



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 6 - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations everyone! We have reached half term and I hope you will be able to use the week to recharge your batteries and relax a little. The support from parents this half term has been exemplary and we all applaud you for your hard work in keeping your children happy and safe as well as motivating them to work as hard as they have been. It was lovely to see some of you on Wednesday as you collected resources for next term and I have passed on your positive messages to teachers. I would like to thank all staff who have shown great resilience and flexibility this term and have turned up with smiles and enthusiasm to maintain contact with their classes, provide wrap around care, keep our school clean and safe, and provide hot school meals for those children who are in school. Great teamwork all round.

### **STEM week**

The first week back is our STEM week – a great opportunity to showcase the achievements of scientists in the past as well as sharing information about careers that involve science, technology, engineering and maths. It is great to make links between learning experiences in school and the wider world to help provide a context for why we do what we do . We hope you enjoy the activities planned and have time to stock up on sellotape and glue!!



**Fairtrade Fortnight** Mrs Hampshire has sent an envelope home for each child for 'fairtrade fortnight'. There will be a launch assembly and a whole school zoom to share the creations as well as class activities to explore the key messages for 2021. More details to follow.

### **Grounds Day**

We have such a wonderful setting for our school, but, as with all schools, our grounds need some maintenance. Previously the school has opened during the year and parents have come in to help. If the current situation improves we will do this again, however, in the meantime, if you can offer some time in the grounds in a socially distanced manner to help with clearing/ tidying/planting etc. please can you contact the school office.

### **Laptop donations**

We have had some donations of second hand laptops which have now been reformatted for school. If your family is in need of an extra IT device (for example you are still using a mobile phone), please contact the school office so we can help.



### **Tables and benches**

If you know of an organisation who might be interested in the table and benches we used to have for school dinners, we have 6 tables/12 benches available to a good home for a donation to school funds.

We also have 2 four drawer lockable filing cabinets which are free to anyone who could use them.

### **Free School Meals**

If you are in receipt of benefits or your circumstances have changed financially in the last few weeks you may well qualify for free school meals. If so, please follow the link to the Dorset webpage that will allow you to be assessed.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/free-school-meals.aspx>

The voucher system has been extended to half term by Dorset and all families who currently qualify should have received their vouchers from WONDE.

Finally, stay safe and enjoy the time with your families this half term.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

(Head teacher)