



# Newsletter 01

Headlines

9/09/22

Dates for your diary!

**AUTUMN TERM 2022**

**Training Day - Fri 30<sup>th</sup>  
Sept**

**Fraser Portraits school  
photo- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**KS1 Trip - More info to  
follow - Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**HALF TERM 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>  
Oct**

**Training Day Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct  
Anti- Bullying Week 14<sup>th</sup> -  
18<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Parent Consultations Mon  
14<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Flu immunisations - Tues  
15<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Arts Week 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> Nov  
November**

**LFL Hot Xmas Lunch -  
Weds 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**End of Term Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
Spring Term 2023**

**Training Day Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan  
2023**

**First day of term Weds 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jan**

**HALF TERM 13<sup>TH</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>  
Feb**

**End of Term - Friday 31<sup>st</sup>  
March**

**SUMMER TERM 2023**

**First day of term Mon 17<sup>th</sup>  
April**

Dear Parents,

I must start by recognising the sad and historic events of the last two days. We cancelled our normal Gold Book Assembly today and held a special assembly to reflect on the life of Queen Elizabeth II. During this time, we paid particular attention to her late Majesty's devotion to service and duty – a characteristic which is commonly held amongst our special community. I know that that as the country enters a period of national mourning, there will be other important moments of ceremony and commemoration – some of which you may be involved with. As I understand it, no final decision has been made on the state funeral that will follow and whether this will be marked by a bank holiday – meaning schools will close. Nevertheless, I am sure that this will be reported widely in the media and you will probably be made aware at the same time as I am.

Despite the sad events nationally, this has been a joyful week in terms of children returning to school. My colleagues and I have been really pleased with how children have returned with a positive learning attitude, dressed smartly and enjoying friendships. I want to make a particular reference to all new families for whom this has been their first week at Downlands Community School. I do hope your child(ren) have settled well and are able to reflect positively this weekend on the new start they have made.

May I also thank all parents for how they have responded to our new day times. Despite some torrential rain, drop off and pick up times have been really well observed and we are all now familiar with the small variations in terms of the timings of lunch and afternoon breaks.

It has also been great to work alongside the following colleagues who have joined us this first week. They are all superb additions to the Downlands Team:

- Mrs H Harvey (Keyworker)
- Miss C Hampson (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs M Smith (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr J Jolliffe (Y5/6 Class teacher)
- Miss H Burch (Y1/2 Class teacher)
- Mrs L Kellaway (Y3/4 Class Teacher)

We do have some vacancies at Downlands currently: a Senior Childcare Worker, please see link below, and a Midday Supervisor, which is advertised below.

[Senior Childcare Worker - Blandford Downlands Community School \(dorsetcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk)

We would love to hear from you if you are passionate about children's learning and welfare would like to be part of our hard working team.

A reminder to ensure that your child is in the required uniform with PE kit in school and that they also have a coat with them.

Finally, I am available for discussion during drop in sessions on Friday mornings (0900 – 0945hrs). Please do drop by if you would like to talk about child specific or more general points in relation to the school and I will do my very best to answer any questions or find out more on your behalf.

Have a good weekend.

James Rielly  
Headteacher

**MIDDAY SUPERVISOR**  
**Midday Supervisor XS2.4**  
**Dorset Grade 1 – £9.50 per hr**

**7 hours 30 mins per week, term-time only. Monday-Friday 12.00-1.30pm. 39 weeks per year**

We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisor for our busy, friendly Rights Respecting school  
Duties will include providing supervision and assistance to our children across lunchtime to ensure their health and safety at all times. Lunchtime is considered to be a key point in the school day in successfully setting the children up for the afternoon's learning.

Previous experience in school is essential along with a commitment towards the wellbeing of children and implementation of safeguarding and behaviour policies

Downlands Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people; this is a commitment which we all expect staff and volunteers to share. The successful candidate will be required to have a Disclosure and Barring Service check in line with the Governments Safer Recruitment Guidelines.

Downlands Primary School values the diversity of our workforce and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Application forms and Job description available from [office@downlandsschool.org](mailto:office@downlandsschool.org)

Closing date : **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

**Dandelions Pre-school**

We have spaces for 3 and 4 year olds starting in September 2022.

If you would like more information and a registration form, please email

[dandelions@downlandsschool.org](mailto:dandelions@downlandsschool.org)

You are also welcome to contact us on 01258 453348 for a visit to the pre-school.