

The value we are looking at this half term is Justice. Our HeartSmart focus is: Don't hold on to what's wrong

Thursday 10th March 2022  
Spring 2022 Newsletter 8

Things to remember:

- Dorchester Science festival has various events over the next two weeks - see last week's newsletter and via [Family Science Fair - Dorset Museum](#)
- The School Council Sponsored Silence is this Friday - you should have received an email and sponsorship form for this - we are looking forward to a lovely peaceful day!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am currently writing this to you from home, having been struck down with a second dose of COVID. Although it's not been a pleasant experience, I am feeling better and am hopeful by the time this newsletter reaches you, I will be back at school and feeling a lot better than I do at the moment!

### **Search and Rescue Helicopter visit**

A fantastic event for the school happened on Monday, with the visit of Peter Faulding of [Specialist Group International - 24/7 Specialist Rescue Response](#) in his helicopter - there are some great videos and pictures on the school FaceBook page if you haven't seen them yet!

Peter's visit was designed to raise our children's awareness of water safety - something dear to our hearts living so close to the coast, and part of our swimming curriculum is always dedicated to this.

Peter has donated 8 children's life jackets to the school as part of his Lucas Dobson Life Jacket Campaign, and these are now available for any of our families to borrow to help keep our children safe near the water - just contact Sally or Kerry in the office at any time and we will organise this for you.

### **Big Walk and Wheel 2022**

The school will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022 (the new name for the Big Pedal). This is a nation-wide cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge, running from 21st March to 1st April, and we would love as many of our families to get involved as possible.

During the event, we want to encourage as many of our children to walk, scoot, cycle or otherwise wheel their way, or part of the way, to school. This is a great way for us all to think about how we get to school, cut down on traffic and pollution, and introduce some extra activity into the school day - and there are prizes the school might win if enough children take part! To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide packed with advice, games and challenges to help you to have hassle-free cycle, walk or scoot to school.

Download your free family guide using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/>

### **Red Nose Day**

For Red Nose Day this year (Friday March 18th) we are inviting everyone to come in with the craziest hair they can think of! We did something similar last year, and it was great fun seeing people's creativity (and meant families didn't have to come up with dressing up ideas!). This year the School Council are asking families to send in donations that will be equally split between Comic Relief and the [Red Cross DEC Humanitarian Appeal](#)

### **FABS Update**

The FABS have added a new event to the upcoming half term - yes, the always popular Easter Bingo is returning! The date set is the evening of Wednesday 6th April - please put this date in your diaries and more details will come out via FABS in the near future.

In order to support this event, the school will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 25th March. FABS are asking children to donate an Easter treat (eg Easter egg) in return for wearing (sensible, please!) clothing of their own choice on that day.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Collings

### **Calendar Dates- SpringTerm 2022**

Date	Time	Event
<b>MARCH 2022</b>		
Friday 11th		School Council Sponsored Silence
Friday 18th		Red Nose Day - children are invited to let their imaginations run riot with Crazy Hair - donations for Comic relief/Red Cross Humanitarian Appeal
21st - 1st April		Big Walk and Wheel Week
Friday 25th		Non-uniform day - donate an item for Easter Bingo
Weds 30th - Fri 1st April		Year 4 to Hooke Court
<b>APRIL 2022</b>		
Friday 1st		Annual reports for Years 1-4
Wednesday 6th		FABS Easter Bingo
Thursday 7th		Last day of Spring term
Friday 8th		INSET Day
Mon 11th - Fri 22nd		EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 25th April		Return to school - start of summer term

