



FRIDAY 21 JULY 2022

The staff, Governors and I would like to wish you all a very happy, healthy and sunny summer holiday.

It has been nice to return to a more normal academic year but it has still had its challenges. Thank you for your patience, understanding and support. When we work together we really can get the best results for our children.

It seems almost a distant memory that we had our Ofsted inspection this academic year but we were so proud to be graded as a 'Good' school again and that the inspectors found 'it is a school that puts pupils first'. We really look forward to working with you again next year!

Mrs Frampton

Goodbye

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Taylor today as she moves to teach Reception at Mudeford Infants. Mrs Taylor supported our school in so many different ways and we will definitely miss her. Good luck Mrs Taylor—Mudeford are very lucky to have you!

As already shared on the New Teacher letter, we are also saying goodbye today to Mrs Hart, Mr Trewby and Miss Murray. Good luck in your new adventures!

Important Dates

A reminder that we finish at **1.30pm** today.

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.

Y6 Residential

Those Year 6s who went on the residential had a fantastic time. The staff who accompanied them said they were an amazing group of children to spend the week with. There are some photos of their trip on Twitter (@mrsfsomerford). A huge thank you to Mr Walsh, Mrs Taylor, Mr Wallace and Mrs Roberts for taking them and to Mrs Hudson for organising the trip beforehand.

Next year's Y6 will be having a residential to Avon Tyrell. Letters have gone home. Remember to secure your child's place by returning the slip and paying the deposit.

Staying Safe this summer

Please use this link to help you discuss staying safe over the holidays with your children
<https://www.dwfire.org.uk/education/summer-safety/>

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Events over the last two weeks...

- ◆ Y6 residential to Fairthorne Manor
- ◆ 1:1 road safety sessions with PCSO Lauren Jones
- ◆ A group of Y5s attended Bournemouth School for Girls for a Spy Academy workshop
 - ◆ Year 1 enjoyed their pirate wow day to end their topic
 - ◆ Y2 enjoyed a walk to Waterman's Park
 - ◆ Y6 had their final swimming session
- ◆ All children took part in Road Safety sessions run by BCP
 - ◆ Y6 ran their Business Enterprise day
- ◆ We said goodbye to staff in a special leavers' assembly
 - ◆ Y6 delivered an emotional leavers' assembly
- ◆ The ice cream van visited school with an ice cream or lolly for all children and staff

Building work

When we return to school there will be a builder's compound at the rear of the building. This will not affect access via the back gate. We will talk to the children about keeping safe with building work taking place and would be grateful to you for reinforcing these messages. The work will be continuing through the first half term to relocate our kitchen to a more appropriate space in school.

Non uniform day for Christchurch Foodbank

Thank you for your generous donations for the foodbank today. Your gifts will really make a difference to families across Christchurch this summer.

Vouchers

If you claim benefit related free school meals for your child you will receive three different vouchers.

1. Uniform voucher for a free jumper or cardigan from our uniform supplier PMG
2. A voucher from the Foodbank for a holiday hunger box
3. A voucher worth £80 per child to spend in a supermarket of your choice

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, it is easy to check online by Visiting

[How to apply for free school meals \(bccouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bccouncil.gov.uk)

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Holiday Club

Places are going fast!

If you are in receipt of free school meals the club is free.

To book your places please click on the link <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/768700>

If you have any questions or queries, please contact

Stuart Kingsley-Smith – 07855861247 skingsleysmith@premier-education.com

Lewis Dibden – 07827344427 ldibden@premier-education.com

If your child is not eligible for free school meals you can still attend the club for £15 a day.

Good bye to Y6!

We would like to wish Y6 all the very best as they move to their secondary schools in September. Please come back and see us! We can't wait to hear how you are all getting on.

School Day Timings from September

We have had many requests from parents to keep the current arrangements we have for the start and end of the day. They also work much more effectively for us as a school.

The new gates and timings in September will be:

Year group	Gate	Start time	End time
R	Front	8.50	3.15
1	Back	8.45	3.10
2	Front	8.45	3.10
3	Front	8.45	3.20
4	Front	8.40	3.15
5	Side	8.40	3.15
6	Side	8.45	3.20

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If you need support this summer.....

MASH

01202 123334

E-mail—childrensfirstresponse@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Family Information Directory

01202 093131

familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk

Christchurch Foodbank +

Mondays, 10am – 12pm (donations only) Tuesdays, 10am – 12pm Thursdays, 11am –

1pm Fridays, 2pm – 4pm

07587 371088 or 07536 983678

Citizens Advice Bureau

www.citizensadvicebcp.org.uk

Access to Food Map

Access to Food Map | Tableau Public

Together we can

0300 123 7052

BCP Council Crisis Advice Team

01202 096622

Connection (Dorset's 24/7 mental health line)

0300 123 5440

BHCA Domestic Abuse Helpline

01202 710777

Childline

0800 1111

Samaritans

116 123

You First

0800 032 5204

Steph Robinson, our school Navigator is also running drop in sessions at the Family Hub (old Children's Centre next to school) on Thursdays between 10am and 12pm.

If you are really struggling and don't know where to turn, please email the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note the school email will not be monitored daily and we can not respond to general enquiries while school is closed.

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COMMUNITY BADMINTON

Badminton group coaching

Professional group badminton coaching across Poole, Wimborne, Christchurch & Bournemouth

Get on court with a weekly group coaching session, delivered by our great coaches

Register online with a two week free pass!

SEE YOU SOON!

REGISTER AT DORSET.COMMUNITYBADMINTON.ORG
ENQUIRES: HELLO@COMMUNITYBADMINTON.ORG

NEXT GEN

New House Names

We are really excited to announce the names of our new Houses.

Attenborough House—Blue
Luther-King House—Red
Malala House—Green
Rashford House—Yellow

The children were told these new houses in assembly this week.
Thank you to the School Council for their hard work in organising this new House vote.

Summer Activities

There are lots of activities across BCP this summer. You can find a comprehensive list on the Family Information Directory.

Visit this link to find out what is on....

[Search Results | BCP FID \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

United Against Bullying

We are delighted to inform you that following our work with United Against Bullying and hard work in school, we have been awarded the Silver Award this year! Thank you to Mr Walsh, our Anti Bullying Champion, and Miss Briant, our PSHE Leader for all their enthusiasm for this subject. Next year we start the journey to Gold!

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Watermans Park | August Programme



Big Butterfly Count & Butterfly Prints

Mon 1 Aug | 2pm - 4pm

Join in the UK-wide Big Butterfly Count and help find out what butterflies are in the park. Then get crafty and make a print of one of the butterflies you've seen to take home.

Free event



Bee Surveys

Wed 3, Tues 23 & Tues 30 Aug | 1pm - 2pm

Help monitor these vital pollinators in the park.

Join us to discover bees in the park and learn about these amazing insects.

Free event



All About Ponds

Wed 3 Aug | 2pm - 4pm

Learn why ponds are so important for nature, and find out how to make your own mini pond.

Free event



The World of Insects

Wed 10 Aug | 9.30am - 11am

Around a million different species of insects have so far been identified!

Delve into the world of insects and take a closer look at our invertebrate friends.

Free event



Build a Hibernaculum

Tues 23 Aug | 2pm - 4pm

A hibernaculum is an underground home for amphibians and reptiles - come and help build this secret habitat at the pond.

Free event



Join Nature's Band

Fri 26 Aug | 10am - 12pm

Find the materials from nature to make your own musical instrument and join the band!

Free event



To book: parksfoundation.org.uk/events

parksfoundation.org.uk
[Facebook.com/The Parks Foundation](https://www.facebook.com/TheParksFoundation)
 E: events@parksfoundation.org.uk | T: 01202 123540



Thank you!

All of the staff would like to say a big thank you for working with us so well this year. It is not an easy job to ensure 250 children and their families are looked after and happy but this is made so much easier when parents work with us, as you have done. We will make mistakes but the understanding tones and patience while we put things right have really helped.

Next year we are keen to start inviting you in to school more—as we did pre pandemic—to look at your children's learning as well as for social events such as our family picnic.

We talk of our 'Somersetford Family' in school and we truly believe you are all part of our family too.

Date of next newsletter

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