



# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

8<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parkfield Press #3

If a week is a long time in politics, then it is a lifetime in the journey of a school...! As the juggernaut of this Parkfield year rolls on, there are a raft of new pieces of news to share with you. This one is a little bit longer – apologies and well done to those of you who make it through the whole thing! So far, I have only heard positive feedback from parents who are grateful for the more regular updates – however I am listening carefully to your thoughts and so if there is anything you feel you are not being informed about which you would like me to include, please contact the school office 'for my attention' and I will ensure I consider your views and wishes in future.

- **Careers Advice.** This may mean nothing to you, but we are meeting the Gatsby benchmarks 100% as a school, when the national average is between 60 and 70%. Gatsby measures how well we are doing to support our young learners in their journey towards future careers and I've sat in on some of our careers interviews and they are Ay-May-Zing! We can always be better, however, and so we are hoping to recruit some of you to come in and speak with our children about your career, your journey and give some advice to them about how they can follow your path if that is what they wish for. Please contact [.walton@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:.walton@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk) if this is something you feel you may be able to support us with. Honestly, don't be shy – you all have a story to tell and our children can learn from you. Please get involved!
- **Uniform policy change.** Following representation from a number of children, I have spoken with the Governors and they have agreed that for a trial period we can add 'Shorts' into the uniform policy. Some children don't like wearing trousers and we don't feel that we should create this barrier for them. Shorts need to be grey, school shorts – not trendy, not hot pants, not fashionable. Just bog-standard school shorts that sit somewhere just above the knees. We will be reviewing this decision in a month or so to see whether we can make it a permanent part of the uniform policy.
- **Parenting introduction and support to 'Understand Autism and Neurodiversity'.** Linwood school are running a number of FREE courses to support parents in understanding autism and neurodiversity. We will be hosting a course in February, however there are a number of other courses in local schools before then if you are interested. At the bottom of this newsletter there is a flyer with more information, however if you are interested, please email [JackieHorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:JackieHorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk) for more details.
- **Vandalism in the toilets.** One of the most depressing aspects of my start here at Parkfield has been to see the vandalism that is occurring in the toilets. The toilets are one of the most important spaces in a school and are often overlooked – but for obvious reasons they play a crucial role in the health and wellbeing of all our children. Whether is it 'high-jinks' or deliberate destruction, since the start of term cubicle doors have been pulled down, toilet roll holders have been prised from the wall, toilets have been blocked with various items and sinks have been flooded. I think I am quite



# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

reasonable, however I have absolutely no tolerance for this deliberate and destructive behaviour because of the impact it has on the entire community and the effect it has on other children's mental health. It is going to be time consuming and have an impact on other areas of the school, however I am beginning a program of surveillance through our CCTV system followed up by visits to the toilets, and when/if we identify who is causing this damage (which is expensive both financially and in terms of children's mental health) then there will be immediate and very serious consequences which will begin with a period of suspension from school and controlled, monitored access to the toilets in future. There is no place and no excuse for such anti-social and selfish behaviour at Parkfield.

- **New Assistant Headteacher.** I'm delighted to share the news with you that from the 31<sup>st</sup> October, after half term, we will be welcoming Mrs Lorna Green to Parkfield as a new Assistant Headteacher.
- **Year R to 6 Disco – November 4<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are now on sale for this wonderful PFA social event. 'Gangnam Style' is almost certainly on the hit list, as are many others that none of us old folk will ever have heard of. Please contact the school office or look on the Parkfield PFA facebook page for more information if you would like to book tickets.
- **Kooth.** Kooth is an excellent service for the Mental Health and Well Being of pupils and young people more generally. Their newsletter is out this week with details of activities and discussions this month. You can contact Kooth on Twitter @kooth\_plc and on the web at [Kooth - Public Health Dorset - Dorset Council](http://www.kooth.org.uk) for local counselling services
- **Parents and Friends Association.** We have a wonderful PFA at Parkfield who support us in many ways, principally in putting on additional activities that enrich our children's lives and raise money for extras that the school budget may not stretch to. They are ALWAYS looking for more volunteers and support – please consider throwing your hat into the ring!! Contact the school office if you would like to be put into contact with the team and offer some time, however small or large that may be.
- **Important assemblies for Year 7 to 11.** Recently Lauren, our school's Police Community Support Officer, has been in school delivering assemblies on the subjects of online safety, positive relationships and bystander interventions. Our young people have a minefield of life to navigate and we are very grateful to have Lauren as an authoritative voice to support and guide our children through decisions, consequences and the impact of their actions.
- **Mental Health week.** Next week is Mental Health week and we will be having assemblies to discuss this crucial aspect of life with the children. In crude terms, the brain is the engine of the body, and if it isn't working properly then nothing else will either. We will be discussing this with children in assemblies and Mark, our Place2Be counsellor, will be continuing his presentations to children to help them understand how they can access his support if they feel that they need to.
- **Readers for primary.** The gift of reading is the key to the rest of the world and beyond. I don't think there is anything more valuable that we can gift our children than a love of, and desire, to read. Could you (or a grandparent in your family) devote a couple of hours of your week to our school so that you could sit with children and read to them, or hear them read to you? There have to be loads of



# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

people in our community with a little time on their hands who could do this – it is rewarding both for the child and adult. If you or anyone in your family could support in this way, please contact the office or your child's class teacher and ask to be put in touch with Miss Wilcox so that we can do even more for our children.

- **Healthy snacks for snack time.** Obvious, really, but please make sure that snacks that are sent into school for snack time are healthy and not junk food. The idea of snack time is to refresh and replenish the body's energy, not slow it down with unhealthy options.
- **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.** I just want to say a huge well done and 'thank you' to our Year 6 anti-bullying ambassadors who did a fantastic job last week delivering activities and their messages during lunchtimes to all the year R to 6 children.

Finally, a shameless plug and a bit of humility. Last year I became quite unwell. I have never had a mental health problem until I did, which I suppose is what happens to many people. Anyway, I got support and help and made changes to my life and am back on the road now, stronger, more self-aware and ready to rock and roll every day. One of the changes I made was to find a hobby that wasn't work.... so after 27 years of absence I joined a musical theatre group – BBLOC, and somehow have found myself involved in their upcoming production – The Addams Family. It is on at the Pavilion at the end of half term and speaking as someone who is in rehearsals with a tiny supporting role, it is going to be amazing. Perfect for Halloween! It's funny, quirky, has incredible production values and has a message at heart all about being true to the person you really are. It's very Parkfield!! I am WELL out of my comfort zone and am living the values I hope we encourage our children to follow. It's going to be a great show for all the family, and I encourage you to have an enjoyable afternoon/evening out. I'm excited and terrified. I'd love to see some of you there. Please be kind!

I hope you have a great weekend,

With my best wishes,

Jeremy  
Headteacher

#teamparkfield  
#whenyoureanaddams  
#strongertogether



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Reach South Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by  
guarantee in England and Wales, Company number 10151730  
Registered office Address: Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP, Narrow  
Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA





# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

**BBLOC**

# THE ADDAMS FAMILY

28 - 31 OCTOBER 2022  
BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION THEATRE

Tel: 0300 500 0595  
[bbloc.co.uk/tickets](http://bbloc.co.uk/tickets)



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Reach South Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by  
guarantee in England and Wales, Company number 10151730  
Registered office Address: Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP, Narrow  
Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA





# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

**kooth**

## What's on Kooth in October

**Monday 3rd October**  
**Discussion Board**  
Black History Month

**Wednesday 5th October**  
**Live Forum**  
Crime Time: Respect and boundaries  
7:30pm - 9pm

**Monday 10th October**  
**Discussion Board**  
World Mental Health Day

**Tuesday 11th October**  
**Discussion Board**  
National Coming Out Day

**Friday 14th October**  
**Live Forum**  
Coming Out Day: Experiences, reflections and tips  
7:30pm - 9pm

**Wednesday 19th October**  
**Live Forum**  
Lets Talk About: Obsessive compulsions  
7:30pm - 9pm

**Monday 24th October**  
**Live Forum**  
Autumn Crafts: Haunted Halloween  
7:30pm - 9pm

**Tuesday 25th October**  
**Discussion Board**  
Halloween Craft Thread

Find support from the Kooth community by visiting [kooth.com](http://kooth.com) today.



We're working towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts Council England



Reach South Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee in England and Wales, Company number 10151730  
Registered office Address: Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP, Narrow Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA





# Parkfield School

Hurn  
Christchurch  
Dorset  
BH23 6DF

Email: [office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:office@parkfield.bournemouth.sch.uk)

Website: [www.parkfieldschool.org](http://www.parkfieldschool.org)

Telephone: 01202 592530

Headteacher – Mr Jeremy Payne

**LINWOOD**  
TRAINING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

## *An Introduction to Autism and Neurodiversity for Parents*

*Led by Kate Tuck & Jackie Horne*

Linwood Training, Support & Advice



This session will provide parents with a basic overview of how Autism and Neurodiversity may present in children and young people.

- Information about Autism and Neurodiversity including the 3 areas of difference.
- Parent input “What I wish I had known”.
- Young person input “My experiences”.

Please email [jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk](mailto:jackiehorne@linwood.bournemouth.sch.uk)

For further information on availability



We're working  
towards Artsmark  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



Reach South Academy Trust is a charitable company limited by  
guarantee in England and Wales, Company number 10151730  
Registered office Address: Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP, Narrow  
Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol BS1 4QA

