



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 9 - Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back! I trust that you have had an enjoyable half term – the children have certainly benefitted from the break and are back on 'top form' in class.

At the end of last half term we said a fond farewell to Donna Hodgson who has left to join the South Western Ambulance Service as an Emergency Care Assistant. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well and we thank her for the time she dedicated to Allsorts to ensure the best possible care for our pupils. Gabrielle Barnes has been appointed to the post and has started this week. She has a wealth of experience and we look forward to working alongside her in our team.



It was lovely to see such an excellent turnout for parents' evenings this week; it is so important to work alongside you as parents to ensure excellent outcomes for our learners and a great opportunity to share individual success so far this term.

For the observant amongst you, you may have noticed our new projector, screen and sound system have all been installed over half term. This was made possible through Parents and Friends fundraising and we are hugely appreciative of this support. Thank you.



Bag 2 School week raised £102 which is excellent. We will publish the date of the next collection as soon as possible and it has been suggested we extend the project to the Sixpenny community so if you know people who might relish the chance for a clear out, please spread the word once the date is announced.



Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to our shoebbox appeal as well as offers of help to wrap the boxes. Our target is 100 boxes and the RRS ambassadors are confident we can do it.

This week, our school book fair will be running before and after school on 7-14th November. This, along with the funds from the book sale, will help us to enhance our library provision.



School Parliament have put on their thinking caps for next Friday and have suggested that we dress in mufti for the day. They will be sending home flyers with fundraising activities so your child may bring in some money to join in. Details on letter.

For Anti-Bullying week we will be sharing our 'uniqueness' in class jigsaw sessions and how important it is to recognise and celebrate our differences. RRS ambassadors have planned an 'Odd Sock' day on Tuesday 12th November.



This week, the girls in Scorpions participated in a football tournament at St Mary's First School. They were placed 3rd out of the six schools and Mrs Laing and Mrs Broomhead were mightily impressed by their sporting attitudes. They had great fun playing as a team and Emily was highlighted for her excellent skills in goal – well done girls, we are very proud of you.

Next term, Scorpions will be playing football and Tag rugby in their PE sessions. We ask that they have tracksuit bottoms and shin pads. If you, or friends, have spare pairs of shin pads we would be grateful for contributions.

Our Learning

In Ladybirds this week, the children have started their new science theme – 'Light'. They have been engaging in activities linked to fireworks and created some wonderful outcomes.

In Bumblebees this week, we have been reminiscing about our study of Wales and listening to a recording from Mrs Broomhead's mum (in Welsh), before travelling to Ireland to learn about the legend of Finn McCool.

In Grasshoppers this week, there was the arrival of a suitcase containing clues about our next theme. And we can now reveal the title is.....'Polar Explorers' and it will include building an igloo out of plastic!

In Scorpions this week, we have been looking at the features of informal letters as well as grammatical structures including prepositions and conjunctions. All this in preparation for some letters to parliament.

Key dates:

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 13th November

Shoe box packing (pm)

(Please bring Christmas jumper and/or hat to wear in the afternoon – let's get festive!)

Friday 15th November

Children in Need (mufti day)

Tuesday 19th November

Individual/sibling photos

Monday 25th November

Last week of clubs (cricket club will finish 2nd December)

Friday 29th November

Decorations Day

Thursday 5th December

Y3/4 Samba concert (11:30-12) all parents welcome - it is likely to be loud!

Thursday 19th December

Whole school trip to pantomime 'Robin Hood' at Salisbury Playhouse

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)