



## FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022

Can you believe we are nearly at the end of this academic year? It has flown by! It is also the first full year in the school building for a long time and everyone feels a bit tired as a result. However, the children continue to amaze me every day with their hard work, enthusiasm and kindness.

It has also been lovely to receive really positive feedback from parents recently as our staff team work so hard to get things right for your children. Thank you to those parents who have contacted us.

As ever, we have a couple of busy weeks to end the school year. Keep an eye on Marvellous Me to ensure you know the latest information.

Mrs Frampton

### Important Dates

A reminder that we finish at **1.30pm** on Thursday 21st July.  
We are closed on Friday 22nd July for our Jubilee Bank Holiday.

School re-opens to children on **Friday 2nd September**. This is an important day for children to attend and will have a focus on settling in to new classes.

### End of Year Summary Reports

As you are aware, we send our annual reports home in the Spring Term. On Monday 18th July, you will receive a short report containing your child's view of their year, along with results of any formal tests your child has taken.

- Reception—End of EYFS profile
- Year 1—Phonics Screening
- Year 2—End of KS1 teacher assessments
- Year 4—Multiplication Check
- Year 6—End of KS2 test results in Reading, Spelling and Grammar and Maths and end of KS2 teacher assessments in writing and science.

If you have any questions about the information, please email your child's class teacher.

### Y6 residential

We would like to wish Y6 a super time on their residential next week. If your child is not attending the visit, they are expected in school for a week of activities here.

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### **Trips and Visits**

We always try to enhance our curriculum by planning a range of trips, visits and visitors across the year.

Sadly, as with most things at the moment, the cost of these, particularly the coaches, are rising.

We want to make these important activities as affordable as possible and often use minibuses instead of coaches and apply for grants to cover some of the costs.

Next year we plan to issue parents with a costed plan for the year's activities in September. This will hopefully allow you to plan for any costs coming up.

We cannot charge parents for trips in the school day but we can, and do, ask for voluntary donations. Your child will not be excluded from the activity if you do not make a donation. However, if we do not receive enough donations, we will have to cancel the activity. This is because the school budget cannot afford to 'top up' the cost of these activities any longer.

Please speak you to your child's class teacher or to Mr Walsh if you would benefit from any financial support in these difficult times.

### **Y6 Business Enterprise Day**

We invite you to come and visit the Y6 stalls on Monday 18th July at the front of school at collection time. There are a range of homemade items on sale and Y6 have been working very hard running their businesses. Please bring some small change and grab a bargain!

### **Non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank**

Thursday 21st July will be a non uniform day for the Foodbank. Please bring a tin or packet as a donation.

The Foodbank is open over the summer holidays if you are in need of support.

It is located at

St Joe's, 67a Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH

You can call

07587 371088 or 07536 983678

### **Sports Days**

A huge thank you to Mrs Whitehead for organising successful sports days this week. It was wonderful to be able to welcome parents to these events again too!

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

The House winners were:

**St Andrew's House**

Congratulations!

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### Summer Reading Challenge at Christchurch Library

We welcomed Christchurch Library staff to our assembly on Monday and they told us all about their **FREE** summer reading challenge.

Over the 6 weeks of the holiday they challenge you to read 6 books (or listen to 6 books on audiobook or have 6 books read to you). If you manage this you will receive a certificate, medal and stickers!

Signing up for the challenge is **FREE**—just pop down to the library. The library are also running lots of other FREE events over the summer.

### Events over the last two weeks....

- ◆ Year 1 had a fantastic trip to the Oceanarium
- ◆ Y6 continued their swimming lessons
- ◆ We had a really successful Meet the Teacher morning and children enjoyed being a year older for the morning!
  - ◆ We held a very active Sports Week with many fun activities
    - ◆ KS1 and KS2 sports days were a big success
- ◆ A group of 6th formers from Bournemouth School for Girls have been tutoring some of our Y5 pupils

### Coming up....

- ◆ Y6 residential
- ◆ A group of Y5s are attending a Spy Academy at Bournemouth School for Girls
  - ◆ Y1 have their Pirate Wow Day on 14th July
  - ◆ Y2 are walking to Mudeford Quay on 14th July
- ◆ We have some Road Safety sessions led by BCP on 15th July
  - ◆ Y6 Leavers' Assembly on 21st July

### Road Safety

Following an accident on Friday morning, please can we remind you again, to ensure your child wears a helmet if they are riding their bike or scooter to school.

We regularly have Road Safety assemblies and next week we have a Road Safety Day but please can you reinforce the important messages at home, particularly about stopping, looking and listening before your child crosses a road. Thank you.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

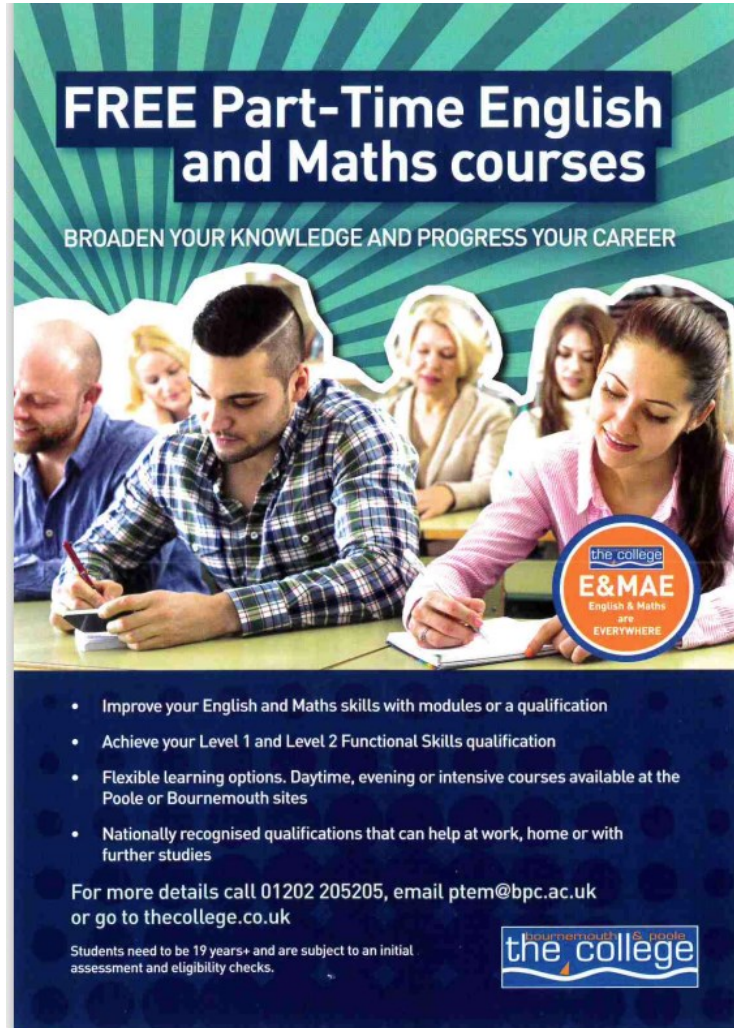
We have some uniform in school which you are welcome to have for a small donation to the school. We will be putting our stock on tables for you to have a look next week at collection times at the front gate.

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### Summer Holiday Support

Parents who claim benefit related free school meals for their child will receive an £80 food voucher per child for the summer holidays. The school will issue these as usual on behalf of the Local Authority.

In addition to the vouchers issued through schools, additional support is also available to families and other households through the Citizen's Advice service in BCP. For further details on eligibility please visit <https://www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk/hsf/>

There are also details around additional support such as managing your finances, access to community food settings and other support here [Support if you are struggling to pay for food \(bpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk)

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## Watermans Park | July Programme



### Butterfly Surveys

Mon 4 & 18 July | 1.30pm - 2.30pm

We're running butterfly surveys to help us better understand our local butterfly populations.

Get involved in citizen science and learn some key identifying features of our butterfly species.

Free event



### Nature Tots

Tues 5 & 19 July | 10am - 11am

A fun group for under 5s and their carers, themed around nature and the changing seasons.

Your child can become a bold explorer and develop their curiosity through play and discovery in the park.

Free event



### GreenFingers

Mon 4 & 18 July | 2.30pm - 4pm

Join our GreenFingers volunteer group to enjoy the outdoors and get involved in practical conservation in your local park.

This month we'll be adding plants and working on the new wildlife pond.

For more information contact: melinda@parksfoundation.org.uk

### Pollinator Surveys

Tues 5 July | 11am - 12pm  
Tues 12 July | 1.30pm - 2.30pm

We will be monitoring our pollinators in the park, like bees.

Join us to find out about these amazing creatures and why they are so important.

Free event



### Park Life - After School

Tues 12 July | 3pm - 4.30pm

At this session, discover all the different types of wild grasses and flowers in the park and why they're important to nature.

You'll also make a stylish print to take home.

Free event



### The first week of the school summer holidays will be all about swifts!

Look out on our website and Facebook page for more information about these exciting activities, coming soon.

Join us to learn all about these amazing birds.



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## New House Names

This term, the School Council have been leading a project to update the names of our Houses. We currently use St George, St Andrew, St Patrick and St David. First the School Council spoke to their classes about inspirational figures and role models. Class reps then took suggestions to the School Council meeting. Today, all children and staff watched videos made by the House Captains to learn about the figures. They then voted for their favourite figure. School Council will then add up the votes and announce the 4 winners next week.

The voting choices today were:

David Attenborough  
Marcus Rashford  
Greta Thunberg  
Malala Yousafzai  
Captain Thomas Moore  
Martin Luther-King  
Jessica Watson  
Tim Peake

The date of the next Newsletter will be 21 July 2022

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