

## Message from the acting Headteacher

Thank you to those of you that have taken the time to welcome me to your community's school. I have very much enjoyed my first week here because of the amazing children who attend the school and the staff who work so hard with them. It is always unsettling when changes happen in school. This is especially true if a member of staff such as the Headteacher is not at the school for a period of time. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to me outside the school at drop off or pick up. I will either be near the front gate or near the Year Three or Four doors.

This week we welcomed inspectors from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate who were looking at the faith life of the school. As you would have expected they were charmed by our children. Their report will be quality assured and we will share it with you as soon as we are able.

## Dates

24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>BIG LENT WALK ALL WEEK</b>						
	<b>Y3 Flamingos Pizza Express all day  2.15 The Annunciation Liturgy</b>	<b>Y4 Flavours Cookery all day</b>				

## Stay Safe

Some children have been using Snapchat out of school. As parents you will have your own views on online safety. However, we would like to share the following information that you may consider before allowing your children to access the app. The user agreement for Snapchat states that children should be thirteen or older to access it. The NSPCC is worried about the use of Snapchat in grooming young people and police services across the country are concerned that Snapchat is often used by County Lines gangs to sell drugs.



**World Down's Syndrome Day**  
21st March

World Down's Syndrome Day is an opportunity to celebrate how truly wonderful and unique people with Down's Syndrome are. It is a globally observed awareness day recognised by the United Nations since 2012.

It is also a day to advocate for equality in healthcare, education and society as well as shining a light on harmful outdated and incorrect stereotypes which still exist. As for all of us, with the right support and opportunities, people with Down's Syndrome can meet their own potential and achieve amazing things.

We came together to advocate for a world where people with Down's Syndrome are fully included in society.

### Why 21st March?

Down's Syndrome is a naturally occurring genetic condition where a person has 3, instead of 2, copies of their 21st chromosome - hence celebrating on the 21st day of the 3rd month of the year.

The chromosomal change happens when the reproductive cells are produced, before the point of conception and for 97% of people it is entirely random. Babies with Down's Syndrome are born to parents of all ages all over the world.

### What can you do?

Be an advocate for change - speak up when you witness inequality and help spread the word about the amazing potential of individuals with Down's Syndrome!

Always put the person first when talking about Down's Syndrome

✓ 'Child with Down's Syndrome'

✗ Downs child

Rock your funkiest socks on 21st March and start a conversation about Down's Syndrome Awareness

### Who are Downright Perfect?

Based in Dorset, we are an entirely volunteer run registered charity supporting children and young people with Down's Syndrome and their families.

Our mission is to create an empowered community to enrich the lives of children and young people with Down's Syndrome.

Visit [www.downrightperfect.org](http://www.downrightperfect.org) to find out more

Proud member of  **DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION** 



21st March is World Down's Syndrome Day, it is a day to celebrate the amazing things that people with Down's Syndrome can achieve, advocate for equality in access to support services and to shine a light on some of the outdated views of Down's Syndrome which still exist.

We celebrate on the 21st day of the 3rd month each year as it represents people with Down's Syndrome having an extra copy of their 21st chromosome. It is this extra chromosome which makes Jojo extra determined, extra cheeky and extra loveable! It is also why Jojo sometimes needs a bit of extra help as he finds some things harder to understand and learn.

Jojo, in Kingfishers, and his family run a charity called Downright Perfect which supports children with Down's Syndrome in Dorset. To find out more about Down's Syndrome and what the charity does you can follow the charity on Facebook Downright Perfect - Public Facebook Group.

## Community News

There are currently plans to build an incinerator at Canford Park. Local campaign groups are concerned about the effects on communities such as ours that border the area. You can find more information from the Mag Watch website below.



## Mission moment

Berry Campion in Year 3 is our Mission spotlight for the week. Berry has made this beautiful box so that the children can share their ideas with the School Council. Berry has shown a great example of the British Value of “Democracy” and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of subsidiarity by helping to keep people’s ideas at the heart of decisions made in school.



Have a great weekend!