



Service Families Newsletter – Autumn Term 2020

In my last newsletter, I mentioned that we had been successful in securing funding through the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust to replace and improve our playground equipment. The funds are now being spent and the children are enjoying using the new equipment which has arrived.

Year 5 and 6 have a set of basketballs and netballs each to use at break and lunch times on the MUGA. Each year group has an outdoor game to use, such as snakes and ladders, Ludo, Chess and 4-in-a-row. A playground kit which includes hula-hoops and bats and balls was purchased at the end of the last academic year and has been divided up into boxes for each year group to use. We also have a basketball hoop for the playground for KS2 on order, along with skittles and trucks for the sandpit for our younger children. Playground dividers have been purchased and used to separate the playground into two halves so that we can keep children in their year group 'bubbles'.

We have also just submitted a bid through the MOD Education Support Fund to replace some of our Forest School equipment, which will benefit our Reception and KS1 children. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a successful outcome!

This will be my last newsletter, and so I would like to take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Henig who has taken over from me as the Family Liaison Officer. Mrs Henig is experienced in working within a primary school setting and of service life.

Mrs Henig will be meeting those children who have joined us recently to see how they are settling in. If you know you are due a posting, please let the school office know and Mrs Henig can undertake some transition work with your child before their move. Likewise, support is available for your child during times of deployment. Mrs Henig can be contacted via the school office.

Kind Regards

Julie Spinks

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.

