

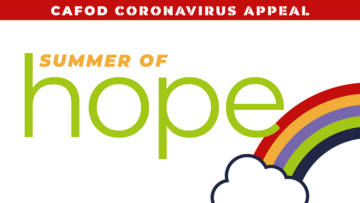
**July Newsletter 2020**

**Do Everything with Love**

**(1 Corinthians 16:14)**

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| **Update from Mrs Christopher**  We have come to the end of another year, this time a very different one which took us all by surprise. The phrase ‘You never know what’s round the corner’ springs to mind and is most certainly true for this pandemic. However, I hope we will all agree that some positivity has come out of this time of lockdown. It may be the fact that we’ve surprised ourselves on how well we’ve coped with uncertainties or that we’ve learnt to be more conscious of our health by exercising more or possibly we’ve all become more environmentally friendly. Whatever positive outcome you’ve experienced, one thing we all have to agree with is that we all are more appreciative for the commitment and hard work of our NHS staff and the carers in our communities who show such dedication and kindness to those in need. It is also fitting to end our year by saying a huge thank you to all of you for taking on board the massive task of educating your children at home. We know it hasn’t always been easy but you have all shown great perseverance and resilience. The staff have been amazed at your creativity and the quality of some of the work emailed to them.  Prayer has also been a great support to many of us during these times of uncertainty. St. Teresa of Avila wrote a beautiful poem during her lifetime that has been used as a prayer throughout the centuries. It is simple in its format, which is why many turn to it in times of distress. It’s a prayer that I’d like to share with you and you may like to say it, opening your heart to God and adding your own words.  [Praying hands background | Free Vector](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&url=https://www.freepik.com/free-vector/praying-hands-background_3491899.htm&psig=AOvVaw0RC7A1uWrNnCMxGlYALkRv&ust=1594892129460000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCPDtzar6zuoCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD)  *Let nothing disturb you,* *Let nothing frighten you,* *All things are passing away:* *God never changes.* *Patience obtains all things* *Whoever has God lacks nothing;* *God alone suffices.*  *Have a good summer break everyone and we will all look forward to meeting altogether again in September,*  *Best wishes and stay safe,*  *Mrs Christopher* |
| Staffing Plans for September  A reminder of the class teachers and teaching assistants (TAs) for September 2020:  **Reception (Maple) : Mrs Webster (4 days) & Miss Long (Thursdays)**  TAs Mrs Foy & Mrs Goodfield  **Year 1 Elm: Mrs Reader (4 days) & Miss Long (Fridays)**  TA Mrs Welsh am Mrs Foy pm  **Year 2 Sycamore: Mr Pickavance (4 days) & Miss Long (Wednesdays)**  TA Mrs Merry  **Year 3 Beech : Miss England**  TA Mrs Pearson & Miss Long  **Year 4 Oak: Mrs Dale**  TA Mrs Mac (shared with Y5)  **Year 5 Willow: Mrs Henderson**  TA Mrs Mac (shared with Y4)  **Year 6 Rowan: Miss Cheeseman**  HLTA Mrs Kent  Miss England will do a Forest school session one day a week. Mrs Kent will cover Miss England’s class for these sessions. Forest school sessions will start with Year 3 in September and will be every Tuesday.  **Please note that all children will be expected back in full school uniform in September**.  <http://www.stmaryjosephswool.dorset.sch.uk/website/uniform/4437> |
| [Irish Blessing Framed by Traditional Celtic Knot | ShamrockGift.com](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.shamrockgift.com%2Firish-blessing-framed-by-traditional-celtic-knot&psig=AOvVaw0dGQ-Z6K_B2fY-aa1Yw6o0&ust=1595061047843000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCPD2rtHv0-oCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAF)  Good bye Year 6  We say goodbye to our beautiful children in Year 6 today. They had a moving liturgy yesterday where they all received leaving crosses, scrolls and some also received trophies.  You are all very special to us and all the staff wish you well in the next step of your education. We hope you will take with you the Gospel and Respect values learned at St Mary & St Joseph’s.  God bless you all. |

“Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”

[](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&url=https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising&psig=AOvVaw1ZRt9BIW4RROFCOK18Dm9V&ust=1594894257449000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCICQhqGCz-oCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD) 

We are delighted to say that the CAFOD collections raised by our school over this year have totalled £568.97. CAFOD has joined the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) which will be match funded by the Government so this amount will be doubled. Thank you everyone for your kindness and generosity.

Arrangements for September 2020 whole school return.

**Please note that some year groups will be using different entrances around the school to avoid mass gatherings at one gate. They will exit from the same gate at the end of the day.**

YR & Y2: Use the gate nearest the square.

Y6 & Y5: Use the gate by the staff car park.

Y1, 3 & 4: Use the usual main gate.

Signs will be on each of the gates as reminders. There will be red heart marks sprayed on the ground to help the children with distancing.

Children will use hand sanitiser as they enter school and will then take turns to wash their hands thoroughly. This will be repeated at every break time throughout the day.

Please can children arrive between 8:40 and 8:55 am- this will help stagger the amount coming in at one time. Pick up at the end of the day will be between 3:00 & 3:15 pm. Please be attentive at pick up time as the children are very excited to see their parents and **are not always aware of traffic dangers.**

All children will need to bring their own pencil cases with a writing pencil and some colouring pencils or felt tips inside (a size that will fit in their tray please- no concertina cases ☺). These will need to stay in school. There will be trays for each child to keep their belongings. Please do not let your child take toys into school (unless for Breakfast/ afterschool clubs).

Packed lunches will be available to order online via Chartwells (order 2 weeks in advance) <https://dorset.mealselector.co.uk/> We hope to provide hot meals at a later date.

[](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=i&url=https://www.tutordoctor.co.uk/our-programmes/summer-reading-challenge-booklist/&psig=AOvVaw3sb-myqDTH9RQl5z6YZqCj&ust=1594891942413000&source=images&cd=vfe&ved=0CAIQjRxqFwoTCLCTiNX5zuoCFQAAAAAdAAAAABAD)

READ, READ, READ!

Reading for pleasure has a very positive impact on educational performance. The UK government’s Education Research Standards Team tells us, “Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.”

However, not all children are natural avid readers. There are some top tips for parents on the link below which will help to encourage reluctant readers.

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Parents/Reading-with-your-kids?gclid=Cj0KCQjw0rr4BRCtARIsAB0_48M0NNfkButQoAQUh6lbfYuvTA-XNStgT7cw-ZHyU9cSxR7YDBHetPkaAlByEALw_wcB>

Don’t forget to join the summer reading challenge everyone! Information is on the link below:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/join-in>

Please continue with the online ‘Reading eggs’ books as these will really help to develop reading comprehension skills.

Eco Top tips

Avoid single use plastic items! 