



Summer Term Newsletter 16.6.20

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all keeping well and gradually feeling a sense of normality edging back into your lives.

Social Distancing

Whilst we see much of society relaxing their view of social distancing, we in school are still following the trust directive to maintain 2m between each person. Please do follow the government guidance and ensure that you and your family avoid large gatherings. We need to protect our service and protect the children and staff and this is only possible if all members of our community take responsibility to avoid unnecessary social gatherings.

We would, again, respectfully remind parents to adhere to the one way system which is in place for everyone's health and safety. Several parents have expressed concern that this control measure is being ignored which we agree is unfair on the majority! We do need parents to approach this with sensitivity; please bear in mind there are a very small handful of parents with legitimate medical reasons who are required to leave by the main entrance.

COVID-19 Symptom Reminder.

The medical advice is clear: you must self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as somebody who does. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Staffing

Farewell and thank you to staff leaving us this summer:

We say farewell to Mrs Lee, our cleaner in charge, who has served our school for 22 years. We are grateful to Mrs Lee for her dedication to keeping our school clean and secure and wish her much happiness for the future.

Thank you also to Mrs Ray who has worked in various roles including an MSA and pre-school assistant for the past 10 years. We wish Mrs Ray all the best for the future.

Thank you to Mrs Melon and Mrs Yusuf who have covered the teaching vacancies in Year 1 and Year 3 since Christmas; they have worked extremely hard both in school and during lockdown to ensure continuity in your children's learning. We wish both well for the future. We also thank Miss Hart who has led the pre-school during Mrs Riggs maternity leave. We wish Miss Hart every success for the future.

Welcome to returning staff and newly appointed staff:

We are excited that both Mrs Riggs and Mrs Scott will be returning from their maternity leaves in September. Mrs Riggs will return to her role in pre-school and Mrs Scott will join the KS2 teaching team.

We welcome Miss Warr who will join the KS1 teaching team and Miss Roberts who will teach in KS2 next year. Both ladies are excited to be joining the CTK team of 2020-2021.

Be Weather Wise

Please keep a watch on the weather forecasts and send your child into school with appropriate protection: rain coat for wet days and sunscreen / sun hats on sunny days.

Sports Week

Thank you to Mr Smith for organising a fun week of 'Sock Olympics'. It has been wonderful to see pictures of children taking part both in school and at home.

Jubilee Week

We will celebrate our school Jubilee week beginning 13th July. It will not be the huge fanfare event we had hoped for, but it will never the less be meaningful for the pupils and staff. The pupils and staff will be taking part in a range of learning and fun activities either at home or in school over the week and we will also be putting together a time capsule of memories from our children from this Jubilee year to be opened in 40 years' time when it is the school's centenary.

Home Learning

Since we are not able to open more widely to pupils in Year R, 2, 3, 4, 5 we are increasingly aware that these pupils need to stay connected with school and must complete some home learning each week. We are very concerned about some pupils who have not engaged with any home learning and that whilst they may feel that 'everyone is in the same boat' this is not actually true. Many pupils have worked really hard and have completed all the tasks their teachers have set – these pupils will have less catch up in the Autumn term than those that have done very little or none.

Please do share any home learning that your child has done – if the staff don't see it they will presume that it has not been completed. If you collect a paper pack of learning, please return the previous week's work when you collect rather than holding onto piles of work. Teacher will mark work that is handed in regularly but since they are all now teaching groups in school, we need to ensure this is manageable.

Recovery Curriculum

Whilst it is likely your children will have made more academic progress had they been in school, we recognise that some pupils have worked hard during lockdown and persevered with their home learning. For those that have done none or very little they will need to catch up on lost learning. The staff are already developing our provision to include a recovery curriculum (<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>) to run alongside the regular lessons. A growth mindset from pupils, parents and staff will be key to this; recognising that challenges are an opportunity to grow, not an excuse to give up.

The government have pledged a huge amount of funding to help those children who have fallen behind with their learning. As a school, we eagerly await more details on this, as it could make a massive difference in closing the gap.

Zoom Meetings

I do hope that those children who have taken part in a class virtual meeting via Zoom have enjoyed seeing their teachers and friends. All the children we have spoken to have really benefitted from connecting with their class in this way. Please do take the opportunity to join in when this is available. Zoom etiquette, outlined in your invite letter, is important to ensure that all have a good experience.

Classes for 2020-2021

Look out for class information going out this week announcing. We are anticipating that schools will be open full time for all year groups in September. When we have guidance from the Government we will confirm our plans. Government guidance will also be taken into consideration when offering **breakfast and after school club** provision. We are hoping to offer these services but cannot guarantee yet that it will be safe to do so. We will confirm as soon as we can.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2020

Last day of term: Friday 17th July 2020 – all bubbles will close at their current finishing times.

Autumn term 2020

Staff Training: Monday 20th July 2020

Staff Training: Thursday 3rd September 2020

Staff Training: Friday 4th September 2020

First day of term: Monday 7th September 2020 – more detail to follow.

On-line Safety

SSCT have provided information and support to our Year 6 pupils to ensure they are reminded of how to keep safe online. Please discuss on-line safety with your child.

Black Lives Matter

"We need a new kind of solidarity during and beyond the viruses – corona and racism... us and God, us and creation, us and each other". (Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Brisbane, Australia). All over the world the corona virus has exposed the ugly face of racial inequality; the legacy of slavery and our colonial past. **LORD HAVE MERCY.** Pope Francis spoke out as protests against racism spread across the globe: "My friends, we cannot tolerate or turn a

blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life". He also prayed for all "who have lost their lives as a result of the sin of racism." **CHRIST HAVE MERCY.** So in solidarity with all God's children, with our own brothers and sisters, let our voices join the chorus: Black Lives Matter; **ALL LIVES MATTER.** Let us pray (Extract from Corpus Christi News).

Awards

Look out for our next **Golden Assembly** video - we are aiming to send these out once a fortnight.

Attendance

Pupils in Y1 and Y6 have been in the privileged position of being offered a place in school this half term – it is an option sadly that many children do not have. We need consistent attendance for these pupils in school, ad hoc attendance makes it difficult for the pupils to fully engage in the activities. Attendance of pupils returning to school is as follows: Year 6 – 85%, Year 1 – 75%, Pre-school – 50%.

Transition to Secondary School

The transition process for pupils in Year 5 transferring to secondary school begins in September. Usually we would have an information briefing for Year 5 parents this summer - instead we will forward all the necessary information to you and the links for all the secondary schools in our area. Most schools have posted virtual tours and information on their websites so you can start the process now.

Transition to Primary School

Information packs have been sent to all our new families with pupils due to start Reception in September 2020. We will shortly be posting our virtual tour and virtual presentation on tapestry and on the website. Watch this space!

Message from the school nursing team

Do you have concerns about any aspect of your child's health or well-being? If so, our School Health Nursery Nurses are available to provide you with information, advice and guidance in relation to a number of issues such as:

- Emotional wellbeing including anxiety about returning to school
- Friendships
- Healthy eating, weight management and physical activity advice
- Parenting
- Bed-wetting and toileting
- Hearing
- Behaviour

If you would like to speak to a School Health Nursery Nurse, please email us at dhc.snadmin.bmth@nhs.net for Bournemouth, dhc.snadmin.poole@nhs.net for Poole or dhc.snadmin.christchurch@nhs.net for Christchurch, providing us with your telephone number as well as your child's name and school, so that we can call you back. If you would prefer an Attend Anywhere video appointment online instead of a phone call, please let us

know. This will need to be booked in advance. We will do our best to call you back within two working days.

For more information and guidance, please visit the Dorset HealthCare website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk and search for the School Nursing webpage.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SERVICE WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY 20TH JULY BUT WILL RESUME AGAIN ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT ANY REQUESTS SENT DURING THIS TIME MAY NOT BE RESPONDED TO UNTIL SEPTEMBER

IMPORTANT: If you have an urgent medical concern or any COVID-19 query, you will need to speak to your GP or ring NHS 111



Let Us Pray

Monday 22nd June was the feast of St JOHN FISHER and ST THOMAS MORE.

St. JOHN FISHER was to his Catholic contemporaries, a straightforward hero, Chancellor of Cambridge University, a theologian, a bishop, a man who clearly understood the consequences of Henry VIII's divorce for the future of the Catholic Church in England, and who, with integrity, defied power and paid for it with his life. Fisher died with dignity. He spoke boldly to the crowd, telling them to be loving and obedient to the king; he's a good king, he said, it's just that in this one matter he's been deceived.

ST JOHN FISHER, PRAY FOR US

ST THOMAS MORE served as an important counsellor to King Henry VIII. In 1516, he published Utopia, a work of fiction, which covered far-reaching topics as theories of punishment, state-controlled education, multi-religion societies, divorce, euthanasia and women's rights. He argued against the king's divorce and the split with Rome and was consequently tried for treason and imprisoned in the Tower. Thomas More was beheaded on July 6, 1535. His final words described himself as: "The king's good servant, but God's first."

ST. THOMAS MORE, PRAY FOR US.

Reflection

Be who God meant you to be and
you will set the world on fire.

(St Catherine of Siena 1347-1380)

Thank you again for the support you have given your children in their learning. Every little bit helps their transition back into school life. Please do talk to your children about how they feel and remember to ask them those 3 little questions each day:

What have you enjoyed today?

What are you satisfied with today?

What are you grateful for today?

Let's continue to be hopeful and pray that we all come through this soon. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Clare Tickel
Headteacher

