

FERNDOWN FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Do you know our school values?



A Value is a principle that guides our thinking and our behaviour.

At Ferndown First School, we believe it is crucially important that the whole staff team, parents and children are involved in promoting values and recognising where others are 'living the values'.

The values we developed were selected as values which are important within the school community, beyond the school community and which are important throughout life.

In the work we do together, please remember our school CARE values.

Community

Aspiration

Respect

Excellence

WELCOME!



Our school works closely with the Poole Teaching School Alliance to provide placements for students training to enter the teaching profession. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lillyston to the Year 2 team for the rest of this academic year. We hope Mrs Lillyston enjoys her placement at Ferndown First School.

ONLINE PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. If you didn't make an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact the school office. Thank you.

ONLINE PARENTS EVENING

TAPESTRY – SENDING MESSAGES



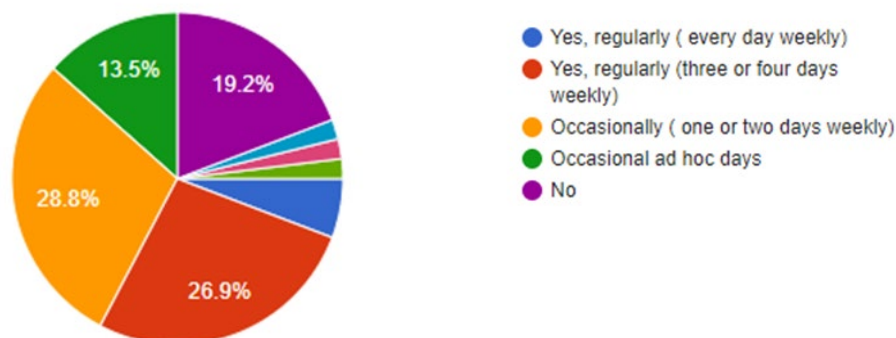
Please be aware that staff do not access Tapestry on a regular basis. We prefer parents use the school email address, if you have a message that needs our attention. We will be able to help you much more quickly.



CHILD CARE SURVEY

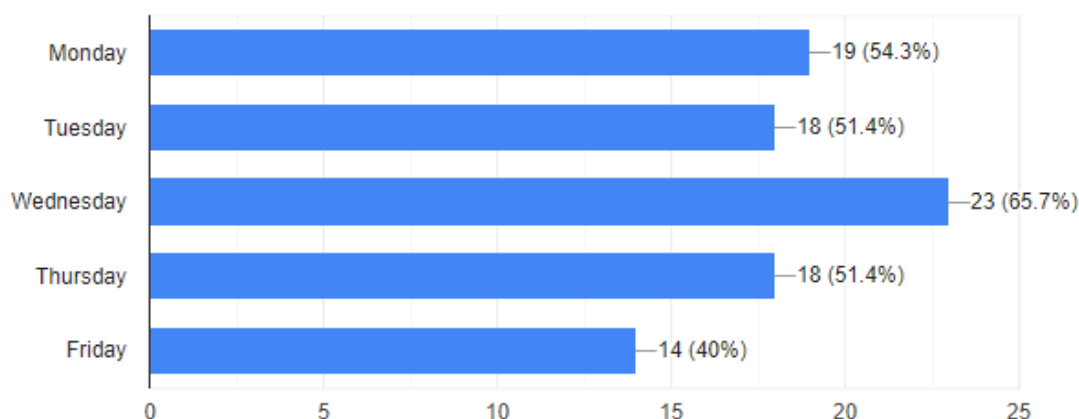
We had 52 responses to the recent Child Care Survey. Thank you if you took the time to respond. The demand for daily childcare was low (3 families) but there are 36 families who would like greater choice and more flexibility for three to four days a week or occasionally.

Would you use an after school child care facility based at school?



70% of those who responded would want childcare between 3.05pm and 5pm. 27% (9 families) indicated they would want later collection options.

Generally the demand, across each day of the week was as follows, with Wednesday being the most popular and Friday the least popular, which is a pattern we saw when we last asked parents.



Governors discussed this on Thursday evening and were sympathetic to the difficulties for working parents, whilst mindful of the previous financial impact our own after school provision cost the school, when apparent demand didn't materialise.

Whilst the school is not in a position at the moment to offer our own after school child care, we are now exploring options to outsource to a reputable Ofsted approved provider. Whilst we cannot guarantee we will be able to secure provision, we will certainly make some enquiries.

Mrs Di-Pede would welcome parental involvement in this project and invites any interested parents to join her in a working group. If you are interested in joining this working group, please email the school office to express an interest.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021 (Year 2 and Year 3 Only)



Parents of children in **current** Year 2 and 3 are asked to use the link below to complete a questionnaire regarding planning for the provision of instrumental music lessons in September. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/igEnyw1d3QWtZdn29>

STAFFING FROM SEPTEMBER 2021



At this time of year, some parents start to ask us about who their child's teacher for the next year will be. It is too early to say at this stage and we ask for your understanding and patience please. We are finalising our staffing plans for September and we expect to be able to give parents an update towards the end of June. Your child will meet their new teacher on Friday 2nd July.

YEAR 4 - OSMINGTON BAY DAY TRIPS 2021



Information has now been sent home to parents regarding the forthcoming day trips to Osmington Bay. Please ensure all the information is returned **no later than MONDAY 10TH MAY.**

The parents' online meeting will take place on **Monday 10th May at 6pm.** During this meeting staff will explain the activities the children will take part in and give final information.

OSMINGTON BAY REFUNDS



We are pleased to advise that we now have the final financial information which will enable us to refund parents for the cancelled residential Osmington Bay trip this year. Whilst we hope to refund parents as quickly as possible, please bear with us as this is a complicated process which will take time. Thank you.

YEAR 4 - PROVISION FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING OSMINGTON BAY

Those Year 4 children remaining in school on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th May will be taking part in an exciting alternative timetable for these two days which will include experiencing problem solving tasks, team building challenges and Forest School activities, led by Mrs Oldring. Children will continue to have PE with Jamie and Music with Mrs Charters on Thursday 13th May.



Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on both days; they will also need jumpers and coats as we hope to use the outdoor learning environments as much as possible. A letter providing more information regarding this is being sent home to parents of these children today.



SUMMER TERM TUITION WITH MRS BREMNER AND MRS HURST

It is really important that all parents understand our current "catch up" provision.

Schools are expected to use the government funding strategically, to support all children to meet age related expectations as soon as possible. A high percentage of our children are absolutely on track and don't need any additional tuition at this time. Their needs are being fully met, in the classroom.



The children that have been selected for additional tuition this term make up approximately 20% of our pupils. These children have been carefully targeted by their teacher as the most likely to benefit from this support, right now.

More children will be selected for tuition in the autumn term, if teachers think some additional support would help them, in the new school year.



RSE IN SCHOOL

As you may be aware, The Department for Education announced changes to Relationships and Sex Education (RSE). These changes came into effect from September 2020 and all schools are now obliged to comply with the updated requirements.

When these changes were first introduced, we held a consultation with parents and our RSE policy has been available on our website for all parents to read.

It is very important that parents and carers fully understand the requirements and the content of the RSE curriculum. We will be arranging information sessions for all parents to learn more about curriculum in each year group during the week commencing 17th May.

Attached to the newsletter is our school RSE policy for parents to read and supporting information provided by our PSHE scheme Jigsaw. Parents are invited to email questions to the school office.

LINING UP IN THE MORNING

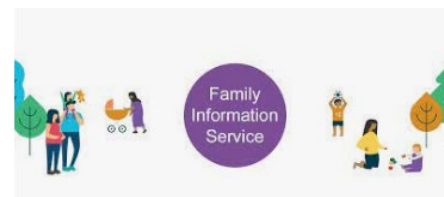


We would like each school day to start calmly and positively. We would prefer that children wait in the lines with their parents in the morning until a staff member allows the children into school. There's plenty of time for play later in the morning. Thank you for your cooperation.

If your child is riding a scooter to school, these should not be used anywhere on the school premises please. Once you enter the school grounds, please walk with scooters. There are no storage facilities at the moment but we are working on this.

DORSET FAMILY INFORMATION SERVICE

The Dorset **Family Information Service** provides free, impartial advice and assistance to parents and carers of children and young people aged up to 19, or up to 25 years for those with [special educational needs or disability \(SEND\)](#).



For more information, please see <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/get-help-for-your-family/family-information-service.aspx>





**FERNDOWN
TOWN COUNCIL**
serving the local community

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FERNDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

“Ferndown Town Council are inviting parents and children to take part in an online focus group (small discussion group) via Zoom on **Monday 24 May at 11am** and **Tuesday 25 May at**

7pm. The focus group should last no longer that one hour.

The focus group will provide an opportunity for you to find out about the Town Council’s plans to refurbish the play equipment in Dugdell Play Area. In particular we would like to know:

- what current play equipment is popular with children
- what new play equipment children would like to see and use

More background information will be sent to those confirming attendance before the focus group. Your views will help us plan the refurbishment of Dugdell Play Area.

If you would like to take part in the focus group on either **Monday 24 May** or **Tuesday 25 May**, please let us know by contacting Louise Harrison on 01202 892249 or by email at townclerk@ferndown.gov.uk.”

WHO TO SPEAK WITH IF YOU NEED HELP

If you have a question or concern, the first person to raise this with is your child’s teacher. If they are unable to help you, there are Year Leaders and Phase Leaders you should turn to next. If you need further help once you have spoken to Year Leaders or Phase Leaders, the Senior Leadership Team will try to help you.

Year Groups	Class Teachers	Year Leaders	Phase Leader	Senior Leadership Team
EYFS	Mrs Barnes Mrs Cload Mrs Dudley Mrs Penfold Mrs Smith	Mrs Cload	Mrs Cload	Mrs Errington Mr Watts Mrs Di-Pede
Year 1	Mr Hunt Mrs King Mr Watts	Mr Watts		
Year 2	Miss James Mrs Lord Mrs Errington Mrs Wallace	Mrs Lord	Mrs Errington	
Year 3	Miss Lovegrove Miss Weguelin	Miss Lovegrove	Mr West	
Year 4	Miss Biles Mr West	Mr West		

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Di-Pede
Headteacher



Big Moments of summer fun!



For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.

Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at

allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre



This is our game.



**Calling all 8-11
year-olds!
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dynamicscricket.co.uk

