

IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 8 - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Great fun was had today as the children entered into the Halloween fun and took on the challenge of the pumpkin orienteering course. Thank you too, for your help with costumes. We managed to raise £152.10 for school funds which is great. This was a fitting end to a half term packed full of activity and learning despite all that is going on in the wider world.



A pumpkin for each class carved by Gabi from Allsorts!



Ladybirds show off their Halloween costumes!

Parent's evenings were well attended. Thank you for adapting to the new system which despite a couple of technical issues with cameras seemed to pass smoothly. Our lockdown practise also went well with calm and sensible responses from all the children.

## Children in Need (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

School parliament will be planning a couple of fundraising ideas this year which include a colouring competition and a teddy bear's picnic! More information to follow. This will be a mufti day.



## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!!

Please deliver bags to the school on the day so that we don't have to store them in school as space is restricted at present.

## Our learning this week:



Recycled fabric to make beanies. Fabulous results all round.



Nursery rhyme week in Ladybirds



Grasshopper houses from the time of the Great Fire of London

**Ladybirds** have had nursery rhyme week which started with dressing up as different nursery rhyme characters. They looked amazing!

**Bumblebees** have designed and completed science experiments to free a toy figure from a block of ice. This led to some excellent discussions.

**Grasshoppers** have finished their DT houses and they are on display for all to see in the library.

**Dragonflies** have worked through some tricky fractions and remained resilient.

**Scorpions** have finished their beanie hats and conquered the initial steps of long division through Inspire maths.

**Dates**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** Children back in school

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November** Bag to School Week

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** Children in Need (mufti)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** Fraser Portraits (photographer)

**Contact details for class teachers and sharing home learning**

Ladybirds : Tapestry

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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](mailto:office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk)

Thank you for all your support over the half term, especially given the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in. I would like to thank the staff on your behalf for going above and beyond to ensure all the children are supported, safe and enjoying their learning in school.

Have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)