

Dear Parents,

It's been one of those weeks that makes you realise why you love the job! Lots of things flying around in the background that nobody knows about and yet on the surface so many wonderful things happening. Nobody can ever complain about monotony!

Ask any member of the teaching team about the best part of job, it's being in the classroom. We are working so hard to remove all other hurdles to allow our amazing team to do what they do best: teach. There have been so many emails circulating with staff sharing the new practices we are developing in school. The pride and willingness to share is fantastic. Something that is being shared is the awesome responses from the pupils and the quality of their work. We are all benefitting. This work is being led and energised by Mrs Weir in her whole school role as Lead Practitioner for the curriculum. The subject leaders are so committed to developing their curriculum and the strategies to bring out the best in the pupils. There is also a willingness in the classroom to try things and challenge ourselves. This is a great place to be right now!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in knitted Poppies. Mrs Thompson has been blown away by the response and our Armistice installation is going to be quite fantastic. Approximately twenty in thus far and over 100 in total! Keep them coming please. On the art front, Mrs Thompson is looking to put on another year 7/8 Arts award course, which she assures me has nothing to do with a second visit to Roche Court! She needs 15 pupils to make this group viable. This is such a fantastic opportunity for enrichment and to gain an accredited award. The summer exhibition was great and has the potential to be bigger next year.

As the Summer recedes we turn our attention to Harvest. We ask for your support through to the end of the half-term with our House group Trussell Trust Food Bank collection. Our support and generosity in the past has been very well received and appreciated.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Boyes into the fold. Mrs Anderson is currently unwell and we have been fortunate enough to call on the English expertise of Mrs Boyes at the expense of Trust work. Mr Brennan has also swapped his class with Mrs Boyes to teach the maths curriculum to 6KA, whilst 5MB enjoy Mrs Boyes' teaching. We look forward to seeing Mrs Anderson before the half-term ends, but the pupils are being well taught in the meantime. This is one of the great things about being part of a bigger family.

Tonight is the first school Disco of the year. The new lights and set-up that the PTFA have invested in will transform the hall, whilst DJ Savage is in the hot seat! A great way for the pupils to begin their weekend.

Speaking of which, enjoy the rugby and see you on Tuesday for meet the tutor evening! (I hope the ParentMail booking system worked well for you).

Mr Christopher



## Hot School Meals

The new Winter Menu is available to place meal orders via the Meal Selector website -

[www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk](http://www.dorset.mealselector.co.uk)

This menu runs from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November and you will need to book meals for the first week back after the Half Term break by **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

Year 8 have been preparing Stuffed Peppers in Food Technology this week. Mrs Stewart was extremely proud of their efforts.