

24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Newsletter 5 Autumn Term 2019



Dear Parents,

This week, the school's exciting Learning Adventure, "An Ancient Adventure", came to an end with the children taking part in a range of activities across the school. Over the last week, our hall space was turned into an artist's studio, with children developing art works inspired by the ancient history theme. The children worked in a range of media, including charcoal, clay and painting and produced many lovely pieces of work. In addition to this, the children celebrated the end of the Learning Adventure by taking part in a range of activities, including ancient dancing and necklace making (Foundation), taking part in an artefacts challenge (Year 1), making Bronze age pots (Year 2) and baking bread over the fire (Years 3 and 4). Over the course of the Learning Adventure, it has been wonderful to see how the children have developed their knowledge and understanding of this fascinating period of history. We look forward to sharing our new Learning Adventure with you after the half term break.

The school has recently received further information about how our children did in the different national assessments in the summer term and I am delighted to inform you that the children achieved very well and above local and national results. Well done, everyone.

Recently, work has commenced in the school grounds to create a new outdoor learning area for all the children as part of our school improvements.

Thank you so much for all your kind donations for our Harvest Festival Celebration and attending our cake sales at the end of each day. The children enjoyed making cakes and biscuits during the fortnight. We are delighted that we raised £647.06 for this year's chosen harvest charity, SEPIA. Thank you very much for your support and generosity.

Thank you also to Year 1 parents for their recent attendance at the phonics information session and this weeks parent teacher consultations. It is a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for us to work together in supporting your child.

#### **Flu immunisation**

A reminder that members from the Dorset Healthcare NHS nursing team will be in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November to deliver the flu immunisation, which is given to the children in the form of a nasal spray. In order for your child to take part in the programme, it is essential that parents complete the permission form online by Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019. If you have any questions or you would like more information about the programme, please ring the School Nursing Team on 01425 891162.

#### **Individual & Sibling photographs**

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November to take sibling and individual photographs. Please make sure your child is in full school uniform, including a sweatshirt and if you wish, you may send a comb/brush with your child.

#### **Foundation Stage Information Session for Parents**

Thank you for your recent support of the Foundation Information Meeting. A reminder, that the Foundation Stage Team will be holding their second early learning information session on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm. This session will focus on the development of maths skills.

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### **Year 2 Assessment Information Meeting**

An information session has been arranged for all parents with children in Year 2 about the national assessments that will be completed by Year 2 children in the summer term. The meeting will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00 pm. Entry will be via the main entrance. All parents with children in Year 2 are welcome to attend however we would appreciate it if children are not brought with you on this occasion. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

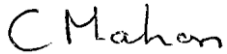
### **Headlice**

Recently, there has been a few cases of headlice in school. Please can you check your child's hair regularly for any signs of adult lice or their eggs. If you do find signs of headlice, you should treat your child's hair with the appropriate treatment and check the rest of your family for any infestations. Everyone's cooperation will reduce the frequency of cases in our school.

A reminder that tomorrow Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October, the school will be closed for a staff training day and that the half term break commences on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October.

We hope you have a lovely half term break which commences on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Mahon". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Mrs C Mahon  
Headteacher