



December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Newsletter

Our full-colour Autumn Newsletter will be on our school website during the last week of term and gives full details of the myriad of activities that have taken place during this term. Special mention must go to our production of "Grease" which was quite simply outstanding thanks to the team work and commitment of all the staff and students involved.

Thank You

Many thanks to all of our families who contributed to our Harvest Collections for our local foodbanks and our Shoebox appeal for the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion. Record amounts of food and shoeboxes were donated this year and we are very grateful for your support.

Student Safety

Following a review of parking we have decided that for the safety of our students at the beginning and the end of the school day the bus parking area and turning zone will no longer be available for parking at any time of the school day. Access to parking for disabled permit holders in the designated spaces will remain unchanged. Please respect this decision when coming on to our school site whether to park, to drop-off or to collect students. Once again I would ask those parents who come on to the site to collect students at the end of the day to do so after the buses have left for the safety of all concerned. The LRC is open every day after school and provides a warm and safe place to do homework or read whilst waiting to be collected.

We have heard recently that an objection has been raised to the application for a puffin crossing at the top of Bristol Road that had been made as a result of our request to the local council. I will be attending the committee that will consider the application early in the new year and will keep you updated. As Bristol Road becomes increasingly busy I hope that our request will be successful for the safety of our students as well as those attending Sherborne Primary School, Sherborne Abbey School and all the other pedestrians in our neighbourhood.

Key dates this term and early next term

- Joint visit with Sherborne Girls' to Waterloo Station by our choir and musicians to raise money for the Sherborne Foodbank and Waterloo Foodbank
- Carol Service in Sherborne Abbey – Tuesday 18th December at 7pm
- Last Day of Autumn Term – Wednesday 19th December – school finishes for students at 2pm. Please note the LRC will close at 2pm on this day so will not be available for students after

school. Non-uniform day in aid of Bristol Children's Hospital and Shares (Sherborne Area Refugee Support).

- First Day of Spring Term – Monday 7th January 2019
- Y13 PPE Exams – Monday 7th – Friday 11th January 2019.

Remembrance

We would really like the poppies made in Remembrance of the young men on the Fosters' 1914-18 memorial boards to go to their families. If you are related to one of those young men, or know of people who are, please contact me so that we can make arrangements to pass on the poppies.

Uniform

After a really good start in September there are a few examples of non-standard uniform coming in to school. Please support us by ensuring that your son / daughter is in the correct uniform from the start of next term – full details on our website.

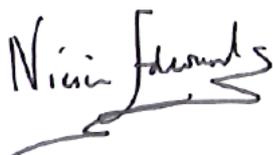
Bad Weather

If the school has to close because of bad weather, information will be provided on the school website, via Twitter and Facebook. We will also aim to send texts with updates. We always aim to give information as soon as possible and work in close partnership with our transport providers to ensure the safety of students.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications to our Sixth Form are made via a link on the website. The closing date for applications is 7th January 2019.

All of our staff and Governors join me in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Nicki Edwards
Headteacher



