

IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

Newsletter 4 - Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was a treat to invite parents into classes today for a very different coffee morning! Despite a few technology problems when we arrived at school today, every class did manage to connect – we hope you enjoyed/will enjoy the cakes the children have made. I think that dragonflies might need to start their own cake decorating enterprise!!



Zoom snack time and an impressive bake off challenge!

As we look ahead across the year, we are keen to link up as much as possible with parents to share what is going on in school. Parents evening this term, will be a remote video link up with parents in the usual 10 minute slots with additional allocation for children with SEN (more information to follow). We have taken the decision to move it into the first half term in the light of the reduced contact parents have with class teachers at present.

Please use the class email accounts to communicate with your child's teacher if you need to. Staff will be happy to contact you if you need to discuss your child.

Ladybirds : Tapestry

Bumblebees: bumblebees@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Grasshoppers: grasshoppers@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Dragonflies: dragonflies@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Scorpions: scorpions@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

Please note that if your request is more urgent it would be best to contact the office email as this is monitored throughout the day: office@sixpennyhandley.dorset.sch.uk

In line with the DFE guidance, we have been planning our strategy in case of a local lockdown or, in the event of a confirmed case, a partial school closure. We hope this isn't necessary but in the event it is, we aim to offer daily 'zoom' live sessions as well as some recorded teaching videos. If your family does not have access to an ipad, laptop or similar device, we would like to hear from you so we can assist with technology as we did for some families during the previous lockdown.



A big thank you for your support today. It was lovely to be able to connect the experience through zoom. So far we have raised over £200. Thank you.

School Ambassadors

Applications need to be in by Wednesday next week so that we can prepare for elections. If your child wishes to apply, please send images of their application to the class email accounts.



Harvest Assembly Please could children bring in packets or tinned foods for the Trussell Trust food bank in Salisbury. We would like to support them as a way of thanking the organisation for the support they offered members of our community throughout the year.



IMPORTANT NOTICE A polite reminder to park in the school car park when dropping off or collecting your child. We have had reports from residents and parents that cars are being parked inconsiderately.

Second-hand uniforms



The weather was rather unpredictable last Thursday, so we will try again next Friday 2nd October. A table will be set up at the playground gate in the morning and field gate in the afternoon.

Learning this week:

Ladybirds have been learning all about Goldilocks and the three bears.

Bumblebees have been taking part in talk for writing about Sid the superhero; rehearsing and performing the story with actions.

Grasshoppers have been finding out about the artist Paul Klee.

Dragonflies have been learning a ribbon dance in PE in true carnival style.

Scorpions have explored the use of colour and materials in Viking and Ancient Chinese culture.

Dates

Friday 2nd October Harvest (packets or tinned foods donations to be placed in boxes outside of school)

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October Parents Evenings (Information to follow)

Thursday 5th November Bag to School Week

Thursday 12th November Flu Vaccinations

Monday 17th November Fraser Portraits (photographer)

Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Kind regards,



Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)