

FERNDOWN FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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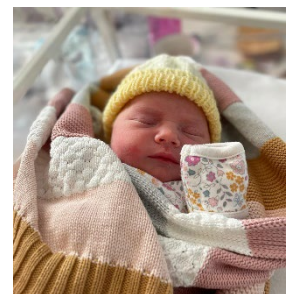
9th July 2021

Dear Parents

School is closed on Friday 9th and Monday 12th July for staff training. Children return to school on Tuesday 13th July.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hurst on the safe arrival of their daughter, Ella Hurst, born on Monday 5th July, 7lbs 1oz. Mum and baby are doing well. Such great news!



END OF YEAR REPORTS



Your child's End of Year Report Letter is being published on **Thursday 15th July.**

Teachers will hand reports to parents at the end of the school day. If you are unable to collect your child's report, please email the school office and advise who will be collecting this for you.

Staff will not be able to give out reports to anyone other than parents unless we have your written permission.)

FINAL WEEK OF TERM

We are all looking forward to the lifting of remaining COVID restrictions on 19th July (hopefully) but, in school, our risk assessment and procedures will not change for the remainder of this term.

Staff, children and parents have worked together to minimise risk and keep everyone safe. Changing procedures at this very late stage when only a few days of term remain, will be confusing and difficult to manage. Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding.

Rhonda Moore, Trust CEO, has written to all parents at all trust schools to reiterate this message. A copy of her letter is attached for your information.

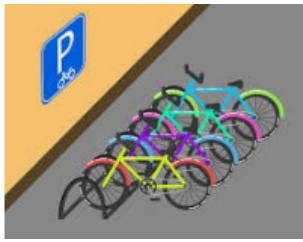


SCOOTERS

Children should not scooter anywhere on school premises. This includes anywhere in the car park, pavements in school grounds and the playground.



NEW BIKE STANDS



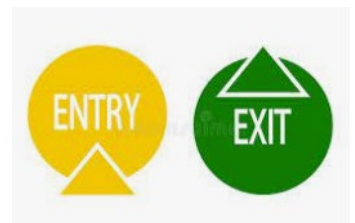
New bike racks with spaces for 45 bikes are now in place at the rear of the waiting area. Children are welcome to use this new facility, however, please ensure that your child's bike is secured with a good padlock.

The school does not take responsibility for any scooters/bikes/helmets left on the school premises and owners leave these at their own risk.

If your child leaves a bike on the new bike racks, please leave school via the main gates and follow the footpath back to the new gate to collect bicycles after you have collected children. The Bike Shed on the playground remains out of use at this time.

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.



Please supervise children when walking directly across the car park. Whilst traffic movement is restricted at the beginning and end of day, there are still some vehicles arriving and leaving.

We have two entry gates from the footpath nearest the waiting area which should be used to access the school premises. When leaving school, please stay on the main path and leave via the main school gate.

ASK YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR OFFICE TO HELP YOU



Lunchtime staff have told us that parents are approaching them about situations in school, either in person or via phone and social media. Parents are reminded that lunchtime staff are unable to speak with you directly about school related matters. Any questions or concerns you may have regarding lunchtimes should be raised with the office or class teachers, please.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK

There will be small changes to the settings of the school Facebook page in the coming weeks. Parents should be aware that if they comment on a post, there may be a small delay waiting for approval before this is published.



BRITISH LEGION



A Parent Mail letter was sent home regarding a complaint from the British Legion about damage to the Memorial Garden and parents using their car park. With immediate effect, parents are reminded that they are not permitted to use the British Legion car park any more.



SPORTS DAY YEAR GROUP EVENTS



As previously advised, we will be unable to carry out Sports Day in the way we had hoped. Year group bubbles will all take part in their own sports event during the week commencing 12th July.

We are sorry we won't be able to allow parents to spectate but we will share photos of the events.

Children will be taking part in 6 activities which will include the following:

- Long distance throw
- Running race
- Obstacle course
- Hockey dribbling then taking a shot
- Target throw
- Water bucket race

Parents are asked to ensure their children wear their normal PE kits to school on their Sports Day Event, as detailed below. Children will not be wearing different coloured t-shirts this year.

EYFS & Year 4	Tuesday 13 th July
Years 2 & 3	Wednesday 14 th July
Year 1	Monday 19 th July

Parents of Year 1 and Year 4 children only: Please **also** send your child to school in their PE kit on Thursday 15th July, as this is their timetabled PE day.

Depending on the weather forecast, please ensure your child has either a named coat in school or, if better weather is predicted, sun cream which has been applied before school, together with a named hat and a refillable drinks bottle. Thank you for your co-operation.

COMMUNITY LINKS – TIME CAPSULE FOR KINGS PARK CARE HOME, CHURCH ROAD



Children from Year 4 have produced some artwork that signifies the welcoming of this new building to our community. The artwork has now been placed in a time capsule which will be buried in the garden at the new home.

We look forward to continuing to build our community links with these new neighbours.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

The Government has announced that it will be extending the funding for Free School Meal Vouchers again over the Summer Holidays for children who are entitled to Pupil Premium. However, we have been advised that this will be the last extension of the scheme and the funding has been reduced. Families will receive **one £60 voucher per eligible child**.



The vouchers will be issued via Evouchers.com and parents should receive these via e-mail on Monday 19th July.

Dorset Council has also made other activities available for children in receipt of free school meals – please use the link below to access more information:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/summer-in-dorset.aspx>



END OF TERM COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS



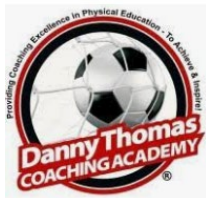
Thank you to parents who have already responded regarding their end of term collection arrangements. On Friday 23rd July parents can choose the time you collect your child from school, ie an early afternoon slot between 1.15pm to 1.30pm or you can choose to collect at the end of the day at normal time.

Arrangements for dismissing the children will be the same as usual. Please wait in your usual year group waiting areas. Staff will send each year group of parents onto the playground in turn.

The link below provides parents with a form to complete to confirm which time you will collect your child.

<https://forms.gle/bNmVhVe4UDfXtCyDA>

If parents don't complete this form, we will expect you at the normal time for collection on 23rd July.



DANNY THOMAS COACHING ACADEMY (DTCA) – AFTER-SCHOOL CHILD CARE

As advised to parents yesterday via ParentMail, Danny Thomas Coaching Academy is to provide after school childcare until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday, on days the school is open.

This will be a new venture for DTCA, running independently of the school, using some of our premises. Twenty places will be available per day for pupils at Ferndown First School only, in the first instance. If you would like to register your interest, please complete the form via the link provided below. Please note: Completing this will not constitute a booking but it will greatly help DTCA get a sense for demand and allow them to plan this new after school care provision.

<https://forms.gle/wP153scq11CvYYnK9>

DTCA will be providing more information, fees, terms and conditions for parents before the end of term, giving plenty of time to book places over the summer holidays, before term begins in September.



YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL TRIP MARCH 2022 (YEAR 3 PARENTS)

Thank you to parents who have responded to the letter advising of the proposed residential visit to Avon Tyrrell next year. We are asking for expressions of interest so, if you have yet to respond and would like to do so, please use the following link to access the form:

<https://forms.gle/v33CayRUba5PqDri7>

GENERAL REMINDERS



WATER BOTTLES

Parents are asked to ensure their child has a named water bottle in school at all times so children can use and refill these throughout the day. Thank you.



SUN SAFETY AND PROTECTION



As the weather turns for the better, we need to ensure we keep safe whilst in the sun. Although children are outside during their lunch hours, there is always shade available to them if they want a break from the sunshine.

Parents are reminded of the importance of applying sun cream every day, **before school**, depending on the forecast, and should also provide their child with a hat (named please) for when they are outside, ie for PE lessons / playtimes. Thank you.

...AND FINALLY

Please remember, amid all of the excitement, that school is closed to children on **Monday 12th July** for the remaining staff Inset day for this academic year. Have a great weekend. Enjoy the match on Sunday, if you are watching.



Yours sincerely

Mrs J Di-Pede
Headteacher



**** Advertisements ****

(Ferndown First School does not endorse any of the advertisements published in this Newsletter.)

Please note that more information will be sent out to parents regarding the Summer Reading Challenge in due course.



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

Come to your 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

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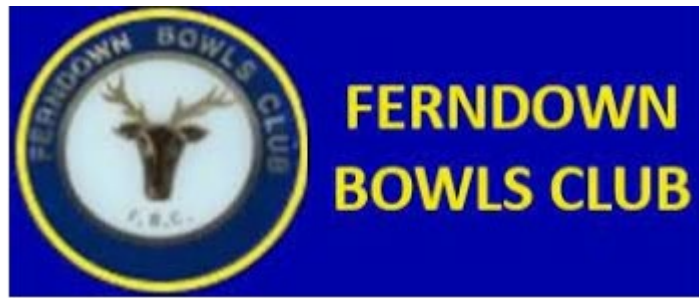












FERNDOWN BOWLS CLUB - NEW YOUTH MEMBERS WANTED!

Ferndown Bowls Club is looking for new youth members aged 7+.

They practice every Sunday 10am-11am at KGV bowls green.

It is £1 a session which includes a drink and biscuit.

Come along to see if you like it as it's great fun!



The Caterpillar Club is a small, friendly, term-time Pre-School located in the grounds of Ferndown First School. Our friendly, caring and well qualified staff help the children to learn and achieve through their play in a well-resourced and stimulating environment; enabling them to make good progress towards achieving their Early Learning Goals. We have an excellent outside area where the children can play, explore and learn safely. We open from 7.45am till 4.30pm Monday - Friday. We take children from the first full term after their 2nd birthday until they go to school. Please call for more details and to arrange to

have a look around. Telephone 01202 893272.

OFSTED July 2019 - Good with Outstanding Areas.





SCHOOL OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE 2021

The School of Kindness is part of the 52 Lives charity. 52 Lives aims to change people's lives and spread kindness with the help of almost 100,000 supporters around the world. What began as some weekly school kindness workshops has grown into a whole suite of projects and resources to help schools encourage kindness and, most importantly, help children to understand the effect kindness can have on themselves, on others and on the world.

The School of Kindness 52 Lives charity is inviting children to take part in their Summer of Love Kindness Challenge. All children need to do (with help from their parents) is to download their Kindness Calendar via the link below and record their daily acts of kindness.

There are some suggested activities, and plenty of space for them to fill in their own ideas. There's even a colour key to record whether it's an act that's *kind to the environment*, *kind to someone else* or *kind to themselves*.

By completing their own Kindness Calendar, not only will they be helping other people, they will also be helping themselves...because when we're kind it improves our own physical and mental health. There's no downside to kindness!

<https://schoolofkindness.org/kindness-calendar-for-children>



Summer in Dorset is designed to bring high quality, accessible and affordable holiday activities to you, our families in Dorset.

Summer in Dorset is an opportunity for children and young people to:

- take part in an exciting programme of activities and events
- make new friends
- enjoy tasty and nutritious food
- take part in physical exercise and learn new skills
- have lots of fun!

For more information – go to:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme/summer-in-dorset.aspx>

