



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 7 - Friday 12th October 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

If you follow us on twitter (@SixpennySchool) you will already know that Dorset awarded us their music mark for our music provision. This is very pleasing as we work hard to make music an integral part of what we offer, both in terms of class lessons and instrumental tuition.

Today years 1, 2 and 3 booked an e-ticket through the library service to meet (virtually) and listen to the author Teresa Heapy.



Miss Hill said, "Teresa was brilliant and read three of her own books for us this morning via Zoom. My favourite was 'The Wonder Tree'- it's a perfect bedtime story! The children also loved her Little Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood books and and found the characters amusing. Here is a link to more of her stories if you would like to purchase one for your child: https://www.amazon.co.uk/Teresa-Heapy/e/B0051P7TSK%3Fref=dbs_a_mng_rwt_scns_share "



Friday 23rd October- Parents and Friends event! Next Friday the children may come to school in Halloween fancy dress **or** mufti. There will be a pumpkin trail to complete on the school grounds linked to our orienteering course with a goody bag prize for those who take part. If your child would like to take part, there is a £1.00 charge for costumes/mufti and £1.00 for the pumpkin trail. Please ensure that your child's costume is appropriate (no masks please). Please note that the goody bags have been prepared in advance of the event in line with government guidance. **All** children should wear trainers on this day. **(No PE kits needed for years 1,2 and 4)**. All proceeds go towards funding for this year's school wish list – details to follow on the Parents and Friends newsletter!

Parents Evening

Due to current restrictions we are operating a remote video link evening. If you have not done so already, please follow this link to the online booking system:

<https://sixpennyhandleyfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

On the evening, just click on the link schoolcloud provide you with and wait for the teacher to start your meeting. (A letter was sent via parentmail on Wednesday with a parent guide).

Lockdown practise

Schools legally have to practise fire drills and lockdown procedures. Last week we had a very successful fire drill and next week we have a lockdown practise scheduled to ensure that our procedures work. It is timetabled for **Thursday 22nd October 2020**. We will sensitively explain the lockdown procedure to the children comparing it to our fire drills and explain that there may be times when we have to stay safe in the building, for example, if there is a fierce dog on the grounds, a stranger or even a chemical spill. If you have any queries, please email the school office.

Class videos!

Parents in years 1-4 have received a powerpoint video link from your child's class teacher via parentmail. Ladybird's staff have already completed a video about life in their classroom and we felt it was important to share an update with all parents ahead of parent's evening as we are missing the contact we have with you all and know that you are always keen to know what has been happening. We hope you find them useful.



Thank you for returning your Christmas card orders. Parents and Friends will be posting these off so that your orders arrive in time for Christmas.



Library storytelling activity for half term

Let ZooLab take you on a wicked adventure on 29th October. Follow our friendly witch, Zog, on a rhyming broomstick ride! She offers a ride to a selection of amazing animal hitchhikers, who the children will get to meet! However, it's not all plain sailing. Will Zog's journey end with a bump?

Perfect for families with children age 5+ Book 1 ticket for the whole family!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/zoo-on-the-broom-with-zoolab-tickets-122254539619>



Thursday 5th November Bag to School Week

Please ignore previous details about bin liners! The criteria has changed again and children will be bringing home the usual bags for you to fill over half term!!

This provides valuable funds to the school so we appreciate every kilo!

Home Learning



Miss Hill was ever so impressed with Kamari's artistic endeavours which inspired so many of his class to explore further, the work of Paul Klee.

Our learning this week:

Ladybirds have been exploring the story of 'The Gingerbread Man,' and they have completed some wonderful drawings and cooking activities.

Bumblebees have completed some superhero orienteering in the school grounds – finding some of the markers was very challenging at times!

Grasshoppers have begun work on their houses to show what they looked like in the time of Samuel Pepys.

Dragonflies have been enjoying their class text, 'Agents of the Wild' and have made excellent links between what they are reading and their theme work.

Scorpions have been looking at the work of the artist William Morris and creating print blocks for their own innovative designs.

Dates

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October Parents Evenings

Friday 23rd October Halloween dress up/ mufti day and pumpkin trail

Thursday 5th November Bag to School Week

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccinations

Monday 17th November Fraser Portraits (photographer)

Contact details for class teachers and sharing home learning

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

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time, and for helping to keep us all safe by adhering to the latest government advice.

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)