

Ferndown Middle School

Parent Weekly Newsletter w/c 22 May 2023



School News

Staff Update

We welcome Mr Vann to Ferndown Middle next week. Mr Vann is an experienced teacher and he will be covering Mr Harland-Brassington's timetable until the end of term.

Water bottles and sun protection

Children need to be reminded daily that they will need to bring in a reusable named water bottle with a sports lid to take to lessons and to use at lunchtime if they are having a packed lunch. If their water does run out, there are facilities for them to refill their bottles outside using the sinks provided.

Children are not permitted to bring in cans of drink along with energy drinks and bottled fizzy drinks onto the school premises.

We kindly ask that pupils do not bring in water bottles with lids that spray a mist from their drinks into their faces or glass bottles. We would also like to discourage sending in children with expensive bottles.

As the weather is starting to be sunnier, it is advisable to apply sun cream before school and ensure your child has a named plain sun protection hat available during the school day for PE lessons and break/lunch times. (Please no logos or offensive words).

Book Looks

On the following two dates parents/carers, with their children, are invited to come into school to look at their child's English and Maths books. Your child's teacher will be in their teaching room and they will be available to answer any general questions about your child's work.

- Tuesday 23 May, 15.30 - 16.20 - KS2 English and Maths
- Wednesday 24 May, 15.30 - 16.20 – KS3 English and Maths

In order to have the books ready for parents/carers, please complete this [booking form](#) to indicate 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.



We look forward to welcoming you into school.

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Upcoming dates for your diaries

Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 May	Year 7 - Trips to Butchers Coppice
Tuesday 23 May	KS2 English and maths book look
Wednesday 24 May	KS3 English and maths book look
Friday 26 May	Last day of term – usual finish time
Monday 5 June	First day of term
Wednesday 7 June	Year 8 – Time in a bottle day
Thursday 8 June	Year 8 - HPV immunisation (a letter has been sent out via ParentMail)
Thursday 8 June and 22 June	Year 6 – Financial workshops
Friday 9 June	Year 8 – Anti-bullying day
Monday 12, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 June	Year 5 – Trips to Hengistbury Head
Tuesday 13 June	Year 6 – AFC Bournemouth Health Living visit
Tuesday 20 June	Year 8 – Bournemouth University visit am
Thursday 22 June	Year 6 – Financial workshops
Friday 23 June	Year 7 – Anti-bullying day
Wednesday 28 June	Sports Day
Thursday 6 July	Year 6 – Financial workshops
Friday 7 July	Transfer Day
Thursday 13 July	Year 6 – Financial workshops
Monday 17, Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 July	Year 6 trip to Ancient Technology Centre
Monday 17 – Wednesday 19 July	Year 8 – Trips to Spinnaker Sailing
Friday 21 July	Last day of term – 2.00pm finish



Looking After Your Wellbeing Online

The online world and digital technology has become such a significant part of our lives – and integral to so many aspects of our daily routine – that we shouldn't be surprised at the degree of influence it can wield over what we think and how we feel.

Many experiences that young people have on the internet are hugely positive and uplifting ... but sadly, that's not always the case.

Negative incidents online – such as disagreements with other users, stumbling across upsetting content or feeling left out by friends – can be intensely damaging to a child's emotional state.

The poster has some useful tips for young people and trusted adults on how even small, simple actions can help to protect our wellbeing when we're on the internet.



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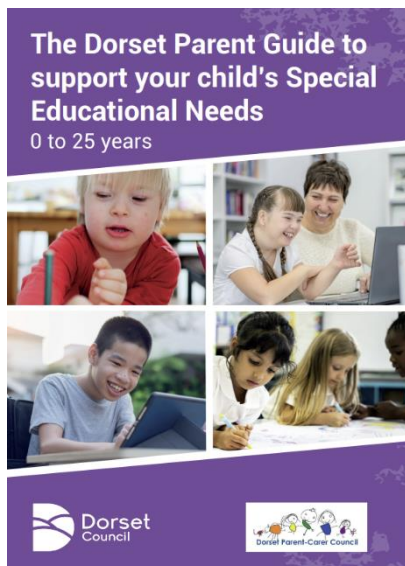
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SEND Support

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](#).



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](#)

Dorset Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

They offer free, confidential, accurate and impartial advice and support to families living in Dorset:

- children and young people aged 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disability (SEND)
- parents and carers of children and young people with SEND



[Dorset SENDIASS](#)

Educational psychologists

They offer parents and carers of children age 3 to 18 years (25 if the young person has Special Educational Needs & Disability) the opportunity to speak with a Dorset Educational Psychologist (EP).

For younger children talk to your Health Visitor or early years provider first.

This is for people that:

- live in Dorset
- have a query or concern about learning or behaviour
- have worries about wellbeing and emotions

[You can book a telephone consultation online HERE](#)

Further Support

To find and join a local support group run by parents and carers.

www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/fis-search

eastlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

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Extra-Curricular Clubs - Summer Term 1, 17th April to 26th May 2023

Day	Club	Duration	Times	Room/ area	Leader
Monday Lunchtime	Food Lunch Club Dates: 24th April, 15th May, 12th June, 3rd July 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
	Cricket – Boys all years	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	
	Maths Club – Year 6	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	LA18	AC
	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) 17 Apr – 22 May https://www.live4tennis.co.uk/ 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) 17 Apr - 22 May Welcome to Rippa Rugby	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	External
	Orchestra – Invite only	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Music Room	SW
	Rounders – Years 5 & 6	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	SG
Tuesday Lunchtime	Singing Group - All years	30 mins	12:40 - 1:10	Music Room	SW
	Cricket – Girls All Years	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	
	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) 18 Apr – 11 July Team Theme booking form	1 hour	15.25 – 16.25	Gym	External
	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Library	GB

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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
	Sports Leaders - Year 8	30 mins	12.15 - 12.45	Gym	KB
	Athletics - Years 5 & 6	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	Mini Hand Ball – Year 5 and 6 19 Apr – 24 May Upcoming events - Booking by Bookwhen 30 spaces	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Gym	External
Thursday Lunchtime	French – 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	
	Library All Years Max 30 children, quiet reading, choosing, renewing and returning books	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	Library	GB
	Science Club – Years 5 & 6 (starts 27 th April)	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10		CJ
Thursday After School	Homework Club – All years	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Library	GB
	Cricket - Year 5	1 hour	15.20 – 16.20	Field	MW
	Athletics – Years 7 & 8	30 mins	12.15 – 12.45	Gym	SH, SG, SH
Friday Lunchtime	Homework Club	25 mins	12.45 – 1.10	ICT 1	
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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 Thursday 31 August 2023	

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Term Dates 2023 – 2024

Winter Term Dates 2023

Inset Day	Friday 1 September 2023	Bank holidays in the autumn term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday 25 December 2023 Tuesday 26 December 2023
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	Bank holidays in the spring term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day: Monday 1 January 2024 Good Friday: Friday 29 March 2024 Easter Monday: Monday 1 April 2024
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	Bank holidays in the summer term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early May bank holiday: Monday 6 May 2024 Spring bank holiday: Monday 27 May 2024 Summer bank holiday: Monday 26 August 2024
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	