

# Parent Council Newsletter

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Parent Council... have your say, give your opinions. You could make a difference! New members always needed.



## Ofsted Inspection:

The school last had an Ofsted inspection in 2010. Outstanding schools are usually inspected every 5 years. It does not take much to work out that an inspection is imminent. We feel that the immense effort that accompanies an Ofsted inspection is not fully understood. It will be much harder to gain an outstanding grade again as the benchmark has been significantly raised. (If the school does not achieve an outstanding grade this time it will not mean that the standards have fallen.) A letter will be sent out explaining what the inspection means for the school, teachers and children so that everyone can feel more informed. Another little known fact is that Ofsted have a short questionnaire to complete on their website called Parent View. Ofsted use these results when finally grading the school. Ofsted require this to be filled in every year, so even if you filled one out last year, we need you to fill it out again. You can find the link on the home page of the school website. Please just click on the Parent View icon and spend a few minutes answering the questions. Your participation could help the school gain a better grade!

### School Lunches

With the introduction of free hot school meals for up to Yr 2's, lunch times will probably be in two sittings.

### Big maths

A presentation evening is being organised for everyone to attend. Although the big maths has already started, it is still in its infancy. Adjustments will be made for September when it will be launched with great anticipation.

### New Club

New to the school: Recorder club due to start in September.

### Friends

Most of the members of the friends fundraising group are yr 4 parents who will stand down this term. More helpers desperately needed.

## To be or not to be: Academy status? That is the question.

There is much discussion about becoming an academy at the moment. There will be a meeting held for all to attend to discuss the pros and cons of academies and what it will mean for us. The final decision will be made by the Governors, but they would like to hear your concerns and points of view. Regardless of the outcome, the links with Cranborne Middle School will not be affected. We will still be a feeder school to CMS and the children will need to become familiar with the school ready for year 5.

Next Meeting - Monday 9th June at 1.45pm

All Welcome