

St Edward's School Newsletter

Senior Leadership Team update

The Smart Phone Generation – Safeguarding

Keeping our young people safe from harm continues to be a high priority and remains the responsibility of everyone in our school community.

The internet and Social networking remains a place where we can learn so much by opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. It also opens new opportunities where young people can communicate with each other, sharing stories and photos but unfortunately it can put users at risk to a range of situations including being contacted by someone they don't know. So how do you keep track of what your son or daughter are doing and make sure they're staying safe?

As part of our commitment to keeping our students safe, each year we run an Internet Safety session with Dorset Police, giving students real life stories where young people have put themselves in potentially harmful situations. We go on to explain how they can keep themselves safe and what to do if they are concerned about anything they see or hear whilst online. These sessions are followed up in PSHCE lessons with discussions and practical advice to ensure all students are aware of the risks and know how to access support. In the Spring term we will also be running a session for parents and carers to keep you fully informed of the risks and again giving examples of where

local young people have found themselves in difficult situations through inappropriate use of social networking and the internet.

On our website we have a number of links to advice for young people, parents and carers. All links contain lots of information but the 'Think U Know' website is particularly helpful. This contains videos and information on a range of areas including online bullying, sexting and the risks of social networking.

We continue to work closely with students, parents, carers and external organisations to ensure every young person is fully informed of risks and what to do if they have any concerns. If you have any concerns about a child's welfare, please contact a member of the Safeguarding team:

Mr C Barnett- Acting Deputy Headteacher

Mrs G Oates – Pastoral Support Manager

Mr A Bousfield - Assistant Headteacher

Mr I Henry - Assistant Headteacher

Mr C Farrow - Assistant Headteacher

Mr D Moody - Safeguarding Designated Governor

Mr Barnett – Acting Deputy Headteacher

Food for thought

Thought for the Day Radio 4 (10/1/17) – top tip for healthy children:

"Human interest, which is a life-enhancing 'preventative' medicine, costs nothing but time..." by John Bell

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04p0fzg>

Changes in Lunch and Break time arrangements

From next week we will be adjusting arrangements for break and lunch. Queues for lunch have often been quite long, and some students have not been able to have much of a break once they have purchased their food; so we will be starting a "grab and go" lunch facility, where students can quickly get sub style hot sandwiches, rather than queuing in the main line for hot food. We hope that this will make things easier for students, and speed things up for them.

With takeaway food comes additional litter, which we will monitor. As part of the changes we will no longer be allowing students into classrooms at breaks and lunchtimes. This is partly due to issues that we have had with litter but also, more importantly, because we are unable to supervise classrooms. Therefore, for health and safety reasons we are restricting access to buildings at these times. Given the colder weather, we are opening up additional indoor space in the gym and dining hall areas, which will be supervised. We will keep these changes under review.



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School Association Quiz Night

Friday 27 January

7pm

Tickets £8.00 which includes a supper or £4 without

Students £5.00 with supper or £1 without

Please see letter on the website under letters to parents for full information

For the love of Christ urges us on ... he died for all ...

... So we are the ambassadors for Christ ...

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

2017

Crossing Barriers

January 18th to January 25th

Together at One

The Chapel, The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF

We invite all of Poole to join in fellowship at *Together at One* throughout this week. Each day's leader believes:

"that which unites the churches is stronger than that which divides"

Wednesday	18 th	Rev Dr Mark Kimber	Poole Methodists
Thursday	19 th	Father Colin Groombridge	St Mary's Roman Catholic Church
Friday	20 th	Father Chrysostom	St Dunstan's Antiochian Orthodox Church
Saturday	21 st	Jackie Leswell	Chair of Churches Together in Poole
Monday	23 rd	Major Stephen Brevitt	Salvation Army, Poole
Tuesday	24 th	Rev Bernie Collins	Convenor of URC Mission Committee
Wednesday	25 th	Mr Michael Antram	Head of St Edward's RC/CE VA School



Together at One is held for 20 minutes
Monday to Saturday at 1pm



Wesley's Café is open
Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm



www.ctbi.org.uk/weekofprayer www.poolemethodists.org.uk

... see, everything has become new! All this is from God ...

... in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself ... entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

... those who live might no longer live for themselves ... So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation ...



Student Feedback

To improve teaching and learning in the English department, we would like to hear the opinions of our students. Please encourage your son or daughter to complete the very quick survey at the following address - <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7F358JY>

MFL Card Competition

The MFL department would like to congratulate all students who entered the Christmas card competition.

The standard of the cards was very high and we found it difficult to select the best 3 cards.

The following students have won a prize:

Olivia Brignell,

Leah Price

Dylan Coyne.

Well done!

Please see Mrs North in the MFL office to claim your prize.

Social Justice Update

Last term, students were involved in a number of different fundraising and social justice events. In November the sale of Poppies was organised by Mr Gurr and his tutor group through a link with the Poole Branch of the Royal British Legion and managed to raise £159.69 for their work.

In December the Ethics Committee co-ordinated a collection for Poole Food Bank. We were overwhelmed with donations and a group of sixth form students helped to deliver more than 8 trolleys worth of food

which weighed in at 265 kilos. When we made the delivery students were given a tour of the facilities and the mechanics of the collection and distribution of food was explained to them. As with each collection we make, we translate the weight of the donation into an animal of equivalent weight which we then add to our 'virtual safari park'. We struggled to find an animal that weighs 265kg so instead we have added two animals, an Ostrich (with a weight of 120kg) and a

Gorilla (with a weight of 145kg). We maintain a good relationship with Poole Food Bank and will let you know if and when we need to make another collection.

On the last day of term we supported the Children's Society annual Christmas Jumper Day appeal. A number of students from across all year groups got involved and we managed to raise £422.90 to support important work done by the Children's Society.