



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

November Newsletter 2019



A note from Mrs Christopher

November is upon us already – a time to work together. Some have created '**M**ovember' and others '**Y**esvember' as we plan our weeks before the festivities of next month! For some, it may be a time to save and others a time to spend; some prepare in advance and others wait until the last minute. Whichever type of person we are, one thing is for sure that when we work together we can achieve more. Our school council are a great example of this: they planned an event to help children in need, told the rest of the children what they needed to make it work and everyone worked together to make a successful day raising £264.85 for Children in Need. Well done and thank you everyone!

Saint Teresa of Calcutta was a perfect example of someone who sacrificed her own needs to help others. She was an Albanian-Indian nun who started a charitable organisation (the Order of the missionary of Charities) to help the very poorest and sickest people in Calcutta. In 1979, she received a nobel peace prize in recognition for all her selfless work. Over her life, she was a voice of wisdom to some of us and many of her quotes were about working together and putting others first. Here is one that we read in our staff meeting recently:

'I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples'.

The school council group have been a perfect example of this. If we all try to do a little good, it can have a real impact on others. Some of you have donated shoeboxes to help other children at Christmas time. How wonderful to know that we are helping those who really need our help. For the rest of November and leading into our Advent journey on 1st December, let us cast our actions of support and help to others and silently watch the many ripples they create.

Have a thoughtful but active November everyone!

Mrs Christopher

More Saint Teresa quotes can be found on:

<https://www.legit.ng/1271887-inspirational-mother-teresa-quotes-on-life-and-love.html>





Prefect Roles

Our new prefects have the following roles: Class ambassadors; Librarians; tour guides for new parents; school tidy checks.

Dates for December

Sunday 1st December- First Sunday of Advent (four in total)

Monday 2nd December – Advent Liturgy in the school hall 9:10 am

Thursday 12th December KS2 Christmas Lunch (packed lunches for KS1 orders)

Friday 13th December KS1 Christmas Lunch (packed lunches for KS2 orders)

KS1 Nativity Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December 2pm in school hall

KS2 Carol Service in Church Thursday 19th December 6:15pm

Last day of term Friday 20th December 1:30pm finish



The 'High 5' Reading Challenge Update

I'm delighted to announce that some children have now received their 50 reading signature certificates. These children will be given the task of selecting new books for their classrooms from the Book People. We've also asked them to share their favourite book title in assembly so that they can help other children enjoy reading too.



A very **BIG** thank you to **Wool & East Stoke Community Chest Team** who have given us enough funding to buy 2 water butt kits and a parachute canopy for our Forest school area.



ECO WARRIORS BLOG:

Our Eco Warriors have created a sequence of short videos featuring a character called 'Squiggles' who will help the children understand about how we can look after our earth. Their videos will be shared at Friday assembly each week and will be available to watch on the website soon.

In assembly last week, Keira showed and explained how we can make ECO- BRICKS to help recycle plastic bags and plastic bottles. These bricks are being used in some countries to make houses which are fireproof, bullet-proof and well insulated. The Eco group hope to make something with eco bricks next term.



Thank you to the WOODLAND TRUST who donated 100 trees to our school. The trees will encourage all sorts of wildlife around our nature garden. Thank you also to all the parents who stayed after school last Friday to help plant them. Elliot's mum remembered planting a tree when she was at this school- how momentous to be able to plant another with her son. Thank you all so much.

'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.



Huge thank you!

We would like to pass on our thanks to Elliot's mum who has generously donated some brand new Nativity costumes to the school which were gratefully received and we can't wait to see the children wearing them.

Attendance

Last half term, we rewarded the super healthy 100% attendees with superhero wristbands and certificates. They gave tips on how to keep healthy so you don't miss school. These were:

1. Go to bed on time and get enough sleep
2. Eat healthily
3. Drink lots of water.

This term, we are giving weekly raffle tickets to any child who attends for a full week. By the end of the half term, all the raffle tickets will be pooled and 10 will be chosen to receive a prize for good attendance. This is an incentive to encourage all children to attend school daily if they can but also remembering some who are too ill to attend on certain occasions.

100%

SCHOOL COUNCIL INITIATIVES

The School Council raised £264.85 for 'BBC Children in Need' by organising fun activities in the school hall- well done to all of you! They would like to thank all who supported them by giving in teddies and cakes for the sale.



The **daily mile track** has been delayed due to the wet weather and the impact this can have on the field. We will keep you updated as to when this will start.



PTFA Date reminders

29th November: Movie night (2 movies: 5pm & 6:30pm)



6th December: Christmas Fayre (after school)

Community date for your diary:

'REFLECTIONS' Exhibition by the Purbeck Workshop on 1/12/19
12:30-14:30pm in The D'urberville Centre, Wool, BH20 6DL