

Dear Parents/Carers,

Way back in the summer of 2020 Mrs Robertson attended some training we thought would promote careers education at Emmanuel and develop some of the key employability skills some say are lacking from young adults as they enter the workplace. Skills Builder, over the past 18 months, has grown in influence across all year groups. Yesterday Form Tutors worked with their class all day. This can be quite daunting for the pupil and Form Tutor alike! However, the buzz and excitement throughout the day was fantastic to see; the crime scenes being the highlight. Over the course of the challenge day, pupils applied all eight essential skills (listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership, teamwork) as they considered: Who stole the chocolate? They worked together to gather and analyse clues to decide which of the fairytale character suspects committed a fictional crime and was found guilty as the 'sugar snatcher'. Huge thanks to Miss Stinson whose drive and enthusiasm alone was enough to ensure a successful day and staff for their hard work, particularly at the end of a long term.



On Wednesday we have our annual Christmas Jumper day (£1 donation to the PTFA) and school Christmas lunch. Over 240 pupils will sit to enjoy a freshly cooked lunch. With that number we will alter the school day to ensure year groups can eat together, clean down and most importantly, clean the dishes and cutlery! I am so pleased pupils are keen to sit down and eat a proper meal with all the trimmings! This does mean there will be no other service possible due to capacity. Free school meals will still be available. Once again, thank you for taking this option, it will be a special day.



Congratulations to our cross country team who ran well at Ferndown Upper School on Thursday afternoon. A tough course due to boggy conditions and some difficult paths to navigate as the route crossed into the heath. Once again a strong individual performance from Sophie F who finished 4th and Sam F who finished 6th and Ben S 22nd. They were well backed up by Jack T, Finley P, Charlie A, Belle P, Lauren H, Mia S, Tommy S, Theo P, James W, Jess W, Mia J Sophie O and Josie S. Lovely pupils who put a proper shift in and looking forward to their next outing..... I have to say, so am I!

Last Thursday, the Sports Leaders attended a 2 hour training session in the sports hall. They were taught how to organise and deliver a number of activities that they will now feel confident to set up at lunchtimes for the year 5 and 6. They all worked extremely hard and were able to share a lot of great and useful ideas. Well done to all of them.



One week to go, pupils and staff are looking forward to making it to next Friday and a well deserved break. Lots to look forward to, no chance of a wind-down but making the most of every day being in school.

Have a fab weekend. Maybe see some of you on the ice on Saturday!

Mr Christopher