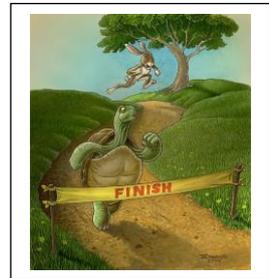


Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)

February Newsletter 2020



"Keep your faith in beautiful things;
in the sun when it is hidden,
in the Spring when it is gone."
- Roy R. Gibson



A note from Mrs Christopher

We've reached the end of another busy half term and the children are ready for a well-earned break. This half term, we've had lots of exciting events happening: owls visiting our school, sporting events with other schools, visits to 'streetwise' to learn about safety and Maths challenges at local schools. Our children learn best from first hand experiences and because of this, we recognise the importance of trips, outdoor learning, visitors in our school and exciting topics as part of igniting that motivation to learn. We try to help the children become more resilient by making them realise that making a mistake is okay, by helping them not to be afraid of challenge. How many of us have heard that expression 'we learn from our mistakes'? Frequently children seem to believe that success is about being right all the time or being first in something. I like to tell them the story of 'The hare and the tortoise' which has a very valuable lesson of perseverance within it and a story worth revisiting with children at different ages in their life.

When we return after half term, we will enter season of Lent on Wednesday 26th February. This Church season lasts for 40 days and guides us into that natural need of reflection and thoughtfulness. The children will be given the opportunity to think about what they can do more of to help others or possibly give something up that will enable them to help others. We refer to these as our Lenten promises and will have the theme of a Lenten journey. Perhaps, you can join us by making your own personal Lenten promise. We signify the beginning of this time by marking the cross on our foreheads with ashes- a simple symbol reminding us of that we are all equal with similar needs. The service will be at **9:15 am on Ash Wednesday in the Church for Y3,4,5& Y6**- parents welcome to attend. The younger children will have their own liturgy in their classrooms with their teacher. After this event, ask your son/ daughter what their Lenten promise is and maybe we can all help each other through this reflective season.



Have a good half term everyone and thank you for all your support,

Mrs Christopher



Prefect News

We are helping all children to behave well at school. Next half term we will be giving reward tokens to remind children to line up quietly after playtimes and walk sensibly whilst inside the building. This will help keep everyone safe inside the building and help them prepare for learning time.

Dates for next half term

24/2/20 INSET DAY (no school)

25/2/20 Art day & CAFOD workshops (Theme: 'Spread love around the world')

26/2/20 Ash Wednesday

5/3/20 World Book day –dress up as a book character

9/3/20 British Science Week

16th-18th March Y4 New Barn Trip

20/3/20 Mother's Day service

23/3/20 Author showcase visit to children: David Lawrence Jones (& book signing 25/3/20 pm)

W/C 23/3/20 Track work to start

30/3/20 Holy week services in school (parents invited, more details to follow)

3/4/20 Last day 1:30pm finish



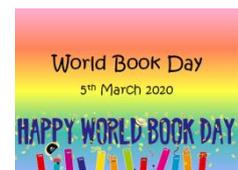
The 'High 5' Reading Challenge Update



I'm delighted to announce that some children are now receiving their 150 reading signature certificates. Our inspectors were very impressed by the children's enthusiasm for reading. If you are still finding it difficult to get your child reading at home, please let the class teacher know so they can offer little incentives to help.

WORLD BOOK DAY 5th March

Come to school dressed as a book character on Thursday 5th March to celebrate World Book day. There will be extra story time sessions and the opportunity for children to share favourite books with their classes.



On 23rd March we will be having 'David Lawrence Jones' coming to visit our school for a spectacular showcase event on his book series. On 25th March, you will have the opportunity to buy some of these books and get them signed by the author. More details will follow nearer the time.



ECO WARRIORS BLOG by Isobelle:

We are continuing to think of more and more ideas to help us remember the importance of looking after our planet. Our latest plan is to hand out little reminder cards to children as they leave assembly, then they read these to the class. Some of these reminders are:

Make sure
you recycle
well.

Don't waste
water when
cleaning your
teeth.

Re-use plastic
when you can.



Signs of Spring

Next half term, the children would like to fill our planters with colourful flowers. If you would like to contribute, we need bags of compost to fill up the large containers outside the Year 3 classroom.

It would be lovely to see these filled with colour. Please give any contributions to Miss England. Thank you for your support.



'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.



Welly
Wednesday

WELLY WEDNESDAY IS BACK!!

Next half term, the children can bring their wellies into school on a Wednesday so that they can play on the field at lunchtimes. There will be designated boxes to store the wellies and these will be kept in the sheltered area on the playground. Please put your child's NAMED wellies in their class box.

Attendance

100%

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.

Next half term, we will re-introduce the weekly raffle ticket to any child who attends for a full week. To remind you: at 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 whilst also remembering that sometimes, children can be too ill to attend school.

All our sports events photos are on the website. This term there has been handball and cross country events at The Purbeck school. The children showed great stamina and team support at the cross country event when many ran back to help a slower runner complete the race. Well done everyone!

Results for cross country are below:

Y4 Boys 8th place Y4 Girls 3rd place

Y5 Boys 2nd place Y5 Girls 5th place

Y6 Boys 4th place Y6 Girls 4th place

Overall results Y4 4th place Y5 2nd place Y6 4th place



After school activities next half term



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

Wednesday Y 3,4,5 & 6 **Running club** -max 20 children (first choice for those on last terms waiting list with Miss England & Mrs Lowndes 3:15-4pm

Wednesday **NEW Book Club with Mrs Reader** for Y1 & Y2 children 3:15 -4pm – **£5 charge per half term** max 20 children **starting 4/3/20**
Booking slips out after half term and charges go towards buying new books.

Thursday **NEW - Craft Club with Mrs Dale** for Y1, Y2 & Reception classes 3:15-4pm – **£5 charge per half term** max 20 children **starting 5/3/20**
Booking slips out after half term and charges go towards buying materials

(Please await confirmation of a place before making any payments)

Thursday **NEW - Y6 SATs booster club** starting **27/2/19**

Friday Y5 & 6 Planet Education football club 3.15pm-4.15pm (charges apply)



Well done to our Poetry Club group who performed both to their parents and in assembly this week. They have also entered the 'Poetry by Heart' National Competition 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>



Head lice – a summary

- **Head lice** aren't pleasant, but they are **harmless**
- You can only catch them through **head-to-head contact** with an infested person
- **Detection combing** should be carried out **every week**
- If **live head lice** are found, buy an **effective treatment** and treat all infected family members at the same time
- If **no head lice** are found, make sure you **prevent head lice** by avoiding head-to-head contact, and use Lynclear Repellent when there is a reported outbreak



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