

FERNDOWN FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

As we close for the summer holidays today, I want to thank our whole school community – children, parents, staff and Governors for their support and co-operation throughout the year.

We could never have anticipated that another school year would be so disrupted and whilst we have all had to cope with disappointments and challenges, there is still plenty to be very proud of and lots to look forward to. Your children have coped remarkably well and we are proud of each and every one of them.

We say goodbye to several staff today - Mrs Penfold, Miss James and Miss Arney. We thank them for their contribution to Ferndown First School and wish them well. We will be thinking of Mr Hunt and Miss Lovegrove on their respective wedding days.

FAREWELL YEAR 4

Year 4 children had a wonderful surprise visit to the cinema to watch 'The Witches' last week which we hope they all enjoyed. Thank you to parents for keeping this surprise a secret! Whilst we haven't been able to offer our more traditional leavers' events before Year 4 children move onto middle school, we have had a lot of fun together, sharing memories of their time at Ferndown First School.

We would like to arrange a Leavers' event for September. Let's see how the land lies and give the children a chance to settle in their new schools. We will then be in touch with some suggestions.

We will miss Year 4 and the small number of children in other year groups who are leaving us for new schools in September. I am confident that they are leaving us ready for the next chapter in their learning journey with us.

PROPERTY LEFT IN SCHOOL

Teachers had very little time to make sure all personal property was ready to send home. They did their best but we know there are some things that remain in school. We have limited staff in school today. If you are looking for items that you know were left behind, please email the office with specific details. Over the holidays we will do our best to gather everything together for collection.

Thanks for your patience and understanding. We would normally have had more time to organise this. It just wasn't possible this year, for obvious reasons.



INFORMATION AND REMINDERS FOR SEPTEMBER

CAR PARK



The school car park is for the use of staff and authorised permit holders **only**. There is no parking for parents except those with disabled badge permits.

We have a long term arrangement in place with St Mary's Church, Ferndown who have very kindly offered the use of their car park to our parents at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be courteous to our neighbours in Mountbatten Drive and Brabourne Avenue. Please park and stride from the leisure centre or Tesco.

ENTRY/EXIT ARRANGEMENTS

Access arrangements for the start and end of the day have worked so well this year that we plan to keep a similar one way system in place in September, to help avoid congestion.

More information about this will be shared at a later date when we will confirm start and end times.



PTA

Thank you to our retiring PTA members. Quite a few parents in Year 4 heavily supported our fundraising events during the past five years.

It has been very difficult to raise funds for the school over the last 18 months and we hope to relaunch the school PTA in September. All parents are members and we look forward to

We are required to give notice of the PTA AGM – please see the formal notice at the end of this newsletter.

Provisional date – Monday 13th September at 7pm *

Further information will be made available about this meeting in due course.



HC3S – SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER

Information about menus for the new school year will be shared with you in September.

AND FINALLY..

I will be in touch over the summer with more information about arrangements for September. In the meantime, have a happy, safe and memorable holiday with your wonderful children.

Before you know it, it will be **Monday 6th September** and we will re-open for the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J M Di-Pede
Headteacher





PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – PROVISIONAL DATE

SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS

The Ferndown First School PTA (reg. charity number 1014904) hereby gives notice of its **Annual General Meeting** to be held on **Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.00pm - 8.30pm**, in the Staff Room.

The AGM will precede our normal monthly meeting.

We must hold an AGM each year according to our Constitution, and at this meeting our Committee Officers are elected.

If you wish to stand as Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary you must complete the attached form, have your name proposed and seconded by parents of the school, and return the slip to the school office before 3pm on Wednesday 8th September 2021.

You should then attend the AGM when voting will take place.

Appointments are for the term of one year. Anyone is welcome to be a Committee Member

At the AGM we will also have a brief report on the work of the PTA over the last year, a financial report, and a look forward to forthcoming fundraising events.

Formal meetings take place every other month with sub-committees for each fundraising event being formed.

Sub-committees can then arrange meet at convenient times and be as inclusive as possible.

If you have a child at our school you are already a member of the PTA.

Please come and show your support!

PTA AGM – 13th September 2021

I wish to stand for the PTA Office of

Chair / Vice-Chair / Treasurer / Secretary / Committee Member (* circle as appropriate)

Name..... Signed

Proposer's Name..... Signed.....

Seconder's Name Signed.....

Dated:

Please return to the school office by 3pm on Wednesday 8 September 2021.

Thank you.



It's time to get ready for the Summer Reading Challenge!



Come to Ferndown library this summer and look out for Wild World Heroes, a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment.

Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library from Saturday 3 July until Saturday 11 September.

- Get your free fold out poster and go on to collect six Wild World Heroes stickers as you read or listen to library books of your choice.
- Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal.
- Keep an eye open for special Wild World Heroes events and activities online and at a library near you.

To find out more visit www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries, follow us on Twitter @DorsetLibraries or find us on Facebook at Ferndown Library.

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