



Spring Newsletter 02

Friday 19th March 2021

Rooted in the community to grow and flourish

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13: 31-32

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today the classrooms have been full of odd socks as we celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. There have been lots of conversations taking place about how differences make us smile and are to be celebrated and valued.

Since returning to school after partial school closure, staff have rightly invested time in building a sense of 'team' with each class once more. We know how important it is for all children to feel like they belong and are important to one another. Children have helped each other to feel included as part of our reflections during our collective worship sessions. Some children have written certificates to be awarded to other pupils as part of our Celebrations each week, others have congratulated their friends when they have persevered or shared compliments and encouragement to lift each other up. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of our children living out the biblical teaching to "love one another" and I hope that during the rest of this term we can continue to be proud of the patience, tolerance and understanding we show each other within our school community.

As I am sure you are aware, parent teacher consultations are now available to be booked. Thank you in advance for your understanding that these sessions must keep to the set time limit. This is because they are taking place on a virtual platform and over running will obviously impact on other families as they await their turn. Nevertheless, we hope that this will be a useful opportunity to discuss with the staff how your child has settled back in, what we are doing at school to help them achieve their targets and how you can support them with their learning at home.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs E Griffiths

Thank You

We are incredibly grateful to the Wareham branch of Sainsbury's for donating some food items for us to use with the children as part of some enrichment activities.

We have also received a wonderful donation of stationery from the Weymouth branch of Sainsbury's. Paper, pens, highlighters and rulers are always in demand in a school setting so we are very grateful for their generosity.

Sainsbury's

Easter Competition

Earlier this week we sent full information about our Easter Competition out to you via ParentMail. Thank you to those of you who have already submitted your entries and we look forward to receiving many more between now and the deadline of the 18th April.



Parking

Could we please ask parents to refrain from parking opposite the school playground when dropping off and collection children. The road is very narrow and by parking there, it is making it very difficult for our school crossing patrol to keep everyone safe.



Trackit Light Winners

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher has been replaced with a Treat from the Tray. Congratulations to all our winners this week.



Life Education Visit

We were very much looking forward to welcoming a member of the Coram Life Education team into school in January. Unfortunately, the visit has now been postponed again until the summer term due to the national lockdown.

Thank you to the 33 families who have donated towards this event already, if you haven't yet contributed but wish to, please do so via Sims Pay. If you are not registered to use Sims Pay, please contact the school office. We are suggesting a voluntary donation of £3.00 per child.

We are extremely grateful to the PTFA who have generously agreed to subsidise this visit.



Salisbury Diocese Thought for the Week



The zebra likes to spend its days munching grass on the African plain. The lion likes to spend its days catching zebra. The grass is long and the lion lies low. This makes it difficult for the zebra to see the lion until it is too late.

All is not lost. The clever zebra grazes near the giraffe. Now the giraffe grows as tall as a double-decker bus. It can see for miles. The giraffe eats from the branches of trees and keeps an eye open for the lion hiding in the grass. The zebra munches the grass and keeps an eye on the giraffe. The giraffe spots the lion a long way off and sounds the alarm. The zebra trots away to safety.

St Paul tells Christian people they are like the parts of the body. They need to work together for the good of all. Imagine, he said, if the hand or the ear decided to go it alone. How silly would that be? Imagine, he said, if the whole body was an eye (I don't think he had seen Monsters Inc). He also said that sometimes the parts of the body that seem less important prove to be the most important.

Ask a friend what they value about you. Tell a friend what you value about them.

If one part suffers, all suffer together; if one flourishes, all rejoice together.

1 Corinthians 12.26

*'No man is an island entire of itself;
every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main'*

John Donne

Roadworks/Road Closures

As you may already be aware, some major roadworks are due to take place at the Woolbridge Roundabout in April. Please visit:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/travel/travel-dorset/roadworks-road-closures.aspx>

to find out further information and for alternative routes.



Reminders

Please remember that we are a Nut Free School, and thank you for ensuring your child does not bring any items into school that may contain nuts. Also, if your child has a medical condition or takes medication, please inform the school office about this to ensure the safety and welfare of your child whilst they are in our care.

We are aware that some children are not currently wearing full school uniform. Please ensure your child wears a school tie with a white school shirt (not polo). PE kits should also be plain blue/black trousers/shorts and hoody with a school logo PE t-shirt.

Attendance

Class attendance figures are:

Oak Class: 94.4%

Willow Class: 97%

Beech Class: 94.7%

Chestnut Class: 95.4%

Elm Class: 98.8%

Whole School Attendance: 95.8%

Notification of a child's absence must be reported to the school office on each day of absence. A phone call or email must be received by the school office prior to 09:00 giving the reason for absence.

Please use the pupil absence guide to help you make an informed decision about whether or not to send your child into school if they are feeling unwell.

Please allow 48 hours after your child's last occurrence of diarrhoea or vomiting before allowing them to return to school.



Diary Dates

Sunday 28th March – Virtual Easter Messy Church – 16:00

Thursday 1st April – Last Day of Term – 13:15 finish

Friday 2nd April – Sunday 18th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 19th April – Return to School

Tuesday 20th April – Individual Photographs

Wednesday 5th May – Virtual Parent Council Meeting – 09:30



PTFA

The PTFA have been given a small amount of uniform which is available for a small donation to the PTFA. All items have been washed and stored for over 3 days in a covid free house. Please contact Imogen if you would like any of the items, we currently have:

2 cardigans 11-12 years (34")

2 light blue summer dresses 13-14 years (1 button up, 1 zip)

1 old style cardigan 4-5 years

1 pair of girls trousers age 4

2 skirts age 5

1 skirt age 3-4

1 skirt age 4-5

1 skirt age 5-6

1 skirt age 6-7

3 pairs of new grey tights age 7 - 8

email: ptfa@woolprimary.dorset.sch.uk

or via Facebook: Official Wool Primary PTFA Group.

All updates go out on this group so please request to join if you have not done so already.

