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"Live, Love and Learn Together"

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Newsletter 12

Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of a new term and a New Year. We hope you had a good Christmas break and would like to send our best wishes for the New Year to you all. It has been very pleasing to see how the children have settled this week and have been focussed in their lessons. With every New Year our resolutions are made and the children are currently writing their personal aims for 2018 and these will be coming home next week within the Home/School Agreement. Please take time to read these with your children and then sign and return it to school. Thank you.

#### Diary Dates

Please find attached, a list of events taking place in school during this term. We will of course keep you up to date with any changes made to these dates, as and when they occur.

#### How do we shine?

We will continue with our school improvement plan this term, ensuring all our pupils make progress from their individual starting points. We celebrate in various ways in school, individual class star of the week, individual class systems and the "Gold Box". We are introducing a new way in which we can further celebrate individual's efforts. A board has been prepared in the hall with each year group having a frame ready to put a piece of outstanding work in it for one week. This piece of work will gain automatic entry into the "Gold Box". If your child's work is placed in the year group frame, please do take time to look at it.

#### Primary Cross Country

A group of our runners will be participating in the Primary Cross Country Race at the Sir John Colfox Academy on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. We wish them all the very best of luck!

#### Year 1 Handwriting Workshop

There will be a Handwriting Workshop on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am** in the school hall. Parents and carers are very welcome to come along to find out how we are teaching handwriting.

#### Monday Morning Liturgies

We continue with our whole school liturgies **every Monday morning from 8.45am**. These will be led by myself or each class. The theme of the week is revisited during the course of the week and is the focus for us all. We will share one of the prayers used in the Liturgy with you each. This week we have included one written by Year 6. Please see diary dates to find out when your child's class is contributing and their theme. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend.

#### Primary School Applications

Just a reminder that the closing date for Primary School applications is **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. Please remind friends and family with children reaching primary school age to complete the on-line application with Dorset County Council if they haven't already done so.

### After School Clubs

I have attached a list of After School Clubs, which will be available from week commencing **Monday 15th January** and if you would like your child to attend any of these clubs, permission slips must be returned as soon as possible. We are looking for organisations that might like to come into school to run some after school clubs for us. If you know of anyone in the community who can offer our children after school activities here in school, please ask them to get in touch with us here at St. Catherine's. These will be operated in the same way as Footie 4 Dorset. The last week of clubs will be week commencing **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018**.

### First Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion programme commences on **Thursday 25th January** with a welcome meeting for parents and candidates at the parish hall in Victoria Grove at 16:30pm. It is not too late to join us! If your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish them to receive their First Holy Communion this June, then please contact Faith for further details. Faith is the parish secretary and she can be contacted when the parish office is open i.e. on Tuesday to Fridays between 8:30am and 1:00pm on 01308 422594.

### Uniform

Please can I remind you that the correct winter uniform of white shirt and tie, black/grey skirt/trousers and dark shoes should be worn. Please also ensure the children come to school with a coat and PE kit.

Yours truly



Mrs Frances Guppy  
Head teacher

Dear Lord  
Thank you for this lovely day  
Also, thank you to all those who have given time to help us learn. Please help us to make sure we have a good attitude and believe in ourselves.  
Thank you for our families that take care of us every day.  
Amen  
Year 6