

The value we are looking at this term is Courage . Our HeartSmart focus is: Too Much Selfie isn't Healthy!

Thursday 11th February 2021  
Spring Term Newsletter 5

Things to remember:

- Celebrate Chinese New Year tomorrow - wear red or gold and join in with the activities on Google Classroom!
- There's a little video via the youtube link here: [https://youtu.be/oW2po6Ybl\\_M](https://youtu.be/oW2po6Ybl_M) that some of the staff made, if you haven't seen it yet on our FaceBook page!
- Please see the letter attached to this newsletter from Hanna Trevorrow about the opportunity to join in with a community orchestra.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another unusual half term, I think now is a good time for us all to take a moment to reflect on everything that we have achieved together over the past few weeks. A rapid move from a full return to school to another lockdown, a transition to online learning, establishing new routines, supporting our children through another period of change... the list goes on! Well done to everyone who has had to adapt and make changes this past half term, and we look forward to less difficult times ahead.

### Thank you

The school would like to say a huge thank you to Tim Coward of Nordale Farm, who has passed over to us several laptops donated to him. Tim has refurbished each one so they can be used by the school to support our children's learning. We would also like to thank Wendy Stent for her kind donation to the school towards the purchase of new Chromebooks - the thoughtfulness and support of our local community just amazes us!

### Laptops available

Further to the above, we now have some laptops at school for loan if you are in need of one. There is a limited number, but if you feel they would benefit your child at home then please do let us know. We are really happy to support you if the devices you are using aren't really suitable, or if you have too few devices at home for the amount of children trying to access online learning. Contact Sally or Kerry in the school office via [office@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk) or on 01305852471.

### Half Term Scavenger Hunt

Last week, we had a lovely email from a family who had taken part in a scavenger hunt around the local area...we loved this idea! Attached to this email is our own version of the hunt for you to take part in over half term. Simply find the items on your daily walks and photograph yourself with them, then send your completed entries into school using the email address [scavenger21@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:scavenger21@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk) (so we can keep them all

in one place!) Our email system hates large photos, so if you could make them nice and small and pop them into the form that would really help.

The highest scoring entry will win a chocolatey themed prize for their family and all entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a few smaller foody items!

We hope to see lots of you out "scavenging" during the holidays, socially distanced of course!

### **Preschool Fundraising - Bags 2 School**

Lockdown seems to be an opportune time for everyone to be clearing out their cupboards, especially with Spring on the way. The preschool are registered with 'Bags 2 School', which is a fundraising initiative that turns your unwanted clothes into cash for Preschool. All you need to do is bag up good quality, clean but unwanted clothes and bring them to Preschool before Wednesday 17th March and Bags 2 School will collect them, weigh them and pay cash per kilo for items they can resell. With the charity shops all remaining closed, this is a great way to help Preschool whilst also helping you clear out unwanted things during lockdown. Here is a list of the items that Bags 2 School will accept:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts

Please pass these details onto friends, family or neighbours as at 30pence per kilo we need as many bags as we can get!

### **Xchange website**

The Xchange website is provided by Dorset Council, and is designed to provide support for families that have children who are disabled. It has recently moved home, from its previous address at [www.xchangeonline.co.uk](http://www.xchangeonline.co.uk) it has now [moved to sit on Dorset Council's website](#).

Registering with The Xchange gives parents and carers access to:

- a discount card for local activities and attractions, called the Dorset Max Card
- a monthly newsletter, jam packed with relevant information for our members
- a Care Passport for disabled children participating in Short Breaks
- a directory of Short Breaks, activities and support

It's worth having a look if you feel this would be of benefit to you, or to anyone you know.

### **Half term Online Dorchester Arts Opportunity**

Super-Spies in Lockdown in association with Dorchester Arts

ONLINE ONLY

Running time: Two 20-30 minute sessions on 14 & 21 February at 10.30am

Age Guidance: Aimed at 5-11 year olds and their families. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost:£6 per family

Calling Families and keen Super-Spies! The Super-Spies are in town and they need your help! Marvelous leader Mirabel Merryweather, newly initiated Claude Pringle, and all the Super-Spies are working from home like everyone else. Unfortunately, we've had worrying reports that The Vortex - our Rival spy gang - are active and have started luring new spies to the dark side in your area. We need you to brush up on your Super-Spy skills and help us out on the ground solving some vital clues to stamp out The Vortex.

The experience is aimed at 5-11 year olds and their families.

This interactive performance game will take the format of two "performance" sessions with Angel Exit Theatre on a private, secure Zoom chat. There will be an introduction and initial training meeting setting up the tasks with a 7-day gap before a conclusion meeting where the Super Spies will hear how the newly recruited super-spies have got on and see if the mystery has been solved. There will be a series of fun, interactive challenges, and activities available online to access anytime. Some activities involve doing a clue trail around the local town as an option but families can also participate from the safety and comfort of their own homes. Aimed at five to eleven-year-olds and their families, capacity is strictly limited to 30 households and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Families need a reliable internet connection and be able to access Zoom, preferably on a laptop rather than phone or tablet. Participants need to be available for both Zoom meetings and ideally take part in the challenge set. Everyone is welcome to engage with as many of the other videos and activities as they like. These can be accessed indefinitely.

For more information, [click here](#) to go to Dorchester Arts' website

We wish you all a good half term, with the time to relax and step away from the usual routines (and maybe a sprinkling of snow to liven things up!) We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 22nd February, either online or at school - if you want to share any photos of your half term activities we would love to see them, you can send them to your class email address, share them on Google Classroom or Tapestry, or email them to me at [headteacher@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@broadmayne.dorset.sch.uk)

Stay safe and well everyone,

Mrs Collings

### Calendar Dates- Spring Term Term 2021

Date	Time	Event
<b>February</b>		
Friday 12th		Chinese New Year Celebration Day Last day off half term
Mon 15th - Fri 19th		Half term
Monday 22nd		Return to school/online learning
<b>MARCH</b>		
Mon 1st - Friday 5th March		Book Week, including World Book Day on the 4th and Books at Bedtime Online!
Friday 19th		Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

Message from Hanna Trevorrow, Head of DASP music:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am inviting all pupils, teachers and parents who play a musical instrument to get involved in the DASP Music Lockdown Community Orchestra Project!

The plan is to create a virtual performance of Grieg's *In the Hall of the Mountain King* with as many people from the DASP community as possible taking part. This includes students, parents and teachers of all abilities on a variety of different instruments. I realise this won't be a suitable piece for everyone to get involved with, but hopefully most instruments can work out a way to fit in somehow (I'm happy for instruments such as guitar and piano to learn the main tune and join in by ear if needs be). I don't mind if people ad-lib a bit as long as they keep in time to the guide track! I also don't mind if people only record for part of the whole piece.

Basically, if you can play an instrument, then you are invited to get involved - the more the merrier!

All the information about how to get involved and the resources you will need can be found on our website here: <http://www.daspmusic.co.uk/lockdown-community-orchestra.html>

The deadline for recordings to be submitted is Monday 15th March, so there is plenty of time to have a think and sign up to get involved (it would be useful if people could sign up by Monday 22nd Feb to give us an idea of numbers)!

Hopefully, lots of you will have seen some clips of our Christmas concert and we had lots of lovely feedback about this. Whilst online performances are not ideal, I feel that we all need something to lift our spirits and I thought that a community project would be really fun!

Please do get involved!

Kind regards,

Hanna Trevorrow

Head of DASP Music