



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

February Newsletter 2019

### February Update from Mrs Christopher



These words from Matthew's Gospel above (The Beatitudes) form the roots of CAST's new mission statement. Over the past month, the whole school staff have been discussing how we can implement this mission statement alongside our school 'RESPECT' values. New vocabulary which we will be introducing and helping the children to understand are: humility, compassion, kindness, justice, forgiveness, integrity, peace, courage.

We agreed that the best way to help develop understanding is through action. As a result, we have introduced a '**peace**' area on the playground where children who want quietness can read, pray or sit quietly. Also, there is a '**forgiveness**' bench for those who have had disagreements to go, sit and try to resolve the issues- this will be helped by Year 5 peer mediators whom Mrs Kent will train later this term. The older children will have an opportunity to be trained in first aid so that they can show '**kindness**' and '**compassion**' to others. Through our PSHE lessons, we are encouraging the children to show '**courage**' and stand up for what is right so they see fairness and '**justice**' in class and on the playground. In our liturgies, we listen to the life of Jesus, our role model, a man who showed '**integrity**' and '**humility**' and we try to be the same, by being the best we can and by not boasting about things we are good at so others do not feel inferior.

We are now into the month of February. What are your expectations this month?  
Here are two different points of view:

*'Though February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises'. (Charmaine J. Forde)*  
*'It is growing cold. Winter is putting its footsteps in the meadow'. (Roman Paine)*

However we may view it or whatever it may bring, let us remember to show each other that we care through our words, our smiles and our actions.

Have a fabulous February everyone!

Gerardine Christopher

### A message from our new Eco Team

*"Our mission is to help the school do whatever it takes to save our planet - one apple core at a time!"*

*We provide food recycling bins for everyone to put their fruit snack waste in. This gets turned into compost to help grow new food for us to eat. We make sure plastic wrappers go in the rubbish bins and are not thrown away where they could end up in rivers and the sea where they might get eaten by sea-creatures like turtles.*



*Remember - 1 little apple core could save the planet!"*

### Handball Festival at The Purbeck School

Last week, the Year 3s & 4s took part in a handball festival at The Purbeck School. As well as learning the rules of handball, the children were able to exercise their ability to cooperate with others, work as a team, and build on their resilience. The children all learned some new skills, along with the rules of handball, and were very keen to share these with their classmates when back in school. We were able to send a squad of ten (very excited) children to this event, all of whom behaved in a competitive and sporting way. They were great ambassadors for our school! Well done!

### Bryanston Year 6 and 4 Maths Challenge

**We were very fortunate to be able to take part in this maths challenge competition at Bryanston School in Blandford in January. We took 2 teams from Year 6 and Year 4. The children competed in a range of number puzzles and activities against a variety of private and state schools. There was an excitable buzz and enjoyment in both competitions.**

#### Congratulations to:

**Henry and Reece from Y6 who came 10<sup>th</sup> out of 50 schools**

**Lauren and Daisy from Y6 who came 12<sup>th</sup> out of 50 schools**

**Lydia and Henry from Y4 who came 26<sup>th</sup> out of 45 schools**

**Isla and Jonny from Y4 who came 35<sup>th</sup> out of 45 schools**

**Very well done – they were great ambassadors for the school and showed great resilience and perseverance.**

### Our New School Song

Last week, Oak Class worked with Liz Radford from Dorset Music Service creating the melody for a new school song. All classes were asked for their input to help develop a bank of ideas for lyrics. The finished song can be found on the website.

**Well Done year 4 – you have helped create a great song!**

**Currently, in school we are all learning it!**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February: Parent Teacher Meetings 4-6pm**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February: Parent Teacher Meetings 3:30 - 5:30pm**

**Please sign up via parentmail if you have not done so already.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Year 4,5 and 6 Cross Country Event at The Purbeck School**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February: The School Photographer will be in to take individual and sibling photos**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February: Y3/4 Quick Sticks Hockey Event at The Purbeck School  
(Details will follow nearer the date)**

**Winter Weather**

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat every day and don't forget wellington boots days:

Maple, Elm and Sycamore Class – Wednesdays

Beech, Oak, Willow and Rowan Class – Fridays

Children may bring wellington boots on their class day if they wish to play on the field.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE**

The school council have lots of suggestions on how to improve the outside area. In particular they would like the soft all-weather surface to be extended to give more room on the playground, especially during the winter months. This will be a big project!

At our next school council meeting we will be thinking of ideas for a sponsored event to help begin to raise money for this.

**PTFA MEETING**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 9am**

***Please join us at our next PTFA meeting - Everyone welcome!***

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

We break up for half term on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** and return to school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** is an INSET day so no children in school on that day.