



# Education News January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to report that we've had a lovely gentle start to 2022. We had purposefully designed a quiet month in anticipation of disruption. We were quite nervous about the impact of Covid in the new year, as January 2021 had been really challenging. However, with increased safety measures, vaccinations and regular testing, cases have been very low throughout the school, with no impact on our classes.

This week, we have welcomed a new student, Kai who is in Endeavour class. We are so proud of how well he has begun his journey at Purbeck View and look forward to working with him and his family.

Transitions still remain a huge part of our work this month and we are working with authorities on the actions to be prioritised. We are worried about the pace of progress on these transitions and these have been clearly communicated to the relevant authorities. Nicola sent through a booklet on transition planning this week to all of you and we hope that at whatever stage you are, you found this helpful.

As it's a new term, our students have new IEPs which hopefully have been shared with you and we are starting new topics. Invincible and Willow classes are exploring 'Our Planet' whilst our sixth form classes are working on Finding Things Out, Animation, the Americas and Learning about Work. The latter has already led to some great work, Endeavour Bespoke this week were decorators and did a fantastic job painting some of our garden fences. Endeavour class have started a new work experience venture thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of one of our parents who has welcomed the class to his Golf centre. It is wonderful to offer a new experience for our students, we are keen to enrich the lives of all.

One of our areas of development is to promote the wellbeing of our young people. Steve, has been promoted to our Sports Lead and our students now have additional PE lessons as well as weekly swimming lessons (although not for the next fortnight as the pool is refurbished) We are also focusing on children's mental health during the national awareness week starting February 7<sup>th</sup> 2022. A working group of our teachers and

therapists have developed a variety of events themed on the 5 ways to wellbeing which we wish to incorporate as an integral part of school life.

And finally, today is Suzie's last day at PVS. She has been the most amazing teacher and advocate for your children and an outstanding leader at PVS. Personally, having job shared with her for over 12 years, from teacher to department head, I'm going to be feeling a little lost on Monday morning but all of us at PVS wish her all the best in her new role. The last few lines in this month's newsletters are over to Suzie.

Thank you to all of you for being an amazing group of parents and carers to work with over the last eleven and a half years. Purbeck View has been my life for so long, it is hard to imagine what it will be without coming here every day. I have loved working with your children and young people. They have taught me so much about myself and I feel blessed to have had this experience.

I wish you all the very best.

Best wishes

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