

Dear Parents,

Where is the term going? This time next week we hit December. I hope you like our Christmas tree in reception!

Our Children in Need cake sale last Friday was a huge success raising an amazing £264.45 for this worthwhile charity. Thank you to everyone who supplied cakes for the sale and to all the pupils who enjoyed eating them.

We have also heard from the Trussell Trust Foodbank that we donated 139.50kg of food from our Harvest Festival event. That will feed at least 14 people 3 meals a day for 3 days.

It was great to see so many of you at the Maths parents' information evening. The presentation is available on the school website. If you were unable to attend I strongly advise you to download the presentation. The way in which Maths is taught has changed dramatically since our time as pupils!

Having dropped into many afternoon registrations this week to check homework, I know there has been an increase in what is being set. My Standard's Team and Subject Leaders are monitoring this and by the end of term anticipate new routines to be established.

Pupil reports will be coming out in January next year. The change of date is due to us following the Wimborne Academy Trust's schedule for data. The reports will be followed by two parent's evenings for you to discuss your child's report with their subject teachers. The information you receive will also be different, a full guide will be provided as a supplement to the report. Dates are in the box in the bottom corner.

Reward trips are being organised for the end of term. Year 5's will be spending the afternoon at the Youth Centre accessing the cool table games and consuming lots of pizza. The Year 6 pupils spend the morning prepping a Christmas Dinner for their Form Tutors and I hope to receive my first invite since joining EMS in 2009! Year 7 and 8 pupils will be visiting the Ice Rink in Bournemouth. These activities are heavily supported by the excellent PTFA - thank you Team!

The week finishes with our Christmas Fayre. I look forward to seeing many of you and am always available for a catch up. For staff, it is always great to see many of our former pupils return to say hello and find out how they are getting on at Upper School.

Have a lovely weekend,

Rob Christopher

Year 5 in the news:

Pupils have been continuing their 'No Put Down Week' by completing their 'praise pyramid'. They have also been actively acknowledging the good things in their peers by giving out compliment slips.

Year 6 in the news:

The Team have been busy teaching Bar Modelling in afternoon registration. Those at the Maths evening will have had a go at this when tackling the price change question. If you follow us on Twitter @EmmanuelMiddle you will have seen we have posted questions linked to #barvemmer from @WhiteRoseMaths.

Year 7 in the news:

Continuing with the afternoon registration theme The Team have enjoyed their Thursday Thunk. Try these - if we re-located EMS to Africa, would we be the same school? If someone went to the Library and loaned out all the books, would it still be a library?

Year 8 in the news:

Mrs Robertson took year 8 pupils to Beacroft to begin preparations for the annual Christmas party. Team Leaders from Activities, Catering, Carers and Sports met with staff to begin planning. There was also representation from the Elf community.

Diary dates:

Friday 24 November - PTFA Christmas Fayre 6pm-8pm

Tuesday 28 November - Parents evening hosted by Wimborne Academy Trust. Open to all, presentation begins at 7pm.

Thursday 30 November - Carol Service at St Michael & All Angels Church 7pm

Friday 8 December - Year 8 Beacroft Christmas Party

Friday 15 December - Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 2 January - Staff Training Day

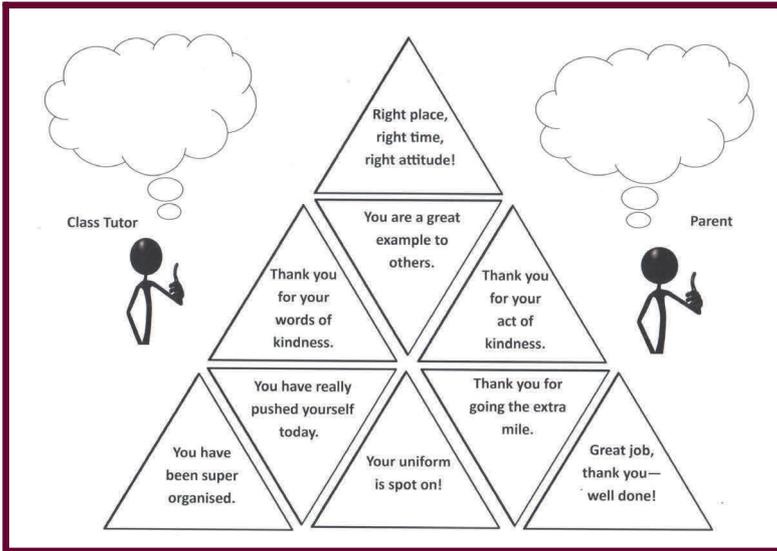
Wednesday 3 January - Pupils Return to School

Friday 12 January - Reports Home

Wednesday 17 January - Parents Evening

Monday 22 January - Parents Evening

A week in pictures:



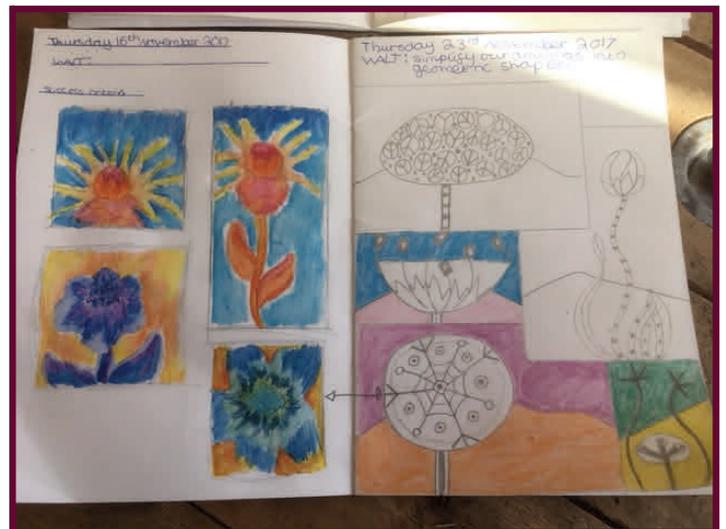
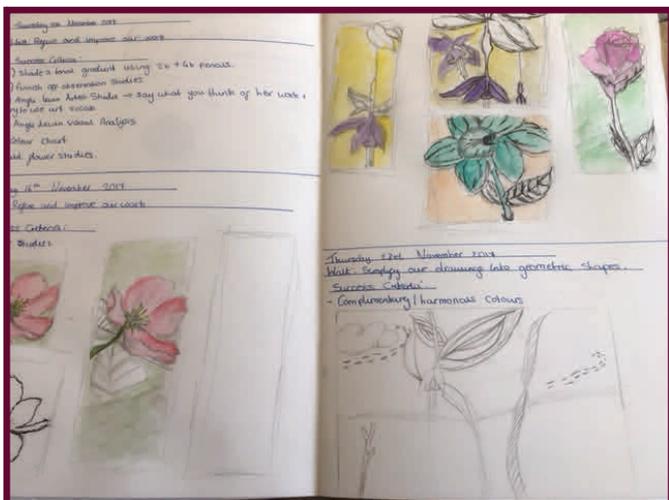
Praise Pyramid - Year 5 pupils have been continuing No Put Down Week this week.

Thank you to Mrs Munson's Discoverers Club who decorated our Christmas Tree in reception - job well done.



Mrs Robertson, Miss Oliver and the Year 8 Beacroft Team visited Beacroft School this week in readiness for the Beacroft Christmas Party on Friday 8th December.

An example of some Year 6 Jasper Johns Artwork



An example of some Year 7 Angie Lewin Artwork