



## IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 7 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can't quite believe there is only one week before half term – the time has flown by. Next week is a very busy final four days so I encourage you to check the dates at the end of this newsletter. In particular there are a number of sporting activities for our older pupils. I am sure they will make us proud both in terms of their performance and their sportsmanship.

You are all invited to our Harvest service next week at the church and likewise spread the word about our Halloween cake sale which promises to be great fun next Wednesday at 2:30pm. We really appreciate all the hard work that goes into the organisation of these events.

During the autumn term, with new parents joining the school, it is important to highlight opportunities to work alongside the school. This may be as a parent helper; as part of the Parents and Friends Association or, you may be interested in becoming a school governor. At present we have a vacancy on our governing body and would encourage parents to apply. If you are interested and would like to find out more please come and speak to either myself or Mrs Alford. Alternatively, you could speak with current parent governors (Mr Pike, Mr Beckett) and ask them first-hand about their experience. Could I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Easter and Mrs Williams for their contributions to the governing body – you will be greatly missed and we really appreciate all the hard work and commitment you have given to the development of the school.



For our Harvest service at the church next Wednesday we are asking that children bring in a donation for the foodbank. I have attached a list of ideas for contributions and after half term I will be taking some of our RRS ambassadors to deliver the food.



The Parents and Friends will be holding a Cake and Halloween sale on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** from 2:30pm. We will send home a plate and welcome any donations. All proceeds help fund extra initiatives for our children.



Please bring in your contributions for the School Parliament Book fundraiser. The sale will coincide with our Halloween event after school on **23<sup>rd</sup> October**.



The new menu for next half term will be available today, we are sending these home in book bags. Also we have set the date for our **Christmas lunch** which will be **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child is not having a school dinner on that day please feel free to pack some extra 'party' treats in their lunch box (no fizzy drinks please).



During some work on our school roof this week, we have taken the opportunity to install the weather vane which was gifted to the school by Mrs Hewitt. It is positioned on the ladybird's classroom so that children can see it from the field.



As part of our school PE kit, I would like all KS2 children (Scorpions) to wear black 'football style' socks for PE lessons after half term. This encourages better hygiene and when we are out representing the school I believe it looks much smarter. Thank you in advance for helping with this.

### **Our Learning**

In Ladybirds this week, we have run and run as fast as we can just like the Gingerbread Man.

In Bumblebees this week, we have been to Wales with Buzz and found out about the Welsh flag. In particular we heard the story of how the red dragon defeated the white dragon.

In Grasshoppers this week, we have completed an historic tour of Sixpenny Handley to find out about the Great Fire that took place locally and we are busy constructing houses from 1666.

In Scorpions this week, we used our knowledge of 'The Gruffalo' to translate the French version of the story.

### **Key dates:**

<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 / 4 football tournament at CMS</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Service at the church – 9:30am</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Halloween cake sale 2:30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>School Parliament book sale</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 3 / 4 Fun Run at St Michael's Middle School (4-4:45pm)</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Open morning for prospective parents 9.00am – 11.00am</b>
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b><u>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</u>     <u>HALF TERM</u></b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y 3 / 4 Girls football tournament at St Mary's First School</b>
<b>November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evenings</b>

Yours sincerely,

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