

IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 2 - Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

A warm welcome to our Ladybirds who have completed their morning and afternoon sessions this week. We have been so impressed by their independence and resilience in a new environment, especially in the current climate.



As we all adjust to different routines around the school from extra cleaning of surfaces, equipment and of course hands to the adjustments that are being made to ensure the curriculum continues to engage our pupils, we have been impressed at how well the children adapt to change. We are of course following the DFE guidelines which are updated daily. For more information see the DFE website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

May I thank parents for their prompt arrival at drop off and pick up times. Can I also respectfully ask that parents who have 2 different time slots, socially distance away from the slope to allow other year groups to gain access.

Data Collection Sheet

We have today, sent home the annual data collection sheet for your child/children. Please can you check/amend the details and return to school by next Friday 18th September at the latest. It is vital that we have up to date contact details for you, particularly at this time.

Reading Folders

From Monday, children will be able to bring their book folders and records back and forth to school. We will be holding a book amnesty in school on Monday so please bring any reading books, library books and/or reading records in and place in the container at the gate.

Home Learning

We will be setting home learning remotely on a Thursday but will send home books, where appropriate, for children to record their work and keep at home. We then ask that you share their learning via the class email accounts:

Ladybirds – Tapestry

Bumblebees - Bumblebees@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Grasshoppers - Grasshoppers@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Dragonflies - Dragonflies@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk (This email will become active next week)

Scorpions - Scorpions@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Safeguarding and Child Protection

As you are probably aware, all schools have a designated safeguarding lead (DSL).

Our school trained designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Musselwhite, Mr Read and Mrs Keeble. Our safeguarding governor is Maureen Swan. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about a child's welfare.

Health and Safety

We continue to review our risk assessments and respond to government advice about COVID 19. Therefore, from Monday, children will be allowed to bring a washable lunchbox and water bottle into school.

As predicted, the number of children who are presenting with colds and sore throats has increased. If your child is unwell we would advise you keep them at home and follow the latest guidance which can be found on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If your child is required to self-isolate we are signposting parents to the following learning websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.national.academy.co.uk>

Vacancies

We still have vacancies on the governing committee. If you would be interested in volunteering as a school governor, please contact the school office.

Allsorts has a position available after school on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (3pm-5pm). Please contact the school office if you would be interested in applying.

Learning this week:

Ladybirds have explored our school and had fun getting to know their new classroom and teachers.

Bumblebees have been exploring their senses and addressing their inner super powers!

Grasshoppers have been detectives; uncovering their theme for this term and linking objects to events that took place in Pudding Lane!

Dragonflies have adopted a Jaguar (Hunter) as they start work on their 'Rainforest' theme.

Scorpions have been exploring their understanding of chronology and looking for links to help them sequence events and costumes.

Dates

Monday 14th September Ladybirds in school full time

Thursday 5th November Bag to School Week

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccinations

Monday 17th November Fraser Portraits (photographer)

Term Dates – 2020-2021

Autumn Term

Thursday 3rd September 2020 – Friday 18th October 2020

Half Term

(Monday 26th October 2020 – Friday 30th October)

Spring Term

Monday 4th January 2021 – Thursday 1st April 2021

Half Term

(Monday 15th February 2021 – Friday 19th February 2021)

Summer Term

Monday 19th April 2021 – Friday 23rd July 2021

Half Term

(Monday 31st May 2021 – Friday 4th June 2021)

All dates are inclusive

There will be 5 additional staff training days held when the school will be closed:

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

A reminder that if you have any queries or information to share with the office you can contact Mrs Alford through the office email : office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

Headteacher