



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely having the children back in school this week! I hope you had a lovely break with your family. The children have really enjoyed 'Healthy Me' week this week, particularly their Life Education workshops. Isaac and Skyler in 2NW write: 'We found out about feelings and we watched a video clip about Harold's party. Derek the penguin didn't let Kiki join in, because she didn't have a costume. Every body used the party things to make her a costume. It reminded us of our value 'Collaborative'. It was fun because we looked at how our body keeps us alive, we learned about the fitness five: water, exercise, food, sleep and doing things to keep you happy!' **Thank you very much to those of you who have already contributed £3.50 for your child towards this. If you have not yet contributed and you are able to do so, we would be really grateful.**

CAFOD

Thank you very much for your donations to our Brighten up for CAFOD Mufti day last week – I am pleased to tell you that we raised £405.50.

School Photographer

I do hope that you were pleased with your child's school photograph. You should have received the slip with the QR code to see the photograph online. Please remember that the deadline to order and receive your order via school is **Wednesday 15th November** – after that date you would have to pay for delivery to your home.

Year 6 Remembrance Showcase

On Tuesday 14th November 2023 Year 6 will be holding a Remembrance showcase. During the showcase, the children will be performing their WW1 dances which they have worked on over the last couple of weeks. The children will also read some war poems which they have written in their literacy lessons, and there will be art work on display. We would like to invite one adult per child to attend the showcase, which will be at 1.30pm. There will a collection for the Royal British Legion – if you would like to donate you can do so via WisePay.

Year 5 Class Mass

Just a reminder that 5RD's class Mass is now on Friday, 10th November at 1.30pm and 5RH's Class Mass is now on Friday 17th November at 1.30pm as Father Anthony was unable to come to school on those Thursdays.

Poppies

We have poppies on sale until the 10th November. Please send your child in to school with a minimum donation of 50p if they would like to buy one.

Head lice

The critters are back in Year 5! Please check your child's hair at the weekend and treat accordingly. Many thanks.

School Mass at the Annunciation

Following the success of our 'school' Mass at the Annunciation in July, we would like to invite you and your children to join us for the Parish Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 26th November. The children should attend in school uniform. We are hoping that, this time, all of the children can sit at the front with school staff. If your KS2 child would like to read or take a ministry role in the Mass, please complete the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CKFia7JFSB>

Class Fundraising – Christmas Shop

Your child should have brought home an A5 card with a sample of their artwork and an individual code. You can use this to purchase Christmas cards, as well as other items such as mugs, tea towels, bags, coasters and more! Perfect Christmas gifts for family as well as helping raise money for school as we get commission for every item ordered. The final date for orders is **Friday 10th November**.

Attendance

At the end of Autumn Half Term 1 our whole school attendance was 96.45%. Our target is 96%, so we are doing well so far! Here is a breakdown of the overall attendance for each year group. Year 1 & Year 2 are just below target, but I'm sure they will pick up this half term. Well done to all the other year groups and in particular Year 4 as they are well above target.

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.58%
Year 1	95.75%
Year 2	95.56%
Year 3	96.02%
Year 4	97.69%
Year 5	96.84%
Year 6	96.76%

Starting school in September 2024

If your child's date of birth is between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, they are due to start in Reception in 2024! Please join us for a 'stay and play session' with your child from 3.30- 4.30 on Thursday 9th November. We are also booking places on our Open Information sessions for parents - please contact the School Office on 01202 528811. Please spread the word among your friends who may have children due to start school.

Mission Statement heroes

As we celebrated the feast of All Saints this week, our Mission Statement heroes are our House saints – St Bernadette, St Francis, St Anne and St Joseph. We can learn a lot from their example and are grateful to them for watching over us.

Well done to Hope Hewitt in 6PM for donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. What a thoughtful thing to do, we are all very proud of you!

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RP: Elisia; RJ: Yuvaan; 1JC: Conor; 1WH: Carter; 2NW: Marie; 2ML: Eleanor; 3BM: Max B; 3NL: Max B; 4CY: Arianna; 4CR: Oty; 5RD: Ophelia; 5RH: Elsie; 6KB: Olivia; 6PM: Tobias.

Learning Champion: RP:Lily C; RJ:Mila; 1JC:Anna; 1WH:Adam; 2NW: Tiggy; 2ML: Dominic; 3BM: Lucas; 3NL: Sophia; 4CY: Ana Paula; 4CR: Evelyn; 5RD: Olivia K; 5RH: Daisy; 6KB: Helena; 6PM: Ollie.

Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary:

Thurs 9 th Nov	3.30-4.30pm	Stay & Play session for children due to start September 24 (and their parents)
Fri 10th Nov	1.30pm	5RD Class Mass
Tues 14 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Showcase
Fri 17th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass
Wed 22 nd Nov	7.00pm	Bournemouth Schools' Carol Service at the Pavilion
Mon 4th Dec	All day	Staff training day – School closed for children
Wed 6 th Dec	9.30am	Reception performance A-G
Wed 6 th Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance A-E
Wed 6th Dec	4.00pm-5.30pm	Christmas fun night – more info to follow
Thurs 7 th Dec	9.30am	Reception performance H – Z
Thurs 7 th Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance F – M
Fri 8 th Dec	1.30pm	Year 1 & 2 performance N-Z

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

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