

# THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."* (Matthew: 17 v20)

## Newsletter – Term Four April 2020

"May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you"

Psalm 33 v22

This is certainly the strangest end to a term that we have ever had.....the closest would be when a school has a snow day but at least with a snow day we would be outside having fun and knowing that it would all be over in a few days.

Currently we are closed, except for a skeleton staff and a group of key worker children and as a result the school seems stuck in time as the learning on display is now old news!

Our thoughts and prayers are with those in front line services and to all our community as we follow the new rules for social distancing and staying at home. Only by pulling together can we beat this pandemic and get back to our normal routines.

We do not know when schools will re-open but on most school days the office phone, school email and text is manned between 9.00am and 3.00pm, should you have any questions or need some advice.

We will keep in touch as and when there are updates and look forward to seeing you all again very soon.

### **A Prayer** *(from our school prayer book)*

Dear Lord  
Please help those less fortunate than us  
Help us to treat others how we want to be treated  
And thank you, our loving God, who gave us your very own son, Jesus  
Amen

Freya Martin 5T

We did have a busy last couple of weeks with our book week, STEM week and sports relief.

Book week – the potato characters were a really creative and a delight to behold. Well done to the winners in each team.

The beach clean, non-uniform day, raised £242.40 for the environmental charity "Deal with It"

Sports Relief, an opportunity to be wear sporty clothes raised £160.00 for sports relief. Thank you for all your efforts

### **Staffing update**

Mrs Mitchell leaves us this term which is a little strange in the current climate but I know many of you have said thanks and goodbye.

Mrs Barnes will be joining us as the new SENCO after the Easter break but it may be a few weeks before you have the opportunity to meet her.

### **Notable Achievements**

#### **A number of children have shared with the whole school their achievements in after school activities**

Sophia C (Y3) – gymnastics medal  
Rhianna P (Y4) – County gymnastics final 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Amber J (Y2), Logan C (Y4), Evie W (Y1) –Deal gymnastics event  
Year 5 football team 4-1 victory against Kingsdown  
Charlie W Y6 – Bronze award in national primary maths challenge

*Amazing achievement – well done*

### **Home learning during school closure**

You can access learning resources through your child's log in to purple mash (whole school), 10tick (Years 3-6) and Spag.com (years 5 and 6).

There are also numerous links on our school website, which we have recently updated, to different learning resources

- pupil zone tab/home learning opportunities
- pupil zone tab/online safety
- curriculum, assessment and learning tab/help your child

Children should also continue with their reading, number work and learning their times tables.



## **Are hopes and wishes the same?**

*Discuss, with your family, what this means to you.....*

*Share your best examples with your class teacher*

## DATES FOR DIARY

### Dates for the new academic year: 2019 - 2020

#### Term One 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Half term break 18<sup>th</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

#### Term Two 28<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Christmas break 19<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### Term Three 6<sup>th</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Half term break 15<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

#### Term Four 24<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

Easter break 2<sup>nd</sup> April – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020

#### Term Five 20<sup>th</sup> April – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Half term break 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020

#### Term Six 1<sup>st</sup> June – 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020

### Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**We are waiting for confirmation of when school will re-open following government closure**

### Term Five

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday

All of May

Year 2 statutory assessment cancelled

4<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May

Assessment weeks for whole school cancelled

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 statutory assessments cancelled

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Last day of term five – normal finish

### Term Six

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Children return to school

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Year 6 forest school starts

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 swimming starts

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 1 statutory phonics assessment cancelled

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 statutory multiplication assessment cancelled

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

No children – training day

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

No children – training day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Last day of term six - children can be collected from 1.30pm.