

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



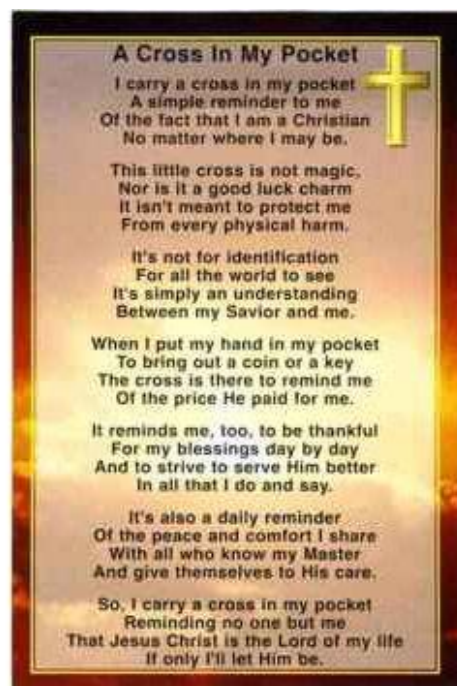
## April Newsletter 2022

Dear Parents

This week the children have confidently led liturgies in the hall reflecting on the journey of Jesus before he died- Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. These events form 'Holy Week' which is the time when Christians attend Church the week leading up to Easter Sunday to reflect on the events leading up to Jesus' death and burial, culminating in his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Our Year 1 children visited the Church to look at the Stations of the Cross which tell the story of Holy week step by step. They then reflected on these, One child mentioned how sad she felt when Jesus fell three times as he carried the cross he was given. Another spoke about how sad it was when Jesus' mother Mary saw him carrying the cross and couldn't help. Reflecting on these comments, I remembered a poem received many years ago from a friend called 'The cross in my pocket'-the words are below. Let us all take some time to reflect on the crosses other people have to bear in their lives especially the people of Ukraine who have witnessed such sadness over the past few months. *Dear God, we pray for peace to come soon so that their suffering can end. Amen.*



Stations of the Cross



We wish you all a happy Easter and will meet again on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April** when all children return to school.

Mrs Christopher



## 'Walk a mile in their shoes' Pupil Chaplain GIFT team SPONSORED EVENT



The sponsored walk has taken place and money has been collected. Together we have raised an amazing **£535**

This money will go to the Catholic Children's Society to help support Ukrainian refugees moving into this diocese and other families who also need support.

Thank you everyone for helping us raise so much money. Photos of the event are on the April news page on the website.



From

The GIFT team (Grow in Faith together): Tegen, Jess, Ryan, Emily, Mollie, Izzy

**200 club**

**READING SIGNATURES**

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I'm delighted to announce that we have some children on 200 reading signatures. They are:

**Pippa Y5**

**Lily Y5**

**Jasmine Y3**

To celebrate, they have officially opened our outdoor 'reading shed' where all the children can have a quiet place to read when outdoors if they wish.

These children are now our reading champions and will be ambassadors for book recommendations in their class. They have also received a book of their choice and a special badge. Happy reading everyone!

### COVID Guidelines Update

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, there has been new guidance about how we manage COVID in our everyday lives. The main points are:

1. All existing control measures, such as good hand and respiratory hygiene; ventilation and cleaning remain.
2. There is no longer any requirement for Covid testing of any sort - not PCR nor LFD testing.
3. If your child is positive or has symptoms, they should remain at home for 3 days and then return to school if well enough.

### INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

The organisers at our elderly friends Upton Bay Care Home in Hamworthy Poole have asked us to let you know they will be having an Easter egg hunt in their garden area on

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April from 2:30pm. Everyone is most welcome and there will also be a Raffle. All the money is going to the Caring Canines Charity.**

**Tea, Coffee and Biscuits/Cake will also be available. They hope to see you all.**

**RED NOSE DAY 2022**



**Thank you for the red nose day donations. Together we raised £115**

## **School Uniform**

After Easter we can start wearing the summer school uniform. Please adhere to the recommended school uniform after Easter including correct footwear – the link to the website page is below. PE kits should be navy/ black PE shorts or plain joggers and a navy PE t shirt with **navy/ black plain** jumper or hoody.

<http://www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk/website/uniform/4437>

Children can continue to bring in old trainers to wear at play times and wellies for wet days leaving these in school if you wish for when needed.

Please remove nail varnish before attending school and avoid wearing ear rings on PE days.



## **FOREST SCHOOL NEXT TERM**

Due to the upheaval due to COVID resulting in a significant rise in absences over the past half term, Year 2 have missed out on their Forest school sessions. For this reason, Year 2 will have their Forest school sessions for the first summer half term and Year 6 will have theirs for the final half term.

We realise that this means Year 1 haven't had their opportunity to have Forest school taster sessions. Consequently, we have ensured that their topic this term will include several visits to the nature garden with their teacher for outdoor learning opportunities in this part of the school.

Ethan, Elliot, Izzy and Our Year 5 Eco warriors volunteered to do a beach clean earlier this year.

This was organised by the marine conservation society . Photos and stats are on the website on the following link.

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Well done Eco warriors!

## **STAFFING NEWS**

**Mrs Hussey** (lunch supervisor) is moving house so will no longer be able to travel to our school for lunch supervision. We wish her well in her new home and thank her for her support at lunchtimes over last 8 years.

After Easter, we have the following new members of staff working across the school:

- Mr Green and Mrs Ford will be teaching in Year 1,
  - Miss Williams will be working as a part-time teaching assistant for the mornings in KS2.
  - Miss Bufton will be teaching across the school full time after half term.
  - Mrs Hanson will be working in KS2 as an HLTA part time.
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**Dates for the diary**

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April: Return to school*

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Bank holiday*

*Mon 9<sup>th</sup>-Fri 13<sup>th</sup> May: SATs week for Year 6 (it is important that all Y6 children are in school this week)*

*Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May: Teacher training day (**no school**)*

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Class photographs*

*Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May: PTFA Circus Day after school - (restricted late owls only 4.10pm slots– book with office or team)*

*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: PTFA non uniform day (£1 donation please)*