

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 20 March 2023



School News

Book Looks

A book look opportunity has been arranged for Tues 21st March for KS3 Maths, Science & English; and on Wednesday 22nd March KS2 English & Maths. In order to have the books ready for parents/carers please indicate on the form below the name of your child's teachers and the date you would like to attend. Please note some part-time teachers will not be available on the day, however, another teacher will be available.

['Book Look' booking form](#). *The booking form will close at 9.00am on Tuesday 21st March and reopen again on Tuesday at 4.30pm.*

We look forward to welcoming you into school.

Thank you for your continuing support and recently your attendance at the Parent Consultation Evenings. Your feedback is very important therefore, I have sent out a [short survey](#) for parents to complete. The deadline for completion is Monday 20th March 2023.



Year 8 Arson Awareness Day

On Wednesday 29th March 2023 our year 8 pupils will take part in an Arson Awareness Day run by Urban Heaths Partnerships (UHP).

During this day, the pupils will participate in a wide range of activities including Arson courtroom drama, CSI investigation, Wareham Forest fire lesson and Animal specimens & Heath visit. Pupils will come dressed in their normal full school uniform but please provide additional suitable footwear to change into when walking through the heath and an appropriate coat for the weather. Pupils will be reminded of our behaviour policy before going on the heath walk but please complete [this brief form](#) giving consent for your child to be taken off site. We must take this opportunity to remind you that if a child is deemed as demonstrating unsafe behaviour in the school, they will not be taken out on the heath.

We are looking forward to a fun and informative day.

Mrs Baynham

Trip payments

Remember that if you have not made any payment towards the year group trips, please do so on ParentMail or contact the school office to discuss other payment options.

Breakfast club – Summer 1 term

Bookings are open for our highly sought after breakfast club for the Summer 1 term.

A copy of the booking and agreement forms are available to download from the school [website](#). **Both forms** must be completed and payment made to secure your child's place. Spaces are even more limited this term so places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact the school office if you have any questions.

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School Photos

Fraser Portraits have taken tutor group and year 8 leaver photographs at school this week. To view and order these please go to their website www.orderphotos.co.uk and use the following ID codes below.

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 8 Leavers
5SB: 0004547995A23J83A	6WM: 0009547995A23FNFR	7WS: 0014547995A239T9T	8SG: 0019547995A23EEXT	0023547995B23UUCN
5MW: 0003547995A23DPWY	6MH: 0008547995A23D7JH	7SR: 0013547995A23KUAK	8PM: 0018547995A23N966	FUN: 0022547995B23H92U
5KZ: 0002547995A23QW24	6LS: 0007547995A23JBL5	7SL: 0012547995A23FK9P	8NP: 0017547995A23AZSF	
5GB: 0001547995A23NBLV	6KS: 0006547995A237GWW	7SH: 0011547995A234PFS	8KD: 0016547995A23J77E	
5AM: 0000547995A23L4EF	6EBS: 0005547995A23RBLB	7EW: 0010547995A232AGZ	8BR: 0015547995A23VCFV	

Ferndown Middle Reach Football Cup Final

Our Ferndown Middle Year 6 Boys defeated St Ives 3-1 in a tense Poole and East Dorset Schools Sport Association semi-final encounter. Both teams were a credit to PEDSSA Football. All players contributed & worked tirelessly. Our boys should be ever so proud of their performance. All boys represented Ferndown Middle with courage, and pride & deserve to look forward to a final.

We thank St Ives for visiting us & wish them the best for the season. We have had two very competitive matches against them this season. We'll played boys, we're ever so proud of you.

Upcoming dates for your diaries

Tuesday 21 March	7WS Youth Club at lunchtime	Friday 31 March	Yr 5 Mexicolore visit
Tuesday 21 March	Book Look - KS3 (3.30 – 4.20)	Tuesday 25 April	7SR Youth Club at lunchtime
Wednesday 22 March	Book Look – KS2 (3.30 – 4.20)	Thursday 20 April	Dogs Trust visiting Year 5 all day
Tuesday 28 March	7SH Youth Club at lunchtime	Monday 9 May to Friday 12 May	SATS week
Wednesday 29 March	Yr 8 Urban Heath Partnership Day		

The Stationery shop is open every Monday and gum shields are available to buy from the school admin office.

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British Science Week

I have been absolutely blown away with the enthusiasm all the pupils have shown for their stem projects during British Science week. We have seen children building paper roller coasters, bionic hands and balloon bursters. They have shown excellent collaborative skills and incredible imagination in creating their designs. Children have also investigated the connections between organisms in food webs and between temperature and chemical reactions.

A massive thank you to the volunteers who helped run our pop-up (no pun intended!) bubble wand workshop on the playground on Tuesday.

And a huge congratulations to Evie, Lexi, Esma, Ebony and Alyssa who represented Ferndown Middle School at the Soroptimist International STEM competition at Bournemouth University on Thursday - this was a culmination of their research and innovation in year 8 stem club this year. The judges were full of praise for both projects, and I echo the judges in saying that all five girls should be extremely proud of themselves.

What does Soroptimist mean? The name Soroptimist was coined from the Latin soror meaning sister, and optima meaning best.

Soroptimist is perhaps best interpreted as 'the best for women'. From the founding of the first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California, in 1921, through to the present day where over 3000 Clubs are flourishing throughout the world, Soroptimists have continued to strive to achieve 'the best for women' in every sphere of their lives.

Mrs McKinley, Science Co-ordinator



"I want to make friends and have fun"

"I want to make life better for women and girls"

"We enable girls to reach their full potential"

"I'm helping women and girls all over the world"

"I want to contribute to my local community"

"We are global with UN status"

Ask Me Why I'm A Soroptimist

Join today www.sigbi.org

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Music Update

Music Theatre - Year 6

Below is a link to help widen your child's range of understanding of different songs and performers. Please support them by allowing them to listen and explore. You never know- you may find yourself singing along too!

There are also several movie versions of stage shows and live shows available on various streaming platforms. Don't forget, there are some 'Golden Oldies' starring Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Cary Grant & Debbie Reynolds- available on the BBC iPlayer. I look forward to hearing which show is your child's favourite.

Magic at the musicals- An online radio station dedicated to all things Musical Theatre! This is also available on the Magic Radio App or through smart speakers.

<https://planetradio.co.uk/magic-at-the-musicals/player/>

Music Trips

Exciting news that we have a couple of music trips coming up.

In a couple of weeks' time, members of the Orchestra will be taken 'out of this world' as they experience the full Symphonic force watching the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, playing music from all nine films of the Star Wars Saga. Live in concert at the Lighthouse Centre for the Arts in Poole. I expect there will be some very excited children ready to comment on their experience-most of them having never before seen an orchestra play live.

In the next couple of weeks, information will be shared about an exciting event planned for our Year 6 pupils to experience live music, in May. More information is to be released after the Easter break.

Mr Welcomme
Co-ordinator of Music

Wanted - Brass Teacher

One thing we do not currently have at FMS is any pupils learning brass instruments.

I am on the lookout for an inspiring, outstanding visiting brass teacher. If anyone knows someone that might be interested on a self-employed basis, please ask them to get in touch via the school office.

The Castleman Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in our care and requires all staff and volunteers to share and demonstrate this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to pre-employment checks including an enhanced DBS Check.

Exam Success!

Some of our pupils have celebrated their hard work & dedication, with the fabulous news that they have passed their graded music exams. Tutored, supported & entered for their exams by their visiting peripatetic music teacher, these pupils are a fantastic inspiration for others. Not just from their lovely certificates, but the months and many hours preparation for exams like these. The children's resilience, adaptability and perseverance are a shining example of our core values here at Ferndown Middle School.

Well done to everyone involved! Photos to follow once all certificates have arrived in the post.

Tom - Drum Kit Grade 1- Merit

Amelia - Drum Kit Grade 2- Merit

Layla - Saxophone Grade 2- Merit

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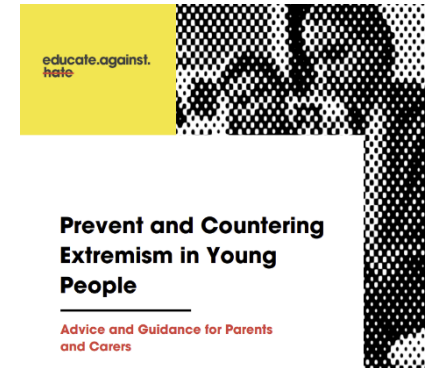
Prevent and Countering Extremism in Young People

A copy of the 'Prevent and Countering Extremism in Young People is attached to the newsletter.

Who is this guidance for?

This guidance explains the importance and relevance of Prevent, Channel and Counter-Extremism efforts to parents and carers of young people. This guidance is for parents, carers and guardians of children and young people.

This guidance will help them: understand what Prevent is understand what Channel is and the support available for young people who may be susceptible to radicalisation and extremism understand key terminology and definitions relating to extremism and radicalisation understand how to initiate and engage in difficult conversations with young people identify potential indicators of radicalisation in young people identify potential factors that may make some young people more susceptible to radicalisation understand where to go for support if they feel a young person may be at risk of being drawn into radicalisation.



Why is this relevant to you?

Any child could be susceptible to extremist narratives.

There are some factors that may make some children more susceptible than others.

Extremist groups tap into young people's insecurities and claim to offer answers and promise a sense of identity that young people often seek.

As part of their recruitment strategy, extremist groups also work to undermine the authority of parents and guardians.



Scan here for more information on Prevent and its relevance to you as a parent or carer

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Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring Term 2, 20th February to 31st March 2023

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: 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	
Monday After School	Library – all years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
	Live4Tennis – All years (External club paid) (20 Feb - 27 Mar) 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) (20 Feb – 27 Mar) 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
Tuesday Lunchtime	Netball – Year 5 and 6	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Playground	SG
	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
	Basketball – Year KS3	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Gym	SG
	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	

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	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 Ma) 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	
	Library – All years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
Wednesday After School	Pentanque Invite only	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Hall	External
	Mini Hand Ball – Year 5 and 6 (22 Feb – 29 Mar) 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	
	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

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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
Friday Lunchtime	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	