



**IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE**

COLLABORATION - CONNECTIVITY – INDEPENDENCE – INNOVATION – QUESTIONING – REFLECTION - RESILIENCE

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for signing up to the school charter this week. The display will go up in the hall shortly for all to see! It has been a week of voting and applications for different roles within the school so congratulations to the following children who have been elected to Ambassador roles within the school. Thank you to everyone who applied.

**School Parliament**

Veya  
Primrose  
Lily B  
Ruby  
Vivi  
Edward  
Tamsin  
Molly B

**Eco Ambassadors**

Freya  
Callum  
Patrick  
Jude  
Bertie  
Bodie  
Jasper  
Eva

**RRS Ambassadors**

Allegra  
Isabelle  
Emily  
Reggie  
Jonty  
Mia  
Mabel  
Martha

**Sports Ambassadors**

Callum  
Mali  
Jack  
Woody  
Patrick  
Primrose

Later this term, we will be appointing the year 3 reading ambassadors and some year 4 art ambassadors so watch this space for applications!

**School Grounds morning**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a school grounds morning and we would really appreciate the help of as many families as possible to help get our grounds ready for the year ahead. With tight budgets this is an area that I feel strongly should not be neglected and there are a number of jobs that we need to do annually to keep things in good repair. If you feel you could help for an hour or two, please sign up on the parent mail form which will be sent through today. If you can bring a wheelbarrow or gardening tools that would also be helpful. Thank you 😊

**SEND Support plans**

In the next couple of weeks, teachers will be contacting parents to meet about support plans for children on the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) register. In the meantime, if you need any information please contact me via the school office. I am the school SEND coordinator but would advise contacting your child's teacher initially if you have any concerns.

**Fun Run**

The Fun Run on 18<sup>th</sup> October for years 3 and 4 will take place at St Michael's Middle School and starts at 4pm. Children have been asked to sign up if interested but we may need parents to transport their children on the day as we are unable to access minibuses for this event. In the week's running up to the run we will give those children entered a chance to complete a 1km run to ensure they are able to pace themselves for the longer distance.

**Parents and Friends**

P&F had their first meeting this week to plan events for the upcoming year. There are many exciting and fun activities planned for children and parents. This term events will include:

Macmillan coffee morning Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December

Bag 2 School Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Bingo Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Film Night Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

**Attendance**

The DFE have set very rigorous attendance targets for schools this year and no holidays will be authorised in term time due to the considerable impact attendance below 95% has on outcomes for children in both the short and longer term. The school has to report all unauthorised holidays to Dorset who may issue fines. We will also have an attendance officer

A snapshot of learning for this week:

**Explorers** have been having fun with apples all week. They made floating apple boats today and have also done apple rolling, printing and baking across the week!



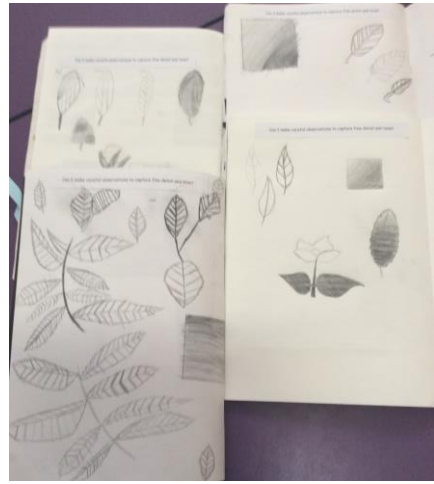
**Adventurers** have started their Read Write Inc journey this week and have already learnt 4 sounds! We have continued to find out just how marvellous each of our Adventurers is and have thought about words we use when we ask questions. We made a very exciting discovery in our outdoor area whilst digging this afternoon...potatoes!!! Now we are making plans about what we could cook!



**Voyagers** have enjoyed looking at photographs of our class bear on his adventure in London and have written questions to ask him when he gets back. They enjoyed their first forest school session on Monday and got really creative with their ideas.



**Navigators and Pioneers have been** using different grades of pencil to explore tone and applying it to their shape work on foliage. In English they have been working on adjectives to describe the sounds of the rainforest and beginning to look at the structure of persuasive language.



**A snapshot of learning for next week:**

**In Explorers we will be** basing our learning around the theme of mushrooms.

**In Adventurers we will be** focussing on our feelings linked to one of our Favourite Five texts, The Colour Monster. We will be trying to answer our question, what are feelings? Next week also sees the start of our White Rose Maths journey, thinking about matching, sorting and comparing through play.

**In Voyagers we will be** finding out about our own country 'England'- baking a traditional food, making flags, learning key facts and hearing a story about our Patron Saint 'Saint George'.

**In Navigators and Pioneers we will be** taking part in discussions and debates about the rainforest using persuasive and emotive language. In geography we will locate the lines of latitude and longitude on a map. We will also capture tone and fine detail from still life using pencils

**Upcoming Dates**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September** Parent drop in to Adventurers (to include an introduction to phonics) 8:30am-9:15am

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September** Macmillan Coffee morning

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September** School Grounds Morning (all families/extended families welcome!)

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October** Sports Ambassador training @ Ferndown Upper School

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** Whole School Flu immunisation

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** Shoebox Assembly to launch Christmas appeal

**Year 3 and 4 Fun Run @ St Michael's Middle School 4pm**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** INSET DAY

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** HALF TERM

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October** INSET DAY

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** Back to School

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachael Musselwhite'.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)