



Service Families Newsletter – Spring Term

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas break.

Back in September, I submitted a grant application through the MOD Education Support Fund (ESF) for funding to make improvements to the room used by Mrs Chick and myself. As part of the application, I also included a request to purchase resources for Service children with a parent on deployment, as well as funds to add to the small range of books we currently have in our school library relating to moving, deployment and service life in general.

The MOD ESF for 2020 totals £2 million, however, having received 142 applications totalling over £7 million, competition was tough! I am pleased to say that although we were not fortunate enough to be awarded the full amount, we have been awarded a partial amount of £1500 to spend on deployment resources and books for the library! In total, 87 applicants secured funding, (16 full, 71 partial,) and this funding will benefit approximately 25,000 service children across England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Please keep an eye out in the school library in the coming months for what we hope will be a fabulous collection of new books in our Service section!

Through the MOD ESF fund we will also purchase a set of deployment packs from 'Little Troopers' as well as a resource pack which can be photocopied and reused within school. Please can I ask that you make us aware of any deployments, either through myself, your child's class teacher or the school office, as we can then make sure your child is supported where necessary. Children are given the opportunity to send letters, pictures and e-mails to their deployed parent so if your child wishes to do this, please pass details of e-mail and BFPO addresses on to us also. Even if you do not wish your child to receive this support within school, they can still have a deployment pack to use at home, so please make us aware.

If you know you are being posted in the near future, please let us know the details as soon as you can. This allows staff time to prepare books and reports for you to take to your child's new school and also for us to complete some transition work with your child to prepare them for the move.

Kind Regards

Julie Spinks,
Family Liaison Officer

If you would like any resources to support your child whilst a parent is on deployment, please get in touch with either myself (via the school office) or Tracey Clark at the HIVE. Our school library has a selection of books available covering deployment and moving.

