



Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)

October Newsletter 2019



A note from Mrs Christopher

Thank you very much for all your kind donations for the Wareham Foodbank at our Harvest Liturgy.

October is a month of change. The temperature cools, the daylight shortens and the season begins to change with splatters of autumnal colours and symbols scattered around outside. Somehow, summer seems a distant memory and the feeling of hibernating thoughts enter some of our heads! What a wonderful world we live in with such beauty evident all around us. It is hard to believe that underneath this curtain of beauty lies a heap of damage to our mother earth caused, not always intentionally, but by us! Let us listen to our ECO Warriors who have written a blog below to remind us of the urgent action we need to take to prevent further damage to this beautiful place we live in.

October is also the month of the Rosary prayer. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valour of the soldiers who fought there.

As a child, my parents, sisters and brother would kneel down each night and say the rosary together for about 10 minutes. At this stage of my life, I joined in but didn't fully realise the impact prayer could have in my life. I did question the point of ritual and prayer life later on in my teenage years but I would always find myself coming back to it- almost like a dietary need, the need for stillness and reflection which adds strength to my being. My mother has more time for prayer now in her later years and she still says the rosary prayer daily. Her belief is that her prayers help to protect her family and friends. Rosary beads are used to support the prayer and help the person to focus as distraction can be all too easy. However, the beads are not essential.

Click the link below to find out how to say this powerful prayer.

https://grow.ourcatholicradio.org/grow/how-pray-rosary?gclid=EAJaIQobChMI-vLwpoOk5QIVC8DeCh2AAAGDEAAAYASAAEgLYP_D_BwE



I'd like to finish with a verse from William Shakespeare's Sonnet No. 73

That time of year thou mayst in me behold

When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang

those boughs which shake against the cold,

Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.

Enjoy the 'October display' everyone and have a good half term break!

Mrs Christopher

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Congratulations to our New Prefects!

Newsroom updates

After half term, we are pleased to welcome our new lunchtime supervisor- **Mrs Samways**. The lunch team are looking forward to having a new team member. We are also lucky enough to have a new volunteer librarian, **Mrs Chaffey**, who will join us on Thursday afternoons helping the children select new books from the library each week. Other new volunteers who are supporting children with extra reading practise in school are **Mrs Sharp** and **Mrs Williams**.



Mass with our Parishioners will be celebrated in the Church on **Wednesday 6th November at 9:15 am**. This Mass is to celebrate the lives of all the Saints. Parents are welcome to join us.

The 'High 5' Reading Challenge Update

I'm delighted to announce that some children have now received their 25 reading signature certificates last week. Well done children, keep up the practise and you'll notice the difference it makes.

ECO WARRIORS BLOG:

We were excited about attending the ECO summit at Stoborough Primary last Tuesday and learned some new facts and ways to help us protect our planet. Here are some simple things you can do to change your ways:

- Stop using plastic bags
- Use less water when cleaning your teeth
- Recycle properly
- Stop buying plastic bottles, instead use a refillable bottle.



Thank You!



Thank you to all the parents who stayed after school last Friday to help level the new planter boxes: Bex Caddy, Charlie Haskell, Neil Wright and Jacob Wright. These were purchased with the £900 funding we received from the Community chest team earlier this year-a huge thank you to them also. The next stage is to fill the planters with soil. Waitrose are kindly donating some soil, but we would still greatly appreciate some donations of bags of soil for the top layer of the planters. If you are able to donate a bag, please bring it to the school office.
Thank you.

Attendance

100%

Next week we will be having the 100% attendance raffle. Each child who has attended for each full week this half term will have a raffle ticket per full week. All the tickets will be put in a box and 10 will be pulled out and will choose a small prize. Those who have had 100% attendance this half term will also receive a special certificate. We understand that children can be too unwell to attend school on some occasions but also want to reinforce that we can attend with mild cold/throat conditions.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

The daily mile track is on track to begin during the Autumn half term.



After school Activities for AUTUMN 2:

Monday: Sewing Club Y5/6 3:15 – 4:30 pm (Mrs Kent)

Wednesday: **NEW: Running Club KS2** (Miss England & Mrs Rose) 3:15-4pm

Wednesday: Recorder Club Y4 3:15 -3:45 pm (Mrs Kent)

Wednesday: **NEW: Performance Poetry** for KS2 3:15 - 4pm (Mrs Christopher)

Thursday: Dance club Y1,2 & 3 (Mrs Dale) 3:15 - 4pm

Friday: Football club Y5 & 6 3:15 -4:15 pm (Elite Football group- Payments online please £3 per session for 6 weeks)



LETTERS WILL BE GOING OUT FOR THE NEW CLUBS NEXT WEEK (Poetry & Running) FOR CHILDREN TO SIGN UP.

For clubs already running, please let the person leading know if you wish to continue next half term.

Mrs Parsons



We are delighted that Mrs Parsons, who was the school librarian for many years, will be coming to visit us on Friday 25th October with her new Guide Dog, Wesley. She will come to our assembly on that morning and then will visit the classrooms to see the children.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The deadline for applying for a secondary school place is **October 31st**. If your child is currently in Year 6 you will need to complete the online application form to apply for the secondary school of your choice. Please see:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-or-upper-school.aspx>