



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 11 - March 26th 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy week in school and the children have been responding to our work on manners and respect trying to earn the most gems for their class. Last week Dragonflies earned an additional playtime and this week the class with the most gems was Ladybirds. Well done Ladybirds - your manners have been exemplary.

COVID update

I need to draw your attention to a recent notification from the DFE. It states that if your child is symptomatic they should be tested using a PCR test. The lateral flow tests are only to be used on people who are asymptomatic. Therefore, as before, we are asking families to self-isolate and request a PCR test before returning to school. The school continues to lateral flow test all staff who are teaching your children including the weekly coaches and music teachers.

PHE has advised that there are currently limited public health benefits to testing primary-aged pupils with lateral flow devices (LFD). In addition, primary-aged pupils, particularly younger children, may find the LFD testing process unpleasant and are unable to self-swab. We are advising that primary-aged pupils should only be tested if they are symptomatic, in which case their families should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and [book a PCR test](#) for the child.

Parents Evenings

We look forward to meeting with you next week to update you on your child's progress and outline next steps for their learning journey. Please be aware that the time slots run to time.

Tuesday 30th March 3-5pm

Wednesday 31st March 5-7pm

Bookings can be made from midday **Monday 22nd March** using the link below <https://sixpennyhandleyfirst.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and a PDF is attached to this newsletter explaining how to book.

Chance to shine

Next Tuesday the Dorset 'Chance to Shine' team will be visiting to give each class a cricket taster as part of their promotion of cricket amongst school children in Dorset. All children will need to come in PE kit for that day. For those children who have dance, they will have 2 sessions of PE spread across the day.

Year 4 Entrepreneur Experience

Scorpions will be promoting their small business ideas with your children next week. If your child would like to purchase goods or have a go at their games stalls please bring money in a sealed envelope. (The average price is 50p per item).

A big thank you to our local NISA

The school has received a cheque for £300 from our local NISA. We have put the money towards training for our very own Forest Schools Leader who will be working across the school in September to promote the Forest School ethos. Pictures of their training so far to follow!

Thanks too to Morrison's



A delivery from Morrison's in Verwood got the school parliament representatives rather excited! Some chocolate goodies to be distributed next week!

Easter Egg Raffle



Next week there will be a chance for children to buy raffle tickets for the Easter Egg draw. Tickets cost 50p and will be available in class from Monday. (see flyer)

A snapshot of our learning this week:

Ladybirds have visited a number of European destinations and made their own pizzas.

Bumblebees have travelled across the Giant's Causeway to Scotland

Grasshoppers have studied Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and created their own art work in response.

Dragonflies have planned their diaries from the perspective of a Roman soldier or slave.

Scorpions have worked hard on their equivalent fractions and started their advertising campaigns for their sale next week.

A snapshot of our learning next week:

Ladybirds will be doing all things 'Easter'!!!



Bumblebees will be staying in Scotland to find out about the traditional kilt as well as exploring the artwork of Steven Brown (the highland cow).



Grasshoppers will be exploring the Easter story and examining what is 'good' for Christians about 'Good Friday'.

Dragonflies will be writing their diaries and interviewing/applying for Roman jobs – who will become emperor?

Scorpions will be holding their 'Entrepreneur Sale' on Thursday 1st April and beginning to assess the success of their business!

Vacancy- Lunchtime supervisor

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor to job share with a current member of staff. This will be 5 hours per week and the shift pattern alternates 2 days one week (Monday & Thursday) and then 3 days the next week (Monday, Thursday and Friday). The working hours are 11.30pm – 1.30pm. This is paid on Dorset Pay Grade 1, SCP 1 at £9.25 per hour. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an Application Form. Applications must be received **by midday on Tuesday 30th March.**

Vacancy - Allsorts

We are looking for a new member of our team who can inspire and support our children after school, working Mon-Fri from 3pm-5pm. Please get in touch with the school office if you are interested. Applications need to be in by **Monday 19th April.** Details attached to this newsletter.



Dates

Tuesday 30th March – ‘Chance to Shine’ cricket coach in school to work with each class

Tuesday 30th/Wednesday 31st March – Remote Parents Evening

Thursday 1st April Easter Raffle / Whole school Easter Egg Hunt!

Thursday 1st April Year 4 entrepreneur sale (afternoon)

Thursday 1st April School finishes at normal times for the Easter holidays.

Thursday 22nd April ‘Parents and Friends’ Meeting

Friday 14th May Bag to School

Kind regards,

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

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)