

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our latest parent bulletin

Summer Fair

We are looking forward to the return of our Summer Fair on Friday 30th June. The PTFA will be running a teddy tombola - any donation of good, clean soft toys would be very much appreciated for what is normally a very popular stall.

The toys can be dropped off any morning via the side door of the science block where the children enter the school for meet and greet. If donations could be sent into school by 26th June that would be appreciated to give us time to prepare the stall.

Your child will also be bringing home next week a book of raffle tickets to sell - further details to follow from the PTFA.

Thank you in advance for the support you all give to PTFA events.

Sports Day

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in our sports days on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. They competed with great determination and dealt with the challenge of both the weather and the competition. Thank you to all the parents who supported it too. We have rescheduled KS2 Potted Sports to Monday 26th June (11.00am- 1.00pm) and the whole school finals event on Tuesday 11th July (11.00am-1.00pm). Information has been sent to parents via ParentMail with further details.

Y8 Activity Week Final Reminders

Just a few quick final reminders regarding the Year 8 Activity Week :

- The children are expected to deposit their mobile phones in the boxes at school (as usual) pre-departure. This is non-negotiable.
- Remember to bring a change of dry clothes & footwear for the journey home from Dorset Adventure Park and a shopping/bin bag to place wet clothes into.
- Please keep a close eye on the BBC weather forecasts for the week commencing Monday 19th June. Suncream and hats are usually a must. If the girls wear 'strappy tops' they risk getting sunburnt - so please send them to school dressed appropriately for the daily conditions. Jewellery, chains, rings, bracelets, etc aren't helpful during our activities.
- Children will be given the opportunity to buy refreshments, but please remember that their money and debit cards are their sole responsibility. **Paulton's Park is now a 'cashless' venue so only card payments will be accepted.**
- Episodes of poor behaviour will be logged and, if necessary (although this is a rare occurrence), children will be temporarily removed from either their activity or in exceptional cases the site. All instances of challenging behaviour are logged.
- Girls will need one-piece swimming costumes for Splashdown on Thursday.
- Pupils may wish to purchase a cheap plain white t-shirt (over the weekend) if they choose to participate in Wednesday's Coloured Powder Run.

We are looking forward to what should be a great week celebrating the successful time our Year 8s have had at EMS.

Accelerated Reader

Having reviewed the leader board for accelerated reader word count Mr Brenton has established these highlights for our year group AR challenges.

Y5 - 5FW have established a clear lead. Can they be challenged?

Y6 - 6JB started the term in third but are now pulling away from the pack.

Y7 - 7JJ have a very slender lead over 7FC. Can they be beaten?

Y8 - The most exciting competition of all with a potential four-way tie. 8BNS have a slight edge, but any class can win it!

All is still to play for to win the year competition and earn that highly coveted extra mufti-day!

Year 5 netball

All of the year 5s played incredibly well in their netball friendly against West Moors and Cranborne on Thursday afternoon. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, regardless of the heat! Well done netball superstars.



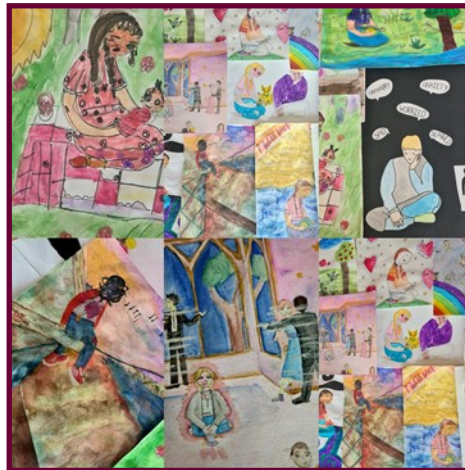
Summer Term 1 Art Challenge

We had an incredible 32 pupils complete the Summer TERM 1 art challenge, completed during the lunch time Art Clubs.

These are the winners:

V Kuzmina
A Potter
M Doran

Well done to everyone who took part.



FUS Transition Assembly

On Wednesday afternoon our soon-to-be transitioning Ferndown Upper School students had a visit from their impending Head of Year 9 and pastoral team. Mr. Howard delivered a broad range of transfer information to our pupils. He discussed how it was important that our pupils quickly adjust to being part of the 'Ferndown Family', take advantage of the many new opportunities that they will be presented with and not hesitate to seek pastoral support should it be required.

Mr. Howard also shared some useful transition advice from their current Year 9 pupils, which he noted was similar every year. Some of the key points passed down to our Year 8 pupils were to: be organized, approach homework methodically, try to form new friendships, and fully involve yourselves in FUS school life.

I'd like to thank Mr. Howard, Mrs. Lock, and Ms. Clements for delivering such an informative assembly to our transitioning FUS students. My own son is moving to Ferndown Upper School this year and I know how optimistic and excited he's feeling to be surrounded by so many of his friends contemplating life in Year 9. As usual, at this time of year, I'd urge everyone to keep a close eye on both the FUS and QE websites, watch out for forthcoming transition events and familiarize yourselves with the expectations of both upper schools.



We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning when we will be returning to full uniform.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker