



## Head Teacher Update

Well we almost had a run on the field! The children were so excited to be on there and then the deluge that was Monday happened and we were back on the playground again. It certainly does not give me confidence for our planned Parley Pentathlon next Friday. I will have to postpone this if the weather conditions mean that the surface is slippery as sadly, these days, I cannot proceed due to the culture of legal action. I am studying weather forecasts daily at the moment. Hopefully it will stay warm long enough to dry the field out!

We will then also look forward to the Circus coming to Parley again on Saturday 22nd June! At present, we are short of volunteers for this event so if you are able to help then I would be very grateful to ensure the event runs as smoothly as it can. Unfortunately, I am not able to attend this event as my parents are both celebrating a significant birthday and wedding anniversary, so I will be making the trip to Wales. However, my superb team will be here to enjoy all the fun of the circus. If you are able to help out on the day, please contact POPS - <https://www.parley.dorset.sch.uk/parents/pops/>. There is also a Facebook page that you can also join if you'd like to.

There has been quite a bit of media interest in schools this week and one area we have also been discussing as staff is the impact of smartphones and technology on children. I have also been speaking to parents about this topic and gaining their views. Of course, technology is part of children's lives and will be going forward. The question is how much technology is a healthy balance. I think it is also true for us as adults. There is a campaign running at the moment to have a smartphone free childhood...

*Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement aiming to challenge the norm around when parents buy smartphones for their children. In Britain today, 24% of 5 - 7 year olds now own a smartphone, by age 12, 97% do. When parents first started giving smartphones to their children, we didn't know the impact they would have. Research has shown the younger a child gets a smartphone, the worse their mental health will be.*

There is plenty of research published and certainly more on the way, with a particular focus on the subject. We have discussed this topic this week as part of our staff development and training. We need to try to ensure that children's active listening skills are maintained and improved. We are going to continue to look at the research and base development on this and work with you on trying to improve our children's mental health and well-being, as well as the impact it has on sleep and attainment. We need to make sure we keep well informed and certainly not become complacent about the impact of smartphones on our children, and also as they grow up.

I hope that we have another weekend of weather like last weekend and you can all enjoy it. Hopefully we will see you next week, in person, on Friday, but I will keep you updated and try to give as much notice as possible.

Mr Bagwell

Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Wed 22nd May	Y3 BSO Trip
Fri 24th May	Parley Pentathlon 12.00 - 3.00pm
Sat 22nd Jun	Happy's Circus
Fri 28th Jun	Transfer Day

[Link to Key Dates](#)

## Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club  
bookings must be made on  
ParentMail 7 days before the  
date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made  
in advance to avoid  
disappointment.

## School Attendance

**Whole School - 95.0%**

**YR - 94.1%**

**Y1 - 95.2%**

**Y2 - 95.6%**

**Y3 - 95.1%**

**Y4 - 95.3%**

*The school day begins at*

**8.45am.**

**Gates open at 8.30am**

## Mini Athletics

Mini Athletics will not be running for the rest of this academic year. This Friday's class will be cancelled and refunded to those parents who have paid for it and the club will be contacting those parents directly.

## Peardrops Payments - Please Read

Please may we remind all parents who pay for Peardrops bookings by childcare vouchers or BACS of the following:

- Please ensure you make payment at the time of booking or shortly afterwards. We are receiving an increasing number of late payments.
- When cancelling sessions on the ParentMail app, please email the school office to advise us as we will not receive notifications about this otherwise and will therefore not know to issue you with a credit.

## Year 3 BSO Trip

The Year 3 trip to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra takes place on **Wednesday 22nd May**. Please ensure your child arrives to school promptly as the coach will be leaving at 9.00am. The children will return to school for lunch and can order their hot meal choice as usual in the morning before they leave. If your child has a packed lunch, just send them in with it as normal. All children must be in full uniform for this trip.

## Job Opportunity - Breakfast Club

We are looking to appoint a new member of staff to help Mrs Parry run Breakfast Club. The hours would be 7.30 - 8.30pm, 5 days per week. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the school office. Thank you very much.

## Parley Pentathlon

Providing the weather stays dry, Parley Pentathlon will take place in the afternoon on **Friday 24th May**. Parents and families are invited to arrive at school for midday to join their child(ren) on the field for a picnic. The gates will open at 12.00 noon for you to meet your child at their rear year group door. YR&1 enter via the KS1 gate, Y2,3&4 enter via KS2 gate. Children will return back to class at 1.00pm for registration and will come back out shortly afterwards ready to begin the event. If you are unable to attend the event, your child will eat lunch in the hall as usual.

# Community News

PARAGON FOOTBALL COACHING



**MAY HALF-TERM CLUB**  
WEDNESDAY MAY 29th

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Full day packed with football fun!

£20 per day per child

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

Ages 5 - 12  
Boys & Girls

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!

Parley First School  
Glenmoor Road  
West Parley  
BH22 8QE

Outdoor + Indoor facilities

9am - 3pm  
Early Drop off  
and Late Pick up  
available - Please  
ask!

Please bring trainers, boots, packed lunch,  
snacks & plenty of water

CONTACT MATT ON DETAILS BELOW

07455691658 info@paragonfootballcoaching.co.uk

### Half Term Family Cooking Clubs



Summer is officially here, so we'll be making delicious picnic foods and Italian (because we want to pretend we're on holiday!). For children and families (5 years +), our Cooking Club makes and samples delicious food in the Larder & Food Bank in Ferndown (Ferndown Day Centre). It's a great place for all ages and makes. Cookery Club is incredibly popular, so do book ASAP to secure your space.

We ask that young people attend with an appropriate parent/carer (if this is a problem, please get in touch with us). These activities are FREE thanks to some generous funding and lovely volunteers, so perfect for those on a budget too. Please book children's spaces only, no need to book accompanying adults. Please let us know any allergies and additional needs in advance, so we can best cater for these. These sessions are SEN friendly. Can't wait to see you there!

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/fcs-may-cooking-club-tickets-904417837097?aff=oddtcreator>