



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 1 Friday 6th September

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you have had an enjoyable, and at times, relaxing break over the summer! It has been lovely to see the smiles and enthusiasm of our learners as they return to school ready for the year ahead.

As your new headteacher, I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome; it really is a privilege to join a village community and work alongside families to achieve the best possible outcomes for their children. I have spoken with many of you already, but if I haven't met with you, please do come and introduce yourselves. I am available at the beginning and end of the day and if you need to book an appointment please speak to Mrs Alford in the school office.



Each week I will share news about our learning to keep you informed and to provide snapshots of life in our school. Please ensure that your data collection sheet, which we are sending home today, is updated and returned to the school office as soon as possible. If there are no changes please sign and return the form.



Included in all the correspondence sent home today is a booklet of dates for the term. These are sometimes subject to change but we will endeavour to keep you informed of all events in a timely manner.



School clubs will be available on parent mail from Monday 9th to be completed by Thursday 12th.



This term we have changed to a new provider for our school dinners - 'Local Food Links' who are based in Blandford. So far, the feedback from our 'consumers' (including Mr Read) has been very positive and the children have commented on the delicious taste!



Please see the letter from Mrs Hampshire inviting parents to create a dot for a school charter display.



The Parents and Friends association will be meeting next Friday 13th September at 2pm. This is a great opportunity to get involved in fundraising for the school to help raise funds for extra activities and resources for our pupils. All support is welcome and greatly appreciated.



As a school this week we have been establishing expectations for the year and in assemblies we have revisited our learning qualities. The focus for this term will be on our questioning skills and developing strong connections in our learning. Details about our curriculum learning will follow shortly.

Our Learning

In Bumblebees this week, we have been learning about the power of questions to develop our understanding.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have we have been learning that are brains are like a muscle and can be grown with new learning.

In Scorpions this week, we have been considering questions about our rights and responsibilities and challenging each other through debate.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

