

**Attendance - 93.29%**

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term – there is certainly some evidence that spring is in the air – with spring flowers peeping through and even a glimmer of sunshine. We look forward to a warmer half term to come – keep an eye on future newsletters as it is a busy term too.

Prayers for Pope Francis – we invite you join us in prayers for Pope Francis as he struggles with ill-health.

We pray for Pope Francis, in his time of need. As the source of healing, we ask you to surround him with your loving presence, granting him strength and a swift recovery. May your grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed strength to continue his leadership with compassion and wisdom. May he be comforted by the love and prayers received from around the world and may your healing spirit be with him always. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

CAFOD Jubilee Workshops

On Tuesday years 1-6 enjoyed a workshop with our CAFOD volunteers, Bea and Heather. you find out a little more information about our day at the following link:

We will be doing various activities throughout the year linked to how we can be Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee year; more information about these, and especially our plans for a pilgrimage into our local community in May, will be shared soon.

World book Day

We will be enjoying a fun-filled day celebrating books – especially our favourites! See separate letter for more details.

Purbeck goes Wild

You can find out all about the exciting events on offer in the local area at the following link:

[What's on offer! - Planet Purbeck](#)

This is a snapshot of the events for the next half term and into the Easter hols – please book beforehand.

Winter/Spring Nature Events

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or heavily discounted



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Reception

Reception have had a brilliant first week back. We have been talking about who we love and how we can look after them and show them love. We did some beautiful portraits of all those people we love. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering objects by length and height. We have been looking at who can jump the furthest and the highest. We then recorded it with chalk to see who the winner was!



Year 1

Year 1 has had a busy week back. We have been reading our English book, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. The children pretended to be the Tiger and wrote a letter back to Sophie. In Maths, we have started our topic on addition and subtraction up to 20. The children have been working on using their number lines to count up or down. In RE, we have begun our learning on Lent and the story of Jesus getting tempted by the devil. We have continued our Grace Darling learning in History. We were looking at different sources to see if Grace Darling carried out the rescue alone or with somebody else. A great first week back Year 1, continue the amazing work.

<p>Year 2</p>	<div data-bbox="297 174 813 537" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>A fabulous return to school after the half-term break! We enjoyed our CAFOD workshop on Tuesday and were proud to make our contribution to CAFOD's national campaign: "Stop the Debt" to cancel the debts of poorer countries. The handprints we made will be collated with those from all the pupils in other Catholic Schools to be presented to the Government. Our new class text is <i>'The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home'</i> and the children have loved reading the first chapter and finding out about Suzy, the French cat who mistakenly gets sent to England. We can't wait to find out how she will get home! In History, we have started learning about Mary Seacole's work in the Crimea and how she had to fight racial prejudice. In PE with Mrs. Maidman, they worked incredibly hard on dances inspired by South America. We have learnt about the work of Henri Matisse in our Art lessons and have begun creating our own collages inspired by his work. A great first week, Team 2.6! Keep up the amazing work and effort!</p>
<p>Year 3</p>	<p>We got off to a great start on Tuesday as the children enjoyed their CAFOD pilgrimage workshop. They took part in a number of activities. We virtually travelled the world and met children that the charity has helped in many ways and discovered what we could do as a school to support their work. The children learnt about how developing countries are unable to get out of debt and wrote messages of hope for the future, displayed in our worship area.</p> <p>In Spanish, we have started a new topic 'Los Frutos' and have learnt the names of 5 fruit; la fresa, la pera, las cerezas, la manzana et la naranja.</p>
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 4 have had a good week. In English we have continued to read our class text, Beowulf. In Maths we have been learning about fractions as well as working hard to improve our knowledge of times tables. In History this week, we have been looking at Saxon settlements and how we can use the names of modern day towns to give us an indication for whether they have Saxon origins. In RE we have been researching Charitable organisations that serve the community. The children have prepared presentations on their chosen charitable organisation and will present them on Friday. Well done Year 4 for another great week!</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Year 5 have enjoyed being back to school. They have worked well in every lesson. We especially enjoyed working with Heather from CAFOD. We focused on what we would need to take with us if we are going on a pilgrimage.</p> <p>In Computing, they have enjoyed learning how to create effective Vector Drawings – it was lot's of fun!</p> <p>The sports we are playing this term will be Hockey and Handball. If any child needs a gum shield please come to see me. Price is £2.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Bea from CAFOD; they were given passports and decided what they would need on a pilgrimage. They completed various activities throughout the afternoon, gaining a stamp in their passport for each activity completed! The pupils worked extremely hard and were well mannered all afternoon. Year 6 were also given the opportunity to watch 'Footloose' at the Mowlem on Wednesday afternoon. The children</p>

enjoyed the show and were a credit to the school! They listened quietly and showed responsible behaviour throughout. They all deserve a BIG STAR!

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