

Dear Parents/Carers,

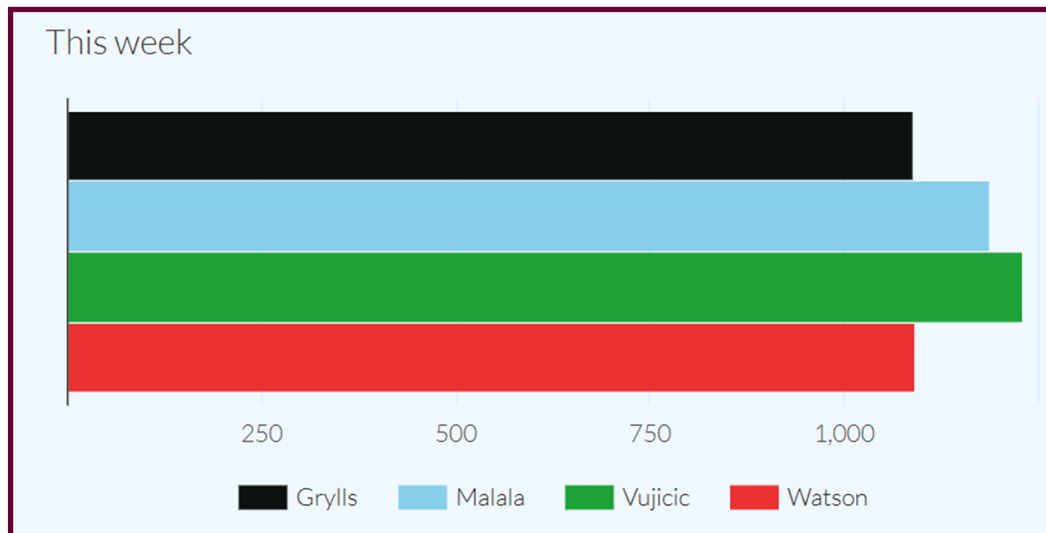
Good afternoon and welcome to this week's parent bulletin.

On Tuesday 11th November, Mrs. Birkbeck, Mrs. Poole and Mr. Parker took some children from Emmanuel and Verwood First School to attend the Remembrance Day Service in Verwood. They were all impeccably behaved and were a credit to both schools.

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."



## House News



Well done to Malala for a strong come back - and with next week being their House litter pick week there is the chance to make even stronger gains if it is viewed as a big House team effort.

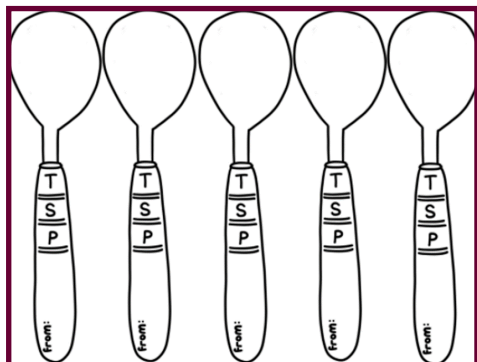
In whole school worship this afternoon we discussed the year group House lead roles which pupils will put themselves forward for in House worships next week. They will need to have a paragraph written and rehearsed about themselves and the reasons why they would be good for the role. Vujicic and Watson will present and vote on Monday, Grylls and Malala on Friday.

## Clubs

A reminder that clubs are a commitment and places are in high demand so pupils who do not attend regularly will have their place cancelled so others can join. It is worth periodically checking in on Epraise to see if spaces have become available in a club your child wants to attend.

## Anti-bullying Week

The Anti-Bullying Crew launched No Put Down Week to the pupils in worship on Monday. The pupils were set a series of challenges to be recognised for. They were issued a card which staff can sign off, giving them an opportunity to earn up to 20 candle credits. They also shared that pupils could write messages to other pupils or staff members on their compliment spoons - TSP - Thank you, Sorry or Please. These can be posted into year group boxes to be delivered by the AB Crew throughout the week. Pupils can also nominate an Unsung Hero for being kind - forms in the library. Pupils were invited to wear odd socks to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week. A really successful week which culminated in wearing mufti for £1 donation for Children In Need.



Positive No Put Down Paper.						
Name:		Class:				
Task	Date/Init	Date/Init	Date/Init	Date/Init	Date/Init	Date/Init
Showed Good Manners						
Random Act of Kindness						
Respect for Others						
Right Place, Right Time, Right Attitude!						
Great Example to Others						
Stay Positive!						

## Year 4

Verwood First School continue to join us on Tuesday afternoons for Art and Computing. In the Art room, they were experimenting with pen and wash, drawing their natural forms looking and focusing on PROPORTION this week.

## Year 5

In English, year 5 have been working on writing expanded noun phrases and integrating dialogue into their writing. This is preparation for our next piece of writing which will be a narrative based around our new class text The Explorer. Keep up the good work year 5!

In Science we have been learning all about reversible and irreversible reactions. The children even had a go at making their own plastic called 'casein' by combining heated milk, vinegar and glycerine. Although it was rather smelly, it was great fun and we are excited to see the results.



## Year 6

A big well done to all of Year 6 who have completed their first set of Mock SATs. They've all tried extremely hard. Just as a reminder, a good proportion of the areas covered in the maths and grammar tests the children will not have been taught yet, but there is still plenty of time to learn these.

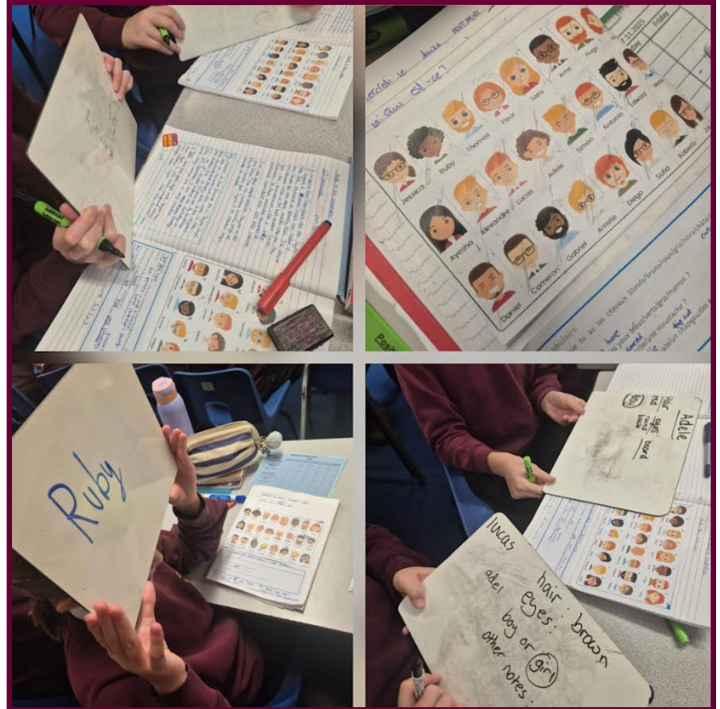
This week in RE, we are continuing to explore the big question “*Is Jesus the Messiah?*” We’ve been finding out what Christians believe about Jesus and why many see him as the promised Messiah. We’ve also been learning about Jewish expectations of the Messiah and thinking about how different people might answer this question. We’ve enjoyed discussing our ideas, reading Bible stories, and working together in groups to share our opinions and support them with evidence.

## Year 7

In Maths this week the pupils have completed their first standardised tests of the year. These will be termly and enable us to moderate our results by comparing with all the other Trust middle schools. The tests focussed on the first 3 units of work: sequences, algebraic notation and equations. The pupils worked really hard and have had their tests shared with them.

In Computing, we are exploring sequences using inputs and outputs using flow diagrams. We have looked at how traffic lights are programmed and have programmed our own virtual traffic lights. Our learning of how more complex systems of input and output work will lead us to programming a lighthouse and car park with barriers and a counting system for checking the number of vehicles parked.

This week Year 7 have been playing Guess Who in French. Putting together all their vocabulary about describing themselves.



## Year 8

In Music we are recapping on how chords are built - learning the rules for building any major or minor chord. We are then using this knowledge to play covers of pop songs using more challenging keys.

The Year 8 are working incredibly well with producing their reversible bucket hats, with a lot of independent work being carried out. The students have chosen the material that they want to use, some have marbled their material while others have chosen patterned fabric. They are adding appliques and hand stitching to them and have started to put it together. I'm looking forward to seeing their finished hats in a few weeks' time.



All that is left is to wish you all a great weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker

**Please find on the following pages information from FACE and the Dorset Mental Health Team.**

Dates for Face sessions in December are on the following page.



Face Family Advice was set up to help parents like you. With the stresses and strains of modern life, our children and young adults have never been under more pressure. We aim to offer advice, tips and support to parents who want to get the best out of their family relationships and need new tools to do that.

To make this resource available to all families and staff in our schools, the Emmanuel Middle School PTFA and Friends of Verwood First School fund a membership that allows you to access all FACE online parent talks for FREE (usually £24 per talk). Go to <https://www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk/supportforparents> to select a talk, then at checkout enter **EV180225** where it says "Add promo code" to reduce the cost to zero. Please note this applies to FACE live talks only, not their online courses





## Merry Christmas!



### December Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm



## The Teenage Brain

**Thursday 27th November at 12:30pm**

Join the Mental Health Support Team for Schools in Dorset online for an insightful webinar exploring the fascinating changes that occur in the teenage brain.

We'll delve into key areas of brain development and discuss how these changes impact behaviour, thinking, and relationships during adolescence.

The session will also offer practical, evidence-based strategies that parents and carers can use to support their teens through this critical stage of growth.

Whether you're navigating mood swings, risk-taking, or communication challenges, this webinar will equip you with tools to foster connection and support your child during this stage in their life.

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