

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 30 January 2023



School News

Subject Teacher Consultation Evenings: 6th February, 9th February, 1st March

Our booking system for the Subject Teacher Consultation Evenings is now open, if you have not already done so, we encourage you to book your appointments.

Please visit <https://ferndownmiddle.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

- Appointments are 8 minutes for subject teachers.
- Appointments are 16 minutes for SEN and Year 5 tutors.
- If your child has two teachers for a subject, please book with just one of them.
- If a teacher you would like to see is fully booked we recommend checking again as appointments can become available due to cancellations/changes.
- If you have booked an appointment and for some reason, you are unable to attend, please cancel them so that it frees them for others.
- If you experience any difficulties accessing or using the booking system please contact office@fernmid.dorset.sch.uk – we're here to help.

No teacher-led after-school clubs will take place on the parent's evenings on the 6th and 9th of Feb and 1st Mar, external clubs and homework club will continue as normal.

New School Crossing Patrol on Church Road, Ferndown

We are pleased to let you know, that as long as the roadworks are not affecting the crossing point the new School Crossing patrol lady will be on site Monday 30th January 2023.



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Parent Governor election

We are pleased to let you know that we received two nominations for the one vacancy. As we have more candidates than vacancies, we must now hold a ballot. For the purposes of any election of Parent Local Governors, any parent, or an individual exercising parental responsibility, of a registered pupil at the school overseen by the Local Governing Body shall be eligible to vote.

You will therefore receive an email shortly from 'Choice Voting' inviting you to vote in the election.

On receipt, please

1. Click on the green '**Click Here to Vote**' button which will automatically log you in to vote.
2. Please read the two candidate statements which appear under their name
3. Choose your preferred candidate and 'save your choice'.
4. Logout

Voting will open on Wednesday 25th January and will close on Thursday 2nd February at 15.00.

If you have any queries about this process, please contact Mrs Shield on 01202 876556 or clerk@fernmid.dorset.sch.uk

Please find below a brief outline of the experience currently on the Schools Standards Board.

Name	Role	Experience
Mr P Gore - Chair	Community	Retired from the International Energy Company BP with over 30 years of experience in Business and Project Management
Mr R Bebbington	Staff	Teacher at Ferndown Middle School
Mrs K Green	Parent	Accountant for a Military Charity
Mr D Lolley	Parent	Qualified National Careers Service Adviser
Mrs S Rossiter	Community (Parent)	Dorset Healthcare NHS 111 Trainer / Health Advisor
Mr G Morris	Community	Chief Executive Officer of a multi-academy trust
Mrs D Wingrove	Community	Initial Teacher Training Programme Leader



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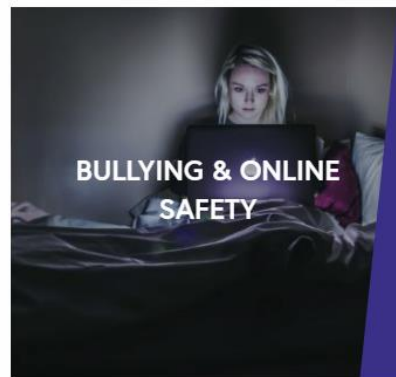


Advice and support

[Dorset Youth is there to help!](#)

Children and young people can use Dorset Youth Association's new [mental health hub](#) to find out where to get support in Dorset. The hub is set up so they can easily find local services that can help with a range of issues such as anxiety, depression, bereavement and eating disorders.

There's also a [dedicated directory for parents and carers](#) to get advice on how to support their children with their mental health, as well as other topics like sexual health, bullying and online safety and drugs and alcohol.



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It's time to talk!

It's Time to Talk Day on Thursday 2 February 2023: the nation's biggest mental health conversation awareness day. It's a chance for all of us to be more open about mental health by simply talking and listening to one another.

We know that talking about mental health isn't always easy, but conversations are important as they can change people's lives. So, if you know someone who may be struggling, reach out and let them know you're there for them. You can use the [Samaritans SHUSH active listening tips](#) to help you give the best support you can.

"When we struggle, we need to tell each other. This is the most important thing I've learnt."

NHS professional and farmer Ellie Sturrock explains more about the 'hard but beautiful' juggling act behind farming life in this blog, and shares how important it is to talk to others if you're struggling.

[Farming, family and finding support \(lightonmh.uk\)](#)

If you don't feel comfortable talking to family and friends, these organisations are on-hand to listen 24/7:

- Call [Samaritans](#) to talk any time on **116 123**
- Call '**Connection**' Dorset's Mental Health Services line 24/7 – **0800 652 0190**

Text **SHOUT to 85258** for free, confidential support via text message 24/7



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Upcoming dates for your diaries for Spring Term 1

Tuesday 31 January	7WS Youth Club at lunchtime
Thursday 2 February	Financial workshop for Year 5 by 'Money Twist'
Monday 6 February	Parents' Evening (16.00 – 20.00) Virtual online video appointments
Tuesday 7 February	Vikings vs Saxons Play in a Day Y6
Thursday 9 February	Last day of the term
Thursday 9 February	Parents' Evening (16.00 – 20.00) face-to-face appointments in the school
Friday 10 February	Inset day – children not in school
Wednesday 1 March	Parents' Evening (16.00 – 20.00) face-to-face appointments in the school

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Extra-Curricular Clubs - Sprint Term 1, 3 January to 9 February 2023

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Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/ area	Leader
Monday Lunchtime	Chess Club – Year 5 First 12 children on the day, no need to sign up	30 mins	12.40 to 1.10	LA3	AMH
	Food Lunch Club Dates: 9th Jan, 30th Jan, 6th March and 27th March 12 pupils per session, no pre-booking needed- first come first serve	30 mins	12.20 – 12.50	PA12	LP
	Music Theatre Group - All years	30 mins	12:40 - 1:10	Music Room	SW
	Football - Year 6, 7 & 8 Boys	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Field	SH
	Spanish – All years	20 mins	12.50 - 1.10	LA6	EBS
	Homework Club – All years	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	
	Library – all years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
Monday After School	Live4Tennis – All years (External club paid) 9 th Jan – 6 th Feb Mon 3.30-4.30pm Ferndown Mid (Jan-Feb23) Live4Tennis Collection outside of School next to Reception	1 hour	15.30 – 16.30	Ferndown Community Tennis Courts	External
	Rippa Rugby - Years 5, 6 and 7 (External club paid) 9 th Jan – 6 th Feb Rippa Rugby	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	External
	Chess Club – All years Limited to 20/25 pupils Pupils to sign up with Mr Maguire	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	LA14	JME
	Orchestra – Invite only	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Music Room	SW
	Netball – Year 5 and 6	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Playground	SG
Tuesday Lunchtime	STEM Club - Year 8 girls	30 mins	12.40 – 1.10	PA2	KM
	Singing Group - All years	30 mins	12:40 - 1:10	Music Room	SW
	Football - Year 6, 7 & 8 Girls	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Field	SH

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	Basketball – Year KS3	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Gym	SG
	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	
	Library – all years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
Tuesday After School	Dodgeball (External club paid) 10th Jan – 28th Mar (11 sessions) Teamtheme Clubs Booking	1 hour	15.25 – 16.25	Gym	External
	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Library	GB
Wednesday Lunchtime	Vocal Group – All years	25 mins	12:15 - 12:45	Music Room	NP
	Samba - all years	25 mins	12:45 - 1:10	Music Room	SW
	Art Club – All Years Please sign up with Miss Mayow	30 mins	12.15 - 12.45	Art Room	LM
	Sports Leaders - Year 8	30 mins	12.15 - 12.45	Gym	KB
	Running Club - All Years	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Field	SH
	Craft Club First 15 children on the day, no need to sign up	25 mins	12.40 - 1.15	LA8	EW
	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	
Wednesday After School	Pentanque Invite only	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Hall	External
	Mini Hand Ball – Year 5 and 6 Upcoming events - Booking by Bookwhen 30 spaces	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Gym	External
Thursday Lunchtime	Science Club – Year 5 Please sign up with Mrs McKinley	30 mins	12.40 – 1.10	PA2	KM
	German – All Years	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	LA14	FS
	The Ark – All years 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	MW, MB, VG
	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	

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	Gymnastics – All years	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Gym	SH, SG
	Library All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
Thursday After School	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Library	GB
	Football - Year 5	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	MW
	Netball – Year 7 & 8	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Playground	SG, KB
Friday Lunchtime	Walk & Talk – All years	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Gym	LC
	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	
	Library – All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB

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.

Games Club is held in LA16 each day for invited pupils only.

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 | \(fernmid.dorset.sch.uk\)](http://fernmid.dorset.sch.uk)

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Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Autumn Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Inset Day	Thursday 1 September 2022	Bank holidays in the autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 19 September 2022 Monday 26 December 2022 Tuesday 27 December 2022
Inset Day	Friday 2 September 2022	
Autumn term starts	Monday 5 September 2022	
Inset Day	Friday 21 October 2022	
Half-term	Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October 2022	
Autumn term ends	Friday 16 December 2022	
Christmas holidays	Monday 19 December to Monday 2 January 2023	

Spring Term Dates 2023

Spring term starts	Tuesday 3 January 2023	Bank holidays in the spring term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day: Monday 2 January 2023 Good Friday: Friday 7 April 2023 Easter Monday: Monday 10 April 2023
Inset Day	Friday 10 February 2023	
Half-term	Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023	
Spring term ends	Friday 31 March 2023	
Easter holidays	Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023	

Summer Term Dates 2023

Summer term starts	Monday 17 April 2023	Bank holidays in the summer term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early May bank holiday: Monday 1 May 2023 Coronation bank holiday: Monday 8 May 2023 Spring bank holiday: Monday 29 May 2023 Summer bank holiday: Monday 28 August 2023
Half-term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023	
Inset Day	Monday 10 July 2023	
Summer term ends	Friday 21 July 2023	
Summer holidays	Monday 24 July to Wednesday 31 August 2023	