

IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 9 - Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As our community experiences a second lockdown, I would like to thank you on behalf of the staff and children for your accommodation of the staggered starts and different entrances to the school which have been in place since September. It is now more important than ever that we keep appropriate distances between each person in the line and that children line up alongside their parents to avoid contact with other family groups.

By distancing appropriately and keeping to the new guidelines of just 2 people meeting outside, you are doing your part to protect us all and, in some cases, the clinically vulnerable children and adults linked to our school. You have been made aware today that there are now some parents who have tested positive and we will continue to monitor the situation as necessary following the advice from Public Health England. I would also ask that you carefully consider how the play park is utilised to ensure that children do not have contact with more than one other child from another household outside school. Thank you for your continued support.



This week, as we prepare for 'Remembrance', each child has painted a stone to be placed at the war memorial for Sunday. Canon Hancock has led an assembly remotely for each class and in year 4 they have learnt the poem 'In Flanders' Field' by heart before writing their own poems in response to Michael Foreman's book-'War Game'.

Here is an extract from one of their poems:

Nervously, I sign up,
Uniforms the colour of mud,
Faking my age,
Hoping it will end by Christmas.
Let's go to the trenches,
In Flanders' field we are,
So much blood,
Dead bodies lie in cracks of the earth
Rats everywhere!
One Christmas I heard Germans singing,
Music filled the air,
Peace gathered around us
Thinking maybe it could be over.



Children in Need (Friday 13th November)

School parliament have planned a couple of fundraising ideas this year for this worthwhile cause which include a colouring competition and a live duck race! You have received the details by parentmail. If you have any questions email your class teacher.



Bag to School Week

Thanks to everyone who brought their bags in on Wednesday. We collected 399kg of items which has given the school £119.70.

Watches and jewellery

A suggestion please that younger children do not wear watches to school on PE days in the interest of safety.

Dojos

We give out dojos in school to reward a range of behaviours and attitudes in learning. Prior to COVID, parents could fill in slips to award their children for effort and attitude. If you would like to award a dojo please let your class teacher know by email.

Flu (nasal spray) vaccinations

On Thursday, the school nursing service will be coming into school to vaccinate all children whose parents have consented for them to receive the vaccine. We have carried out a risk assessment for our site and the immunisations will take place in the hall which will be well ventilated and will have external access points to reduce impact on the school.

Fundraising by Y3 pupil



Congratulations to Isla who raised £550 for the 'Hawk Conservancy' by completing a 24hr sponsored silence. A fabulous achievement.



Our learning this week:

Ladybirds have been introduced to their new theme by looking at fireworks and bonfire night.

Bumblebees have been writing their own firework poems.

Grasshoppers have learnt about Guy Fawkes and made some edible sparklers. They have also spoken about gender stereotypes and listened carefully to different viewpoints

Dragonflies have been learning about different layers in the rainforest as well as drafting and editing persuasive letters.

Scorpions have learnt about the artist LS Lowry, started their orienteering unit and painted beautiful poppies for the war memorial.

Dates

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccinations

Friday 13th November Children in Need (mufti)

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

Tuesday 17th November Fraser Portraits (photographer)

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,



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