



FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

This is a bumper edition! Please take some time to read this week's newsletter as it has lots of important information for parents.

Mrs Frampton

RAGS 2 RICHES

Our next collection is on MONDAY -the 25th March 2024. We are happy to take any donations (bags) as soon as there are ready. Remember, the more donations we have, the more money the school earns.

Easter

Due to the weather, Rev Paul and his colleagues visited us for our Easter Service, rather than us walking to the church. Thank you!
Mrs Cahill has led our Easter Bunny committee and has planned some fun activities for next week—many involving chocolate!
We are also teaching about the Christian festival of Easter in classes and assemblies.

Helmets when cycling and scooting

Many children ride or cycle to school which is brilliant! We are, however, concerned about their safety. Most come without a helmet and we have had reports of children chatting on bikes and not concentrating leading to some near misses. We are considering a system to ensure ALL children wear a helmet if cycling or scooting. In the meantime, please can we ask for your help in this matter.

Rocksteady

Well done to all the children who performed in our Rocksteady concert today. You were all incredible!! Thank you to our awesome band leader, Luke, for teaching our rock stars so well each week.

Easter cake sale and face painting

Next Monday the School Council are holding a cake sale with Easter themed face painting. Please donate any cakes you can and come along with some pennies after school. Parents will need to complete a consent form for face painting.

Next newsletter— Thursday 28th March

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Easter holidays

We break up on Thursday at the usual times as Friday is a bank holiday for Good Friday. We return on Monday 15th April.

Neurodiversity Week

In PSHE lessons, children have been learning about different neurodiversities and how we can support each other. They have also learnt about celebrities and sports stars who have a neurodiversity.

Here are some links to inspirational stories you can share together at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/rowing/68554234>

<https://www.skysports.com/more-sports/athletics/news/29175/13095372/neurodiversity-celebration-week-adelle-tracey-talks-about-being-a-runner-and-having-dyslexia-and-dyscalculia>

Holiday food vouchers

The UK Government is continuing to provide food support during the Easter holiday under the Household Support Fund. We have therefore issued all children who are registered for free school meals a £30 voucher for the holidays. If you have more than one child, please check your phone and email as often each voucher will go to a different place.

These were issued yesterday. **If you have any issues you must contact us before we break up for the holidays.** We will not be able to resolve issues over Easter and there is a shorter deadline for using the vouchers this time of year.

Just a reminder, it is BCP, not the school, who provide these vouchers, so we are reliant on the government continuing to provide the funding.

Online Safety.

We are always talking to children in school about how to stay safe online. Most of the access to the internet they have is outside of school hours. It is important that you are able to talk openly with your child about their use of the internet and support them if they need guidance.

Here is a link to some useful online safety guidance for parents and carers.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

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Young Carers

Our Young Carers had their termly group meeting on Monday. They created some amazing memory bubbles of the fantastic trip to Adventure Pirates last week and decorated some delicious biscuits.

The next Young Carer groups will be on Monday the 20th of May.



Young Carers Trip: Adventure Pirates

Our Young Carers had an amazing day at Adventure Pirates. They took part in Team Games, Den Building and Archery and were out in the forest all day. There were a lot of muddy shoes and smiling faces on the way back to school



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Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Attendance at the end of this week

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	92.2%	94.1%
2	92.8%	94.5%
3	92.9%	94.7%
4	93.3%	94.7%
5	92.8%	94.5%
6	89.3%	94.3%

These figures are well below national expectations. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, every day they can be.



To book email:
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**New After School Child Care Provision!!
NOW OPEN!
Book NOW!
Details below**

After school child care provision

We are really excited to let you know that our after school child care club, run by Premier Education is now open. The club will run from the end of the school day until 5.30pm. You can book your child for either

End of day until 5.30 (£9)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875746>

End of day until 4.30 (£4)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875743>

4.30-5.30 (if your child is going to a sports club at school first) (£5)

<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/875748>

Children will have a snack and a drink and take part in a range of activities. The club will be held in the old computing room near the Y5 and Y6 gate. Collection is from the outside doors to the room which will be clearly signed.

Booking is essential and children cannot attend the provision without payment being made in advance. Booking can be made until 2pm on the day you need it.

We appreciate the costs are higher than Breakfast Club which is run by the school.

The only way we are able to keep costs of Breakfast Club as low as they are is because we receive funding from the National Schools Programme and Waitrose.

This funding is only available to school breakfast clubs.

Premier Education do accept childcare vouchers.

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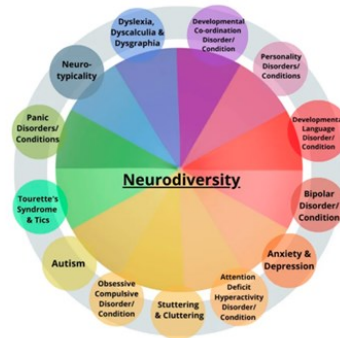
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Neurodiversity Week



What is it? Neurodiversity is the diversity of human minds, the infinite variation in neurocognitive functioning within our species.

Why Do We Celebrate? It's essential to empower and motivate the students with special instructive necessities by remembering their qualities. It also encourages them to have ambitions and expectations, and dreams, much the same as every other person, notwithstanding their challenges. The ideal approach to achieve this is to challenge the stigma related to neurological conditions and address the generalisations and misinterpretations individuals have about autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia, ADHD, and other neurological conditions.

How Can We Do This? Through understanding neurodiversity and seeing it in much the same as we notice different hair, eye, or skin tone. Everyone's brain is unique and everyone's brain is special and we will celebrate and accept our differences.

Dorset Neurodiversity Hub

The Hub aims to signpost to a wide range of support, including peer support groups, local and national charities, online advice and guidance, and professional support. It also features articles and blogs written by members of Dorset's neurodivergent community, and video interviews with neurodivergent people and their families.

<http://www.nhsdorset.nhs.uk/neurodiversity>

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Family Information

Cost of living help

BCP has a website with lots of support in the cost of living crisis.

Visit [Cost of living help | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcp.gov.uk/cost-of-living-help)

Easter activities

BCP are running some Easter activities. From Easter craft at our BCP Libraries, to Art in the Park where your little artists can explore their talents using nature as inspiration. You can take your child on a treasure or bug hunt, or enjoy fun activities for children with special educational needs and disabilities... you are covered!

Visit [Search Results \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcp.gov.uk/search-results)

Tax free child care

Do you need childcare before, after school or during school holidays?

With a Tax Free Childcare account, working parents, including the self-employed, can pay for approved childcare and they will get an extra £2 for every £8 paid in get up to £2000 per child, per year or up to £4000 if your child is disabled to pay for childcare for children up to 11 years old or 17 years old if they have a disability.

Find more information in the link below.

[Tax-Free Childcare \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.bcp.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)



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As National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and school staff with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.gov.uk for further guides, news and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

THE RISK RATION
PEGI 12

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine installments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone, but in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

FRIGHTENING THEMES
Five Nights at Freddy's (FNAF for short) doesn't feature any violence like many horror games – it does have jump scares, which may be too frighten for young players. The other controversial elements are the sensation of watching a character die and the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
As a result of FNAF's popularity, a sizable YouTube community based on fan-made content has developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child-friendly, there are a number of channels which are geared more towards mature audiences; they contain content that includes violence, for example, and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

STRESSFUL SITUATIONS
Due to FNAF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for parents, especially if they are worried that their child's surroundings are safe in a usual part of the game play and could create stressful or even obsessive-compulsive behaviours. Some reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

PLAYING IN ISOLATION
Many gamers will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't include any online chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also mean playing FNAF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time investigating the game's spooky, shadowy environments alone in their room, for example.

IN-GAME SPENDING
FNAF doesn't feature in-game purchasing as strongly as many other well-known games, but across titles in the series are other additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is complemented by a limited-time seasonal pack called 'Scare of Descent' (costing £3.99), which unlocks new levels and mini-games.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes and content, you can always choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can utilize Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

TRY IT YOURSELF
Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young child might cope with the series' more frightful and disturbing aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between five and ten minutes to complete a level.

LIMIT SPENDING
Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't feature in-game purchases with anything but cosmetic purchase offers. It's worth noting, however, that some installments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. When used in this way, it's important to either keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

SPOT THE SIGNS
If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everything else, such as schoolwork or sleep, or exhibit a loss of concentration or a lack of interest in other activities that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS
Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's wise to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be taken and unsettling, and that they should stop at once a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

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Contacting the police

This guide helps explain how you can contact the police in different situations. Please note you can report intelligence and this can be done anonymously.



HOW TO CONTACT DORSET POLICE IN A NON-EMERGENCY

ONLINE
Online contact with the police is dealt with in exactly the same way as non-emergency 101 phone calls.

REPORT YOUR INTELLIGENCE
Click on the 'Report Your Intelligence' button on the Dorset Police homepage or go to: www.dorset.police.uk/intelligence

BY PHONE 101 Non-emergency

999 IF THERE IS A CRIME IN PROGRESS OR SOMEONE IS IN DANGER - CALL 999 STRAIGHT AWAY

CONTACTING YOUR PCC
Police and Crime Commissioners decide the priorities for the local police, set the budget, and commission services for victims of crime. They do not have responsibility over operational matters, nor are they the correct agency for most complaints against the police. You can contact the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner on the details below.

Class photos

These will now be held on Monday 15th April—the first day back. Please ensure your child is in full uniform.

Reminder

Working in partnership with parents is really important to us. There are many ways you can talk to us to keep that communication open.

- talk to us on the gate
- book an appointment via phoning or emailing the school office
- email the office or your child's class teacher
- give us a call
- attend parent consultation

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