



IF WE BELIEVE, WE CAN ACHIEVE

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Dear parents and carers,

At the end of term I would like to thank all our families for their support so far this year and for engaging with such positivity - the performances this week were a lovely way to see the whole community coming together and recognising the wonderful array of talents are children have as well as the way in which our children step up to any challenge! One of our requests from Parents and Friends will be setting up a microphone system that will reliably support our children in performances across the year!!

This week we have bid a fond farewell to Mrs Broomhead. After twelve years working at the school she leaves behind many memories which the children were keen to share in her assembly this week. Sadly, she has been unwell the last few days so we have had to send her a film of her final assembly, but she has asked to pass on her thanks to all the parents and children and wishes everyone well for the future. Her fulltime role will be filled by Mrs Rattley, and in turn her hours will be covered by Mrs Robinson and Mrs Brown. Miss Baker has increased her hours at Nursery as the number of Explorers continues to rise in the new year.

This week was the final week of Jigsaw Families and those who took part have said it was really beneficial. I am sure parents on the course would be happy to share what they got from the experience. After Christmas we hope to offer it again to parents in KS1 and Reception. Details to be confirmed.

Support for families experiencing hardship

Food vouchers for parents in receipt of pupil premium have been issued this week; they will appear in your emails today. In the meantime, if you find yourself experiencing financial difficulty, please contact us as we can supply foodbank vouchers/ supermarket vouchers to families in need. You can also apply for additional support for your child by following this link: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/pupil-premium> If you send an email to the school office, I will monitor them every couple of days in the holidays if you need a food parcel.

Friday Fine Dining!

Congratulations to Amara and Ronan (Explorers) Martha (Adventurers), Vivi and Tyler (Voyagers), (Navigators) and Iris (Pioneers) who were selected to bring a friend to 'Friday Dining' today. They were chosen by their class teacher for displaying the qualities of our Jigsaw learning this week and for their excellent manners.



A snapshot of learning for this week:

Explorers have been celebrating all things Christmassy, taking plenty of wintry strolls and taking part in the church nativity.

Adventurers have been discussing who celebrates Christmas and connecting symbols to their meanings.

Voyagers have been looking at perspective when creating Christmas cards. They have read a tremendous number of Christmas themed books and of course performing their nativity and pantomime for their parents and grandparents.

Navigators and Pioneers have been exploring air resistance with a range of flying devices, making pop up cards and of course performing Aladdin!

Upcoming Dates (all dates now on website on the google calendar)

Tuesday 3rd January Staff INSET (Focus : Assessment and progression of skills in History)

Wednesday 4th January Term starts

Wednesday 11th January Whole school 'Wassailing' workshop Day 1

Wednesday 18th January Whole school 'Wassailing' workshop Day 2
Reading Workshop (Years 3 and 4) 6pm

On behalf of the staff, local school committee and the trust board we would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas break with we hope some moments of peace and wonder!

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2023



Kind regards,

Rachael Musselwhite

Mrs Rachael Musselwhite (Headteacher)