



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 2 Friday 13th September

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had another exciting week in school as we invite our new children and their families to Ladybirds. I have been particularly pleased to see how quickly our youngest learners have settled into life at school as they confidently explore their new learning environment. It is also lovely to see how our older pupils have supported and cared for the reception children and made them feel safe and welcome.



Thank you to all those parents who have returned their data sheets to the school office. Please ensure that any outstanding forms are handed in to the office on Monday.

Can I remind families who receive certain benefits that they may be eligible for Free School Meals. This also releases funding to provide additional support, for example, the cost of trips, help with uniform, extra-curricular clubs etc. This is available for pupils from Early Years to Year 4. Your child may or may not want to have the school meals (this is absolutely fine), however, additional funding will still be given to the school for your child. If you would like any more information you can come and see me or a member of the school office. The link below can be used to apply.

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>



This week we have been getting 'dotty' in class. Thank you for the parent/carer contributions. We are excited about the grand reveal next week – no pressure Mrs Hampshire!



Just a reminder that next Friday is 'Family Friday' from 8:30-9am where you can visit your child's class to discover more about their learning this term.



We have many exciting opportunities for sport across the year, both as part of the Academy Trust 'Sports Champions' and, through the festivals linked with Cranborne Middle School. Our aim is for every child to have participated in an event this year representing their school.

It would also be really great if the older children could have a kit to wear out to matches. Therefore if you, or someone you know, would be interested in offering some sponsorship we would love to speak with you.



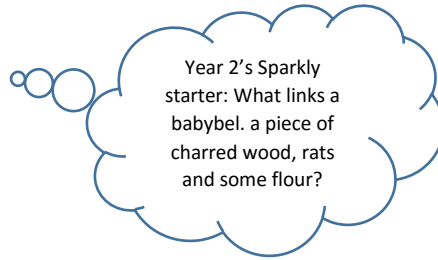
School clubs start next Monday and I would like to thank all the staff who have given of their time to provide a range of activities this term.



On behalf of the school I would like to extend a big thank you to Verwood cricket club who have sponsored one of their coaches to work with our Scorpion class this half term. This week the coach (Jack) was very impressed with the children's batting and fielding skills – there were some powerful hitters! As part of this sponsorship they are also offering an after school session so this is greatly appreciated.



It has been good to see so many children making interesting connections with their learning this week and, in particular, I have noticed how clearly our learning qualities are embedded into lessons and how quickly children identify which quality they are displaying.



Year 2's Sparkly starter: What links a babybel. a piece of charred wood, rats and some flour?

Our Learning

In Ladybirds this week, we have had a fabulous start to our 'big school' experience.

In Bumblebees this week, we have launched our UK theme and created children traps for the enormous crocodile.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have successfully made connections in our 'Sparkly starter' to establish our 'Great Fire of London' theme. We hope you enjoyed our Pudding Lane cakes.

In Scorpions this week, we have been mastering division and begun our work on 'A Rumble in the Rainforest'



Roald Dahl Assembly



Oompa Loompas



Hot chocolate Friday



Reading buddies

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

