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In God's Hands

We Learn and Grow

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Newsletter 5

Dear Parents,

The momentum for Christmas is building quickly and there are so many other exciting and important things happening in our school that I am sending you this update only a week after the last newsletter!



Anti-Bullying Week.

This week is **Anti-Bullying Week**, an annual UK event held in the third week in November which aims to raise awareness of bullying and offer

ways in which schools, organisations and individuals can work together to prevent it. It is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance in England. This year the theme is **'Power for Good.'**

As a school we are committed to providing a safe place where children can thrive; this week is an important time to remind ourselves of how important it is to support children when things go wrong. All children need help building and keeping friendships and 'falling out' is a natural part of this. Our job is to step in before things get serious, and with your help we are confident we can work things out and create a peaceful school. Our **Anti-Bullying Policy** is available on our website, and here are just a few websites that can be helpful for parents.

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week/>



<http://www.bullying.co.uk/advice-for-parents/younger-children-is-it-bullying/>

Incredible Me 'Marvellous Middle'

As part of our current topic next week we will be holding a 'Marvellous Middle' morning where we will come together as a whole school to learn more about looking after ourselves and others. The children will be working in their tri-angel groups (across year groups) to learn how to keep their teeth clean, mend broken bones, find out how babies are looked after and how they would make an emergency call if they needed to. WE are planning to use disclosing tablets to show children exactly where the plaque is on their teeth and

then ask them to brush them in school to remove all of it. We will be giving them a sand timer to help them that they will be bringing home. **Please can you provide your child with a toothbrush for the day in a named plastic bag** for them to use in school and bring home with their timer. It would be helpful if you could go over how to make an emergency call with them at home.

Hoops

It is that time again! You have been given instructions from the office and we are following the 'Starry Sky' theme this year, so I foresee A LOT of sparkle! Below is a picture that will give more of an idea of what our hall might look like when it is **'hooped up'**. Enjoy being creative.



Year 2 Athletics Festival.

We are as proud as punch of our school leaders, they were brilliant on Monday at the athletics festival hosted by Ashcombe School and organised by the Dorking School Partnership. Along with other infant children, they honed their athletic skills and had a fabulous time.

Have a lovely weekend.

I would like to finish with our school prayer (written by children who have now moved on from Newdigate) that reminds us just how important peace is to our lives. We say it nearly every day and I thought it would be good to share the words with you.

*Dear God,
Thank you for our lovely school.
We are sorry for the times we fall out.
Help us to remember to be kind to one another.
Bless our community.
May all who come here know your peace.
Amen*

Many thanks,
Paula Bliss, Headteacher