

*Do Everything with Love*  
*(1 Corinthians 16:14)*



July Newsletter 2021

Keep Calm  
and  
Finish the  
School Year  
STRONG!

**Note from Mrs Christopher**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have come to the end of another very different year and we are all getting used to a new norm which involves changes, upsets to plans and uncertainty. Last year, I quoted the phrase 'You never know what's round the corner' and I'm guessing that phrase has passed our lips on many occasions for this school year also. However, it is also true to say that we have continued to appreciate the positive outcomes of this year like our appreciation of the little, but important, things in life– the time with our elders, the sunny days, our NHS health service, to name a few. A glimmer of some sort of normality is on the horizon with the help of vaccines too.

It is of utmost importance for us as a staff team to make you aware of our appreciation, not only for choosing our school for your wonderful children but for the support you have given us over the year. Your dedication as part of the triangulation between teacher, parent, child, has resulted in the success of remote learning this year which has been a new learning journey for us on how quality teaching can be delivered. However, I know we will all agree that the social interaction of the school environment, so that children can mix with their peers, cannot be underestimated in its importance towards their spiritual, emotional and social development. We will continue to prioritise the safety, happiness and well-being of your children so that they can grow in confidence and become great role models and leaders in our school and local community.

Prayer has also been a great support to many of us during these times of uncertainty. The children have been writing their own in their prayer journals this year. I'd like to share this year 4 prayer with you all – words cannot express its beauty.

Dear Lord

*Thank you for a lovely year with my friends and teachers*

*And for keeping my grandad safe this year.*

*Thank you for the fun we had on our New Barn trip too.*

*Please bless and guide Year 6s as they go to secondary school*

*And help us to continue working together for our environment.*

*We pray that the G7 leaders will make good decisions for the earth and the poor.*

*Amen*



# Staffing Plans for September

Plan for class teachers, higher learning teaching assistants (HLTAs) and teaching assistants (TAs) for September 2021:

**Reception (Maple) :** Mrs Webster (4 days) & Miss Long (Thursdays)

TAs Mrs Goodfield & Mrs Merry am

**Year 1 Elm:** Mrs Reader (4 days) & Miss Long (Fridays)

TA Mrs Welsh am Mrs Foy pm

**Year 2 Sycamore:** Mrs Dale

TA Mrs Foy am & Miss Long (Tuesdays)

**Year 3 Beech :** Miss England & Mrs Kent (Fridays)

TA Mrs Pearson & Miss Long (Mondays)

**Year 4 Oak:** Mr Pickavance & Miss Long (interventions Wednesday)

TA Mrs Mac ams

**Year 5 Willow:** Mrs Henderson

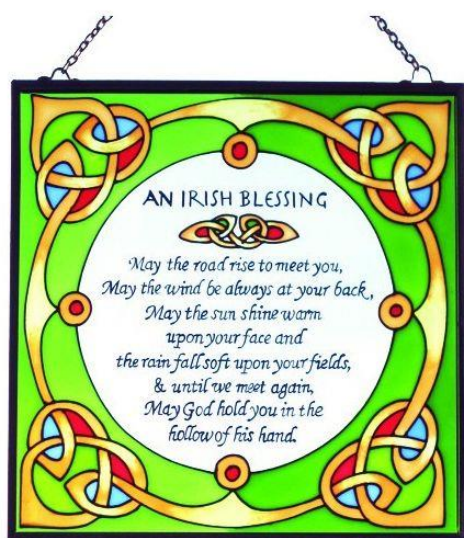
HLTA Mrs Kent (Monday & Tuesday am)

**Year 6 Rowan:** Miss Cheeseman (Thursday Mrs Kent)

HLTA Mrs Kent (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday pms)

Miss England will do a Forest school session one day a week. Mrs Kent will cover Miss England's class for these sessions. Forest school sessions will start with Year 3 in September and will be every Friday.

**Please note that all children will be expected back in full school uniform in September.**  
<http://www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk/website/uniform/4437>



## Good bye Year 6

We will be saying goodbye to our beautiful children in Year 6 in a few weeks.

You are all very special to us and all the staff wish you well in the next step of your education. We hope you will take with you the Gospel and Respect values learned at St Mary & St Joseph's and become good role models and leaders in your next school.

God bless you all.



### Be safe in summer heat!

No matter what type of skin children have, they all need sun protection. Please teach your child to put sun cream on before they come to school each day. Remind them to bring their sun hats too!

## This month's Reading Champions – 200 signatures



Y4 - Hannah

Y4 – Ruby

Y5 - Molly

These children have chosen a book paid for by the school as a well done for this achievement. They will now champion 'best read' recommendations for their classes.

## Safety News We would like to again remind everyone of the importance of safe driving

at drop off and pick up times. More possible dangers seem to arise on wet weather days. On these days, visibility is even worse so please take more caution on those days to double check and drive slowly. Please also read '**Blake's request**' in our Eco news section below about exhaust fumes.

Please be attentive at pick up time as the children are very excited to see their parents and are not always aware of traffic dangers.



# SUMMER READING BINGO CHALLENGE

Reading for pleasure has a very positive impact on educational performance. The UK government's Education Research Standards Team tells us, "*Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.*"

Over the last few years, we have introduced many successful strategies in helping children to discover the joy of reading and as a result, their comprehension, vocabulary and writing are all improving. However, sometimes, this progress can dip over the summer for some children so we have come up with ideas to help keep up this interest so that the interest and joy continues:

1. This summer, we are asking all children to compete a Summer reading Bingo Challenge. The Bingo card has 25 ways to read over the holidays eg. 'Read to a younger child', 'read under a tree' etc. Each time one is complete, the parent/ carer signs the bingo card on that spot. If the children achieve all 25 slots, they return the card to school and will receive a certificate for being a summer reading champion.
2. You can listen to the authors themselves reading all or part of their books. It's a great way to find out a little more about the authors too. Click the link below  
[BooksForTopics: Storytime Online](#)
3. If you find reading a challenge and have may have dyslexic tendencies, here are some book suggestions written especially for you to support your challenges and help you enjoy the world of books. Click on the link below for suggested book titles:  
[Book Lists for Topics - Dyslexic Readers \(booksfortopics.com\)](#)
4. Dorset summer reading Challenge:  
Come to your library this summer and look out for Wild World Heroes, a celebration of reading, nature and action for the environment. Join at any Dorset, or Community Managed Library from Saturday 3 July until Saturday 11 September.  
Get your free fold out poster and go on to collect six Wild World Heroes stickers as you read or listen to library books of your choice. Complete the Challenge to receive a certificate and medal. Keep an eye open for special Wild World Heroes events and activities online and at a library near you.  
To find out more visit [www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk /libraries](http://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/libraries), follow us on Twitter @DorsetLibraries or find us on Facebook

Our attendance Percentage this year (lockdown not included): 97%

Last week, our attendance officer visited the school to discuss in particular any pupils with attendance figures below 95%. You will all be given your child's attendance information in their end of year report which is due out in the next few weeks. The officer also highlighted the high number of 'Late' figures on our register and suggested we reflect on ways to help getting all to school on time each day. We all understand the stresses of getting up and out in the mornings but regular lateness can be unsettling for the child and for the rest of the class as lesson inputs have already taken place making the day a little more stressful for them. If you are finding it difficult in the mornings, speak to us for support. Also, click on the link below to listen to some top tips that may help.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIXA57ol848>





The PTFA would like to thank you all for the smarties fundraiser event which has raised an amazing £498.62. The classes who raised the most money for all their good deeds at home are Reception class and Year 2- a surprise will be given to all the children in both these classes.

The bag 2 school company came and collected all the bags today and weighed them and we had 200kg which meant they gave us a cheque for £60.00 – Thank you to everyone who brought in bags and we will let you know when we plan to do a new collection.

The PTFA would also like to announce a non-uniform fundraising day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July (last day of term). Please bring in £1 on the day and this will go towards school resources or coach trip costs for the school next year.

We'd like to remind you that there is a PTFA information tab on the school website. Go to 'General Info', then scroll down to 'PTFA'.

### **YIPPEE! SCHOOL TRIPS ARE BACK!**

This month Years 4 & 6 went on residential school trips to New Barn and PGL. Experiences like this are so important as it is impossible to replicate this within the school environment. We were so impressed by how supportive the children were of each other and they persevered with some of the challenging activities. Well done for being such great role models of our 'RESPECT' school values: Responsibility, Excellence, Support, Perseverance, Engagement, Cooperation, Tolerance. Photos are now on the class pages to help you relive and retell this great learning adventure.

*Year 5 will be going to the Tank museum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July so we will look forward to hearing about their learning adventure too.*

#### **Pupil Chaplains Obsta - Track Sponsored event**

Last term, the Pupil Chaplains also known as the Growing in Faith Team supported the local community by delivering Easter cards to houses around the school.

This term they are supporting the global community by planning an Obsta-Track sponsored event to raise funds to sponsor a child living in poverty in South America to go to school.

This event takes place on Friday 16th July in school. Sponsor forms will be parentmailed with more details about this event very soon.



## Eco Top tips from our Eco Committee

**Stanley and Rory in Reception class** were annoyed to see rubbish on the ground and plastic bags thrown as birds could get caught in this rubbish. They want to pass on the message of making sure we all put litter in the correct bins. Please see more Eco news on the school website page.

## **Request by Blake in Year 3**

Blake has noticed that a lot of stationary car drivers leave their engines on at drop off and pick up times. He has noted that the fumes are unhealthy and make his walking and cycling arrival journey at school quite unpleasant. Let's help Blake and the other children by turning off engines at these times so that the children can have clear, healthy air to greet their arrival at school.

## Avoid single use plastic items!



## SPORTS DAY 2021



The children did fabulously at their sports events and enjoyed every minute. They cheered each other on and tried their very best in each race. Well done everyone!

Thank you to the PTFA for the ice pops – they were a great treat at the end of their races. Photos will be on the website in July news asap.

### **'NUT FREE SCHOOL' REMINDER**

Please remember we have children with nut allergies, therefore do not allow any foods containing nuts in your child's school lunch.



### **HEAD LICE**

Could you please take some time to check your child's hair for Head lice or eggs and treat as required as we have had some cases reported.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>