

Dear Parents/Carers,

I will say this quietly and I hope I don't regret it For pupils and teachers, this was nearly a normal week! Fingers crossed

The week began by hosting Debbie Zachary, our external School Improvement Challenge Partner. She visited lessons, interviewed staff and pupils. The focus was the new Trust curriculum and checking how we are 'catching-up' from the lockdowns. The curriculum implementation has functioned well across all year groups with ongoing work matching key learning from year 4 into year 5 and then linking year 6 to key stage 3. The pupils spoke confidently about what they had learnt this term and how their prior knowledge supported this from last year. It was lovely to have Debbie in school after such a long time and she noticed the improvement made to the buildings, replacement computers and visualisers.

Clubs and inter house competitions are in full swing. It is our aim for all pupils to take part in at least one of these sessions and even better if each pupil could say they regularly attend a club. These will change through the terms of the school year.

Mr Brenton has taken a couple of sports teams to fixtures over the past two weeks. Last week he took a year 6 girls' football team to a tournament at St Michael's Middle School. The team were commended as the most improved team in the tournament after making a number of positional changes. The team showed great enthusiasm after losing their first match 8-0, going on to match the best teams in the tournament and finally winning their last match 2-0. Their heads never went down.



Mrs Stocks had the pleasure of a last minute invite to Poole High School this week. She took a group of year 7 pupils to take part in a variety of leadership activities/workshops. We are hoping that they will develop these activities and organise them for our year 5 and 6 pupils during break and lunchtime sessions. They all found it a very useful and motivational day. Moreover, huge smiles on their faces when they returned proudly wearing t-shirts given to them.

Well done year 6 pupils who sat formal mock SAT tests this week. It is quite possible pupils have never experienced this type of week. They have worked hard all week and shown great focus and stamina. Staff have been busy marking papers and will be able to start planning areas of the curriculum they need to focus on whilst finishing the key stage programme of study over the next term.

Today we collapsed the timetable for the morning, lessons 1 to 4. The focus was on Internet Safety. Each year group delivered four sessions to year group classes. Appropriate social media usage and remaining safe online are two huge concerns and foci for all of us. I hope there has been plenty of learning and reflection time across the morning and pupils are better placed to use the internet more effectively and appropriately. Please have a conversation over the weekend about any changes in routines or approaches.

Finally, this week we have spent time remembering those who have lost their lives and served our country, past and present. The opportunity to pause and reflect and give thanks to those who protect and serve. Pupils listened well in worship assemblies and observed the 2-minute silence brilliantly yesterday.

Have a great weekend. There are various sporting events starting from tonight and, of course, Strictly on Saturday!

Mr Christopher

CAROL CONCERT

Our School Choir will be performing at the Diverse Abilities Carol Concert on Wednesday 15th December at St Peter's Church in Bournemouth. Please see poster below for details and ticket information.

The poster features a warm, bokeh background of orange and yellow lights. At the top left is the 'Diverse Abilities' logo, which includes the text 'Dorset's Disability Charity'. At the top right is a circular badge with ticket prices. The main title 'Christmas Carol Concert' is written in a large, elegant, gold-colored script. Below the title, the event details are listed in white and gold text. At the bottom, there are logos for the Fundraising Regulator, HOPE fm, and Colten Care.

Diverse Abilities
Dorset's Disability Charity

Tickets
Adults - £15
Children - £7.50
Family - £40

Christmas Carol Concert

Join us in the spectacular surroundings of St. Peter's Church with very special guests Valerie Singleton OBE, Maggie the Seaside Baker, and former Deputy to Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Dorset, Christine Bueno.

WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2021
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

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