



## IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 5 - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of children's mental health awareness week, I hope families are able to reflect on what they've achieved since the beginning of January amid all the uncertainty and the pressures of home schooling and can take some time to feel good about it. I think, as we go into half term, everyone is getting tired so, next week, adapt if you need to – if a zoom session is too much for your child on a certain day, just let the class teacher know, or do 5 minutes just to say hello.



On Wednesday it was a pleasure to 'remotely' introduce Chris Connaughton to our school. It was a much needed tonic and I would like to thank you all for accessing the performances and hope you were able to share a smile or two!! A big thank you to the Parents and Friends who funded this event.

### New resources!

Hopefully and providing it is safe to do so, it won't be long before we welcome you back into school. However, on Wednesday next week, we will be providing a new set of resources for each child to cover the first 2 weeks after half term as a 'just in case' measure. Please ensure that you **return the Read, Write, Inc books** that you have used this half term so that we can issue you with the next set of books.

The timetable for collection is as follows:

Year 3 – 11am

Year 1 – 11:30am

Year 2 – 1pm

Year R – 1:30 pm

Year 4 – 2pm

If you have a child in more than one year, you only need come once. Likewise, if this is difficult, please let the office know so we can make alternative arrangements. If your child is in school at the moment we will send the packs home with them on their days.



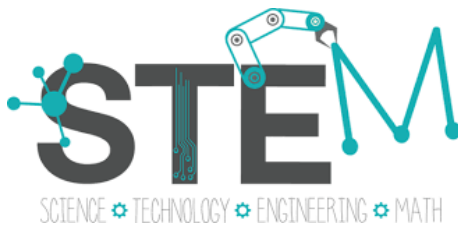
### Comic Relief

We have purchased enough noses to give one to every child in school. If we are not back in school for this event, we will arrange a time for the collection of noses and put out a donations bucket!



### Internet Safety

We are increasingly aware of how vulnerable children can be when they are playing online games. I have attached a document from Dorset police about safer internet use. It has useful checks for you to do with your children about anonymity and what to do if they are concerned. This is particularly important to share with our year 3 and 4 children who are beginning to access online gaming platforms as well as discussing how we conduct ourselves 'virtually'.



### 6PH STEM WEEK

After half term we will be completing a week of science and engineering challenges that are suitable to do at home and will provide practical ideas for families to explore. We would like to ask any parents whose jobs link to science, technology, engineering or maths to join us on a short zoom to chat about their jobs and answer questions from our learners during the week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If this might be you, please contact your child's class teacher. We would be hugely grateful for parental contributions.

Yours sincerely,

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(Head teacher)