



4<sup>th</sup> October 2022

*Inspiring hearts and minds*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS ROBERTS

It was lovely to see so many of you attend parent consultations – whether virtually or face to face. This was a good opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out how they have settled into the new school year. If you missed your appointment, please contact the teacher through the school office to arrange a catch-up which can be done over the phone if more convenient, or virtually. A general reminder too that any queries or complaints need to come to the school office by e-mail or telephone please and not direct to teachers – either [junoffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:junoffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk) or [infooffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:infooffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk). It became obvious during the booking system for the evenings that some parent contact details were out of date – please could we ask all parents to check & update their information with the school office. Several parents (30 of you) volunteered to join a new group to start to organise events for the children. Any parents who did not attend face to face and missed either Mr Kirwin or myself on our recruitment mission and would like to join, please let me know as soon as possible. We could do with more of you so we have a lot of people doing lots of little things rather than a little group doing a lot! We would like to meet with this new group before half term if possible.

## KEY DATES

17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 6 PGL
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 5 Enterprise Week
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Photographer – Infant site
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu immunisations – Infant site
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Y3 Diwali day
24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term

## POLITE REMINDER

Following on from our Parent Code which was sent out a couple of weeks ago, as well as smoking, **vaping** is also not permitted on school grounds.

In addition, can we remind you that it is also illegal to be smoking in a car where children are also present.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## STRONG START SEPTEMBER

### *School Anxiety*

School can give children and young people a source of support, boost self-esteem and give them a sense of achievement, friendships and relationships with trusted adults. It is however completely normal for children to feel worried about aspects of school life occasionally. This is usually short-lived and can be remedied by contacting the school for support. However, for some children, school can feel challenging, stressful or distressing for a longer period of time.

In some cases, this builds up so that the child is reluctant to go into school or becomes so stressed that they are unable to attend. This is usually called 'school refusal', emotionally-based school avoidance or anxiety-related absence.

Please click on the link below to access some useful information which may help if your child is experiencing this.

### [\*\*SCHOOL ANXIETY AND REFUSAL\*\*](#)

#### CURRENT ATTENDANCE

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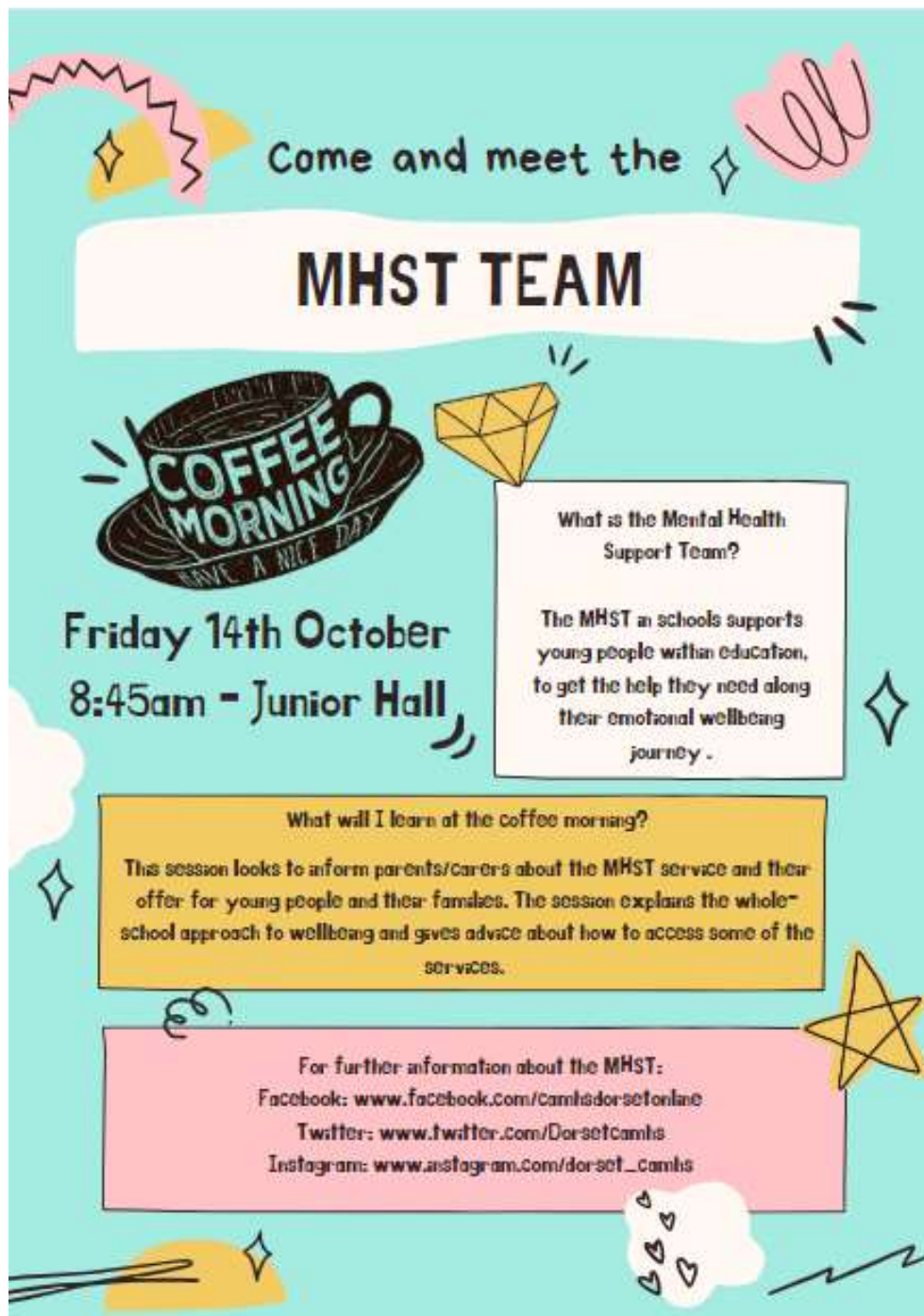
INFANT SITE – 95.4%

# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Are you concerned about your child's mental health or well-being?

We are very lucky to be able to draw on help and advice from the MHST (Mental Health Support Team) who can provide whole school, class, group or individual sessions to help children to overcome worries and anxiety, to understand stress and develop relaxation strategies, to work around unhelpful thoughts and to think about goals and motivation.

Please come to our Coffee Morning on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October for more information.



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 1



Captain's Log Autumn term 1

Ahoy Shipmates.



All crew members have settled well and have quickly taken onboard the new routines of Year 1. Dress like a pirate day was a roaring success despite several mutinies and several class teachers including myself being made to walk the plank! We have started the year with a big focus on practising the correct way to form our letters which is going really well. The crew are working full steam ahead with their reading and maths too. We are so proud of how well the children have formed positive relationships with one another and are supporting each other's learning. To keep up to date with your child's learning just log on to their Tapestry account and Goread accounts. That's all for now as I've got treasure to bury and mainsails to hoist!



Arghhhhhh! You'll never find me treasure!

Captain Brown Beard.



## SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6

### Survival in Year 6

Year Six's topic this half term is survival and we put the children's skills to the test on Wednesday this week during shelter building day. As part of the topic, children have used the internet to research existing shelters and evaluate how effective they are. They then investigated which 3D shapes would meet the design brief by making prototypes using straws and pipe cleaners. Once they were happy, they worked in their companies to design their shelter. They used bamboo canes, plastic sheeting and string to create their shelters on the field during shelter building day. The day certainly tested their core value of perseverance as it was a bit windy and adding the plastic sheeting to their frameworks was not easy! All of the children demonstrated excellent resilience and teamwork skills to successfully build their shelters. Although, the majority of them did get wet when it 'rained' in the afternoon!

