



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 11 - Friday 22nd November 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Time seems to be flying by in the usual fashion for this time of year so please read the list of dates at the end of this newsletter with key Christmas events.

This week our RRS Ambassadors ventured to Salisbury in the minibus with Mrs Hampshire, myself and 99 shoeboxes. We were warmly received by the volunteers at FSCI (Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion) and then we all set to work checking boxes and filling in customs forms. I found it particularly heart-warming that our children thoroughly absorbed themselves in the experiences of others and were genuinely excited about the joy these boxes would bring young and old alike.



 As we begin to think about Christmas shopping, we would like to ask you to use the 'Easy Fundraising' app which allows you to shop online and raise money for our school. Simply go online and select the school as your cause to support and every time you shop using certain retailers, money will come to us. It shows on the page how much we have raised already and how many supporters we have. Thank you.

A reminder that the Eco Club children have set a competition open to the whole school. Please can all posters be brought into school by Thursday 28th November and the Eco club will judge the winning 3 posters for which there will be prizes! All the posters brought in will be displayed around the school, you can use pens, paints, collage etc. Please ask if you would like some paper to design your poster. Thank you.



 Just a reminder to sign your child up for Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December.

After lunch we will have a carol service at St Mary's and you are all very welcome to join us at 2pm. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies!



In the event of snow.....

If the weather is bad, prior to the school day starting, myself and Mr Pike (Chair of Governors) will have a discussion (as early as possible!) to make a decision as to whether the school will be open. The decision to close the school is not taken lightly and will be based on the ability of staff and families getting to school safely. If we do close the school then you will be able to find out this information in the following ways;

- A Parent Mail email will be sent out.
- The school website will display it, on the front page, under 'Latest News'.
- School Facebook page.
- School Twitter feed.
- On Dorset For You, by following the link, <https://mapping.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/closedservices/Service/schools>
- Local Radio (this is reliant on the radio picking up this information from the website – we do not call them).

If we had to close the school during the school day then the same process, as above, will be followed. However, we may also telephone if we are able to but please do check Parent Mail as this will be the main direct method of communication.



Please can I remind parents and carers to park responsibly outside of the school and residential areas allowing vehicles enough room to manoeuvre.



Our poppy appeal raised £39.03 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you.



Please follow us on Twitter if you don't already.

Our Learning

In Ladybirds this week, we have engaged in the science of light, building circuits with bulbs and buzzers and finding out what happens when you add more batteries.

In Bumblebees this week, we have been writing a letter to the queen asking her questions about London.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have been sorting animals between the Antarctic and the Arctic as well as writing story maps for our class book – 'Lost and Found'.

In Scorpions this week we have been learning about deforestation and preparing arguments for and against for our debate next week.

Key dates:

Saturday 23rd November	Children singing at St Mary's Advent Fayre (3pm at The Village Hall)
Monday 25th November	Last week of clubs (cricket club will finish 2nd December)
Thursday 28th November	Year 4 visit to Sandroyd School to see The Wizard of Oz
Friday 29th November	Decorations Day P&F Film Night 5:30pm
Thursday 5th December	Y3/4 Samba concert (11:30-12) all parents welcome - it is likely to be loud!
Friday 6th December	Year 3 / 4 team to TAG rugby tournament at CMS Mufti Day 2 for Christmas Hampers
Tuesday 10th December	Ladybirds and Bumblebees Christmas Production at St Mary's Church 2pm / 6:30pm
Thursday 12th December	Grasshoppers and Dragonflies Christmas Production School hall 1:45pm / 6:30pm
Friday 13th December	Whole school sing to Chase Community of Friends 11am
Wednesday 18th December	School Christmas Lunch Whole school Carol Service at St Mary's at 2pm
Thursday 19th December	Whole school trip to the pantomime:- 'Robin Hood' at Salisbury Playhouse

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)