



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 10 - Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As a school, we continue to work hard to build the resilience we need for our learning and in later life, rewarding effort and recognising how we often need to work hard practising a skill before we master it. Whether this is in maths, spelling, handwriting, art or DT (to name but a few); across the curriculum we encourage the children to believe in the power of 'YET'. If you notice your child putting significant effort into work please let their class teacher know so we can award dojos in recognition.

Our school charter display this year reflects the importance of resilience based on the story 'After the Fall' by Dan Santat (read aloud story available on YouTube if you would like to share with your child). Thank you for sending in your bricks; the display will be created over the next week for us to share with you on Friday. Watch this space!

Children in Need



We have raised a fabulous £246.80. Thank you everybody for your contributions.



Year group winners chosen by Miss Hill. Well done everyone who entered.

Easy Fundraising

Attached to this week's parentmail is information on how you can raise money for the school when you shop online. If you are able, this is quite a simple way to contribute to the many projects that Parents and Friends support us with across the year.

Fundraising projects this year include – indoor and outdoor play equipment for each class to facilitate play for each separate class group, repairs to the train, a gazebo for early years, funds to support learning in the absence of visits such as 'History in a suitcase', outdoor theatre groups, as well as the support with magazine/newspaper subscriptions

Anti Bullying Week

Each year as a school, Sixpenny Handley, focus on this important week and explore the key messages together and as part of our Jigsaw PSHE learning across the school. 2020 is no different and the theme for this year is 'United Against Bullying'. The Anti Bullying Manifesto for change in 2020:

'This year, more than ever, we've witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different. Bullying has a long lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have a part to play in coming together to make a difference. We're all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we're united against bullying.'

As you have seen on the newsletter, on Monday 16th November we would like to invite everyone to come to school in non-uniform and wear 'colours to school'. These could be favourite colours, bright colours....but will mean that we are all in our own colours rather than red uniform. The theme that we would like to follow is 'show your true colours'. You might have heard your children having a sing song to 'True Colours'; as a school we have been learning this song, not just the words but learning the Sign Along version. I have included the link to the video for you here in case you would like to share this at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r25auE4eC2o>

The sign along aspect of this activity also helps us to celebrate differences as part of Jigsaw this half term but also the theme of being ourselves, showing our true colours, inclusion and coming together to support all. The idea is that we will have a mass school sing in our classes and sign along to 'True Colours' all at the same time of day on Monday 16th November. Even though we can't all be together in the hall, we will be singing at exactly the same time and coming together to raise awareness of this very important issue. There will also be a Jigsaw assembly on Monday based on this theme and the children will explore other activities based on anti-bullying work in their Jigsaw lessons.

We can't wait to welcome the children to school on Monday morning in non- uniform...in their own true colours. We hope you enjoy sharing the song at home and seeing how amazingly your children perform this.

Thank you so much for all your wonderful support as always.

Mrs Hampshire 😊

Christmas Decoration Day

This is a SPH school tradition which this year will be adapted in light of the current situation. Rather than mixing the children and moving around classes, each class will make a set of different decorations with their class teacher. We will keep it as festive as possible and children may wear Christmas jumpers. Sadly, this year we will not be able to invite parent helpers.



Shoebbox appeal

RRS ambassadors will launch the shoebbox appeal shortly as we will need to change the way items come into school. In the meantime, please could we have as many empty shoeboxes as possible for next week. Last year we filled 100 for the charity – it would be great match this achievement.

Our learning this week:

Ladybirds have made electric circuits and begun to answer some of their own questions about their new theme.

Bumblebees have learnt about the significance of poppies for remembrance and used pastels and watercolours to create their own pictures.

Grasshoppers have created pencil drawings of the original St Paul's Cathedral.

Dragonflies have begun to write their rainforest stories based on The Great Kapok Tree.

Scorpions have been developing their programming and debugging skills using 'Scratch'.



Pastel work from
the Bumblebee
class

Dates(see also attached dates flyer on Parentmail)

Monday 16th November Anti-bullying day (mufti – dress in favourite colour)

Tuesday 17th November Fraser Portraits (photographer)

Friday 27th November Decorations Day (mufti – bring a hamper item)

Friday 4th December (mufti – bring a hamper item)

Friday 11th December – Raffle Draw (Live!)

Wednesday 16th December Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th December – Last day of term. School finishes at 1:15pm

Contact details for class teachers and sharing home learning

We recognise that communication is restricted at the gates so please do contact your class teacher with any questions or concerns so that we can respond quickly.

Ladybirds : Tapestry

Bumblebees: bumblebees@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Grasshoppers: grasshoppers@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Dragonflies: dragonflies@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Scorpions: scorpions@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Please note that if your request is more urgent it would be best to contact the office email as this is monitored throughout the day: office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ra Musselwhite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)