch & break time duty within the school, including both indoor and outdoor areas, ensuring a safe environment is maintained at all times. Experience of working with children in an education setting is preferred.

The successful applicant must be able to work as part of a team to support the learning and welfare of pupils in school.

Full details can be found on the schools website: [Vacancies | \(fernmid.dorset.sch.uk\)](https://www.fernmid.dorset.sch.uk)

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Dates for your diaries

Year 6 SATS Week	Between Mon 9 th to Thurs 12 th May
7SR - Lunchtime Y7 Youth club	Tues 10 th May
7EW - Lunchtime Y7 Youth club	Tues 17 th May
7SL - Lunchtime Y7 Youth club	Tues 14 th June
7PM - Lunchtime Y7 Youth club	Tues 21 st June
Music Concert	Thurs 30 th June
Sports Day	Thurs 7 th July



At this current time, more people are online shopping than ever before. Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, you could be raising a free donation for Ferndown Middle School? At no cost to you!

There are over 4,000 retailers including John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay, M&S, Just Eat, Now TV, Domino's Pizza and Audible ready to give a free donation every time you shop online via easyfundraising. It only takes 2 minutes to sign up. Make sure you activate the donation reminder tool too.

Plus, if you sign up and raise £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us a bonus £5 donation.

All you have to do is:

1. Go to: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ferndownmiddleschool/?invite=FY150L&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_content=raf-e
2. Click 'support this cause' and create an account
3. Choose from over 4,000 retailers to do your online shopping as normal and our cause will receive a free donation with every purchase you make.

Thank you for your support.

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Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term 1, from 25 April to 27 May 2022

Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/ area	Leader
Monday Lunch	Boys cricket – Years 6, 7, 8	25 mins	12.20 – 12.45	Field	SH
	Maths catch up/ homework – All years	55 mins	12.20 – 12.15	LA18	SL
	Homework Club – All years	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	LA5	
	Music Theatre Group – All years (first 35 children)	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	PA1 Music room	SW
	Digital Monsters – Years 5	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	ICT 1	JMe
Monday After School	Rounders – Years 5 & 6	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	SG
	Orchestra (by invite only)	1 hour	3.20 – 4.20	PA 1 (Music room)	SW
	Live4Tennis – All Years (External club paid)	1 hour	15.30 – 16.30	Ferndown Community Tennis Courts	External
	Rippa Rugby - Years 5 and 6 (External club paid)	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	External
Tuesday Lunch	Basketball - Year 7	25 mins	12.20 – 12.45	Gym	SG
	Girls cricket – Years 6, 7, 8	25 mins	12.20 – 12.45	Field	SH
	Singing group – All years (first 35 children)	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	PA1 Music room	SW
	Homework Club – All years	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	LA5	
	Digital Monsters – Years 6	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	ICT 1	JMe
Tuesday After School	Dodgeball (External club paid)	1 hour	15.25 – 16.25	Gym	External
Wednesday Lunch	Running Club - All years	30 mins	12:20 – 12:50	Field	SH
	Homework Club – All years	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	LA5	
Wednesday After School	Petanque – All years (by invitation only)	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	External
Thursday Lunch	Athletics – Years 5 and 6	25 mins	12.20 – 12.45	Field	SH
	Netball – Years 7 and 8	25 mins	12.20 – 12.45	Gym	KB
	Homework Club – All years	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	LA5	
	Art Club – All years (first 30 children)	30 mins	12.15 - 12.45	Art Room	AR
	Robotics – Limit of 8 from Year 7 and 8 from Year 8	45 mins	12.30 – 1.15	ICT1 (PA3)	JM

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	Samba – All years (first 35 children)	30 mins	12.40 – 1.10	PA 1 Music room	SW
	The Ark – All years (Miriam Biggs local youth worker)	30 mins	12.40 – 1.10	LA13	MW/MB/VG
	STEM club – Year 5 (20 pupils on rotation)	30 mins	12.40 – 1.10	PA7	PM/TW
Thursday After School	Cricket - Year 5	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	MW
	Athletics – Year 7 and 8	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	SH/KB/SG
	Art Club* (20 children by prior agreement)	1 hour	15:20 – 16:20	Art Room	AR
Friday Lunch	Robotics – Limit of 8 from Year 7 and 8 from Year 8	45 mins	12.30 – 1.15	ICT1 (PA3)	JM
	Homework Club – All years	30 mins	12.40 - 1.10	LA5	

Please note the following:

- Parental permission is required for your child to attend an after-school club, if you haven't already, 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.

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Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term Dates 2021 to 2022

Inset Day	Thursday 2 September 2021	Bank holidays in the autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Day: Monday 27 December 2021 Boxing Day: Tuesday 28 December 2021
Inset Day	Friday 3 September 2021	
Transfer Day	Monday 6 September 2021 – YEAR 5 ONLY	
Autumn term starts	Tuesday 7 September 2021 – YEARS 5, 6, 7 AND 8	
Half-term	Monday 25 October 2021 to Friday 29 October 2021	
Autumn term ends	Friday 17 December 2021	
Christmas holidays	Monday 20 December 2021 to Monday 3 January 2022	

Spring Term Dates 2021 to 2022

Inset Day	Tuesday 4 January 2022	Bank holidays in the spring term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day: Monday 3 January 2022 Good Friday: Friday 15 April 2022 Easter Monday: Monday 18 April 2022
Spring term starts	Wednesday 5 January 2022	
Half-term	Monday 21 February 2022 to Friday 25 February 2022	
Spring term ends	Friday 8 April 2022	
Easter holidays	Monday 11 April 2022 to Friday 22 April 2022	

Summer Term Dates 2021 to 2022

Summer term starts	Monday 25 April 2022	Bank holidays in the summer term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early May bank holiday: Monday 2 May 2022 Spring bank holiday: Thursday 2 June 2022 Platinum Jubilee bank holiday: Friday 3 June 2022 School bank holiday: Monday 6 June 2022 Summer bank holiday: Monday 29 August 2022
Half-term	Monday 30 May 2022 to Friday 3 June 2022	
School bank holiday*	Monday 6 June 2022	
Inset Day	Friday 17 June 2022	
Inset Day	Monday 11 July 2022	
Summer term ends	Friday 22 July 2022	
Summer holidays	Monday 25 July 2022 to Wednesday 31 August 2022	

*The school will be closed on Monday 6th June 2022, in lieu of the extra Bank Holiday, which falls in the May Half Term in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.