

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our latest weekly parent bulletin.

The school has been a busy and varied place as always this week and I will share some of our pupils' proud achievements later in this bulletin but I need to start by sharing concerns around safety at the start of the school day where pupils are being dropped off. We have received numerous public complaints about children being dropped off either on the hatchings or on the roundabout. We have contacted local authority highways department to draw in their support as we place the safety of all who arrive at our site with the highest priority. Please can we all support everyone getting to school safely by dropping off in places where cars are allowed to stop. I strongly recommend that wherever possible those dropping off by car identify a place close to the school but not directly outside where stopping can be best done.

6JH had a great week getting to know their new teachers as we continue to cover Miss Howe's maternity leave. As previously shared we have employed Miss Hobbs to job share with our existing member of staff, Mrs Whiteman. This partnership has made a great start and we are so lucky to have, in Mrs Whiteman, a TA already on our staff who is also a qualified teacher.

With today being Red Nose Day we held a multi-day to help raise funds for Comic Relief and also ensure pupils were aware of why this type of national fundraising is so important. We are still counting the money raised and I will let you know our total next week.

On Friday 10th March, the U13 Girls' Football Team travelled to Lytchett Minster School for the East Dorset 7-a-side tournament. It was the best performance by an U13 team at this tournament and was especially impressive, as half of the team are Y7 pupils, which bodes well for next year.

We could have qualified as runners-up but for a couple of marginal decisions. As a result, we won one game, drew two and narrowly lost two. Goal scorers included Maisie, Lola and Evie, and Olivia was great in goal. The weather held out and the whole team had a brilliant time.



On Monday, a team of year 5 and 6 pupils competed in an indoor athletics competition at Ferndown Upper School. The pupils did extremely well in all events, and came 2nd and 3rd in a few races. Unfortunately we didn't quite make it through to the county finals this time, but a huge well done to all of the pupils involved.

Ahead of next week's Lion King performances our lunchtime Art club have been recreating some of the masks that have been made - what a talented group of artists they are!



The performances are so nearly ready to go now - we ran another dress rehearsal today and on Tuesday Year 5 will be able to watch the final rehearsal before Tuesday's opening night. For those lucky enough to have secured tickets for one of our performances, please be aware that refreshments will be on sale. Sales will be cash only and it would be a great help if loose change could be brought rather than bank notes.

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker.