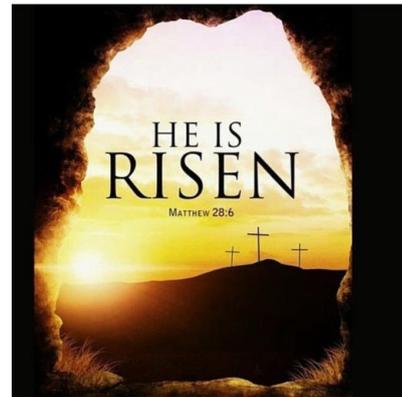




Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)

April Newsletter 2021



Pope Francis: 'Hope is the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward'

As we start the Easter holidays, we can see new life slowly emerging from the plants and fields, **hope** is on the horizon not only for the reminder of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday but also for the future of living with this pandemic. Pope Francis has been writing about the three theological virtues to help us understand them. They are: **Faith, Love** and **Hope**. Faith is the great motivator, the belief and trust that all will be well; Love is the response we give or are given by others; Hope sustains us through the journey.

At school, the children have given us all hope over the past year through their ability to persevere through the challenges the year has presented. Last week they wrote individual and class prayers about the past year which touch the heart. They are all displayed on our website and I'd like to share Reception class prayer with you now:

Dear God,



Please look after everyone in my family. Keep them safe and healthy. Help us to show love to one another, in our words and our actions. Sometimes, we may get it wrong. Forgive us when we quarrel and help us to be forgiving too. Amen

Our Year 5 children have prepared a short reflection on the Stations of the cross and they would like to share this with you all on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JlLfiH8_TRc



Other Holy week reflections prepared by teachers and children are on the website page under the '**home assemblies**' tab.

We wish you all a happy Easter and will meet again on **Monday 19th April** when all children return to school for a fun Maths Art day

Mrs Christopher

Mental health & Well being

The staff have recently had training on using a new programme to support the mental health and well-being of the children. It's called 'Trick box' and involves teaching the children little tricks that will help them manage their emotions. For example, if they are having difficulties with another child in deciding what game to play, they learn the 'win win' trick which means they try to agree a way to have both games played. Or, if they are feeling down about themselves, they can do the 'sunny side' trick where they learn to turn a negative plan into a positive one. Some of the teachers have used this programme very successfully in other schools so we are confident that it really will help develop resilience and coping skills. Click below for a short clip on how it has helped children in a Bournemouth school.

<https://youtu.be/W-nNR1E2-oI>

Next term, ask your children to explain some of the 'tricks they have been learning and how it helps them. The teachers will send more information on these tricks so that you can encourage them with the children when at home also.

Ode to Joy

Our Reception class have been learning to sing two Spring songs to bring the joys of Spring to us all.

Click on the links below to listen to these:

https://youtu.be/rw_DmWDsTac

<https://youtu.be/Wvt09jQAS7M>



Links can also be found on the website in our April 'news' section.

ST MARY & ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

We are delighted to announce that Mollie, Ryan, Tegen, Izzy, Jess and Emily are our new pupil chaplains. They are known as the GIFT team and their role is to support the staff, children and community to 'Grow in Faith Together'.

The children have only just been trained and have already led our Holy Week Liturgy remembering the events of Good Friday. They also invited the school to make Easter cards for the community. Today, they delivered these cards to the houses surrounding the school.

School Uniform

After Easter we usually start the summer school uniform although this year we have been wearing winter or summer uniform all year. Please adhere to normal school uniform after Easter including correct footwear – link to website page below. PE kits should be navy/ black PE shorts or joggers and a white PE t shirt with navy/ black jumper or hoody.

<http://www.smsjwool.dorset.sch.uk/website/uniform/4437>

Children can continue to bring in old trainers to wear at play times and wellies for wet days leaving these in school for when needed.

Dates for the diary

Monday 19th April Return to school

Monday 3rd May Bank holiday

Tuesday 25th May Class photographs

ADDITIONAL NEWS

SKATEBOARDING OPPORTUNITY FOR GIRLS



Calling all girl skateboarders or wannabe skateboarders!

In partnership with Wool Skatepark, Wool Youth Club run by Purbeck Youth and Community Foundation and Wool Parish Council, we are able to offer some FREE skateboard and scooter lessons or young people!

We often find our local skatepark dominated by boys, and girls can often lack the confidence to have a go and end up just watching or not even going to the skatepark. Providing girls with some skateboarding/scooter skills, builds their self esteem and confidence.

We will be running some 'Free' 1 hour skateboard lessons 17/18th April and 24th./25th April (2-3pm weather permitting) at Wool Skatepark. If your child is interested, please message us via Wool Skatepark facebook page or contact miamurray@pycf.org.uk so that your child can be added to our waiting list and you can complete the relevant forms.

Scooter lessons will follow sometime in the future

Depending on the success and interest, we may be able to offer some 'mixed' lessons at a later date.

PTFA REVIVAL – We need you!

For the past year, we have been unable to have PTFA meetings due to the extra pressures from the pandemic. Maybe now is the time to revive this successful group who fundraise to support the school. We will have a zoom meeting on **Wednesday 21st April at 4pm.** If you would like to be part of the PTFA committee, please join us. We will need to vote for a new Chairperson, treasurer and secretary. Mrs Christopher will be there to answer any questions. This the beginning of an exciting opportunity.

The Zoom meeting details are:

Meeting ID: 753 3528 4224

Passcode: JwTrf2

