



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 3 - Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have certainly enjoyed the good weather this week and the opportunities to take our learning outside. Over the summer we have had some work done to develop our outside learning areas and prepare an entrance into a garden of reflection which will be a sensory area to support learning. Mr Brown will be weaving us an archway and the children will be involved in the planting. This uses up the final amount of money that the school received through the 'Tesco's' grant scheme.



Coaches have been working with children in years 1-4, helping the children develop their racket skills whether it be tennis or badminton. They look very smart in their PE kits. Thank you.



School Ambassadors

We have been reviewing how we can appoint children to the ambassador roles this year and avoid 'crossing bubbles'. This is such an important part of encouraging 'pupil voice' in school so we will hold meetings using supervised remote access where appropriate. Next week the children in years 1-4 will be asked to write their manifestos for the role they wish to take. Reception children hold votes in the spring term.

The roles are:

RRS (Rights Respecting School)

Eco Warrior

School Parliament

Reading ambassador (Year 3 only - to start after half term). This post is elected by staff and lasts 2 years.



This is a very important event in our school calendar and this year we are keen to show our support in a COVID friendly fashion. Each class will do some baking and create something for family at home and themselves at school. You are then invited to join your class on zoom during their snack time (invite to follow via parentmail) and share a remote coffee/snack morning. We ask that children bring donations into school and we will also have collection pots on the gates. It would be great to match or exceed the amount we raised last year (£368.80)!



Weather permitting, we will put a table out on **Thursday 24th September** with second hand uniform and a collection pot for donations. This will be at the playground gate in the morning and the field gate in the afternoon.



A reminder please that there should be no nut products brought into school for snacks or packed lunches as we are a 'nut free' establishment.

Data Collection Sheet

If you haven't returned your child's data collection sheet (Y1 –Y4) please do so as soon as possible as it is vital we have current information.



You will be pleased to know that bag to school week is going ahead. We are changing it slightly so that all clothing comes into school on the **morning of Thursday 5th November**. The organisers are asking that you use a plastic bin liner. Please note that this raises a significant sum of money for school funds. Bags may be left outside the school office but please observe social distancing.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Village Hall car park is having some re-surfacing work done in its carpark on **Monday 21st September** so there will be no access to parking on that day. Please use the entrance by the church.

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. Deadline for applications is Friday 25th September.

Extra news!

Khloe was so inspired by her time in gardening club with Mrs Broomhead that she wanted to share the fruits of her labour which she has brought in for snack time – from farm to fork!



Owen discovered a baby hedgehog: a Hoglet, on the way home from the park last week! As he'd had a talk at Beavers about Hedgehogs from Tony Gibb (before Lockdown) he knew the person to contact.

Mr Gibb was able to retrieve the Hoglet and take it home to check it - our very own village Mr Tiggywinkle !

We can report the Hoglet, around 4 weeks old, is eating and healthy and doing well!



If you come across a hedgehog, **do not touch it** but contact Mr Gibb, his email address is ahgibb@sixpennyhandley.org

Learning this week:

Ladybirds have settled in to their first 'full days' and started learning their sounds in Read Write Inc.

Bumblebees have been designing their own superhero costume and writing about it.

Grasshoppers have been busy investigating different materials around the school in science and explaining why some materials are better suited for some items than others e.g. we wouldn't want our teddies to be made out of glass or metal! We have also discovered some of the reasons why the Great Fire of London could not be stopped and quickly grew out of control, such as the wind being too strong and the houses being made of wood!

Dragonflies have been constructing expanded noun phrases and identifying adjectives, nouns and determiners. They have also begun work on detailed leaf painting for their rainforest canopy.

Scorpions have started designing their 'Beanie' hats which will be made by upcycling old clothing!

Dates

Thursday 24th September Second hand uniform sale

Friday 25th September Macmillan Coffee morning

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 December 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

Allsorts bookings should be sent through to the office by 1pm on Fridays.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ra Musselwhite', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite

Headteacher