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School Newsletter – 13th February 2019

As we start 2019, I would like to bring to your attention two resources which might be helpful as you think about different activities to do with your children.

A recent publication by the DFE [My Activity Passport](#) and the National Trust [50 things to do](#) before you are 11 $\frac{3}{4}$. Both publications are available to download from their respective websites.

Staff Updates

I am delighted to inform you that Mr and Mrs Coles will be having a baby which is due in June. Mrs Coles will be teaching until May half term. I am equally pleased to say that Mrs Fotheringham will be returning after her maternity leave. She will be taking over Mrs Coles' teaching commitments and will cover Mr Coles' paternity leave. Mrs Bowers has agreed to be full time for those two weeks. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Coles.

We are very proud of Miss Evans who is a moderator for the local authority for Year 2. I am delighted to say that Mr Coles has now passed and will be a moderator for the local authority for year 6 writing.

Up-coming Events



Diary Dates

Class Photos – These are taking place on 27th February 2019.

Year 6 – Stay and Learn scheduled for 27th March 2019 has been cancelled as they have another session in June. Each year group should only have three sessions throughout the year, Year 6 have already had two

Year 1 Grow your own Potatoes will take place on 6th March and 5th June, because of this the Year 1 Wedding has been moved to **19th June 2019**

Year 5 will be visiting the Mandir on **21st May 2019**.

Children's University Graduation will take place at The Cathedral on **13th June 2019**.

I am pleased to let you know that Class 7's class assembly will be on **21st June 2019**. We very much hope that Class 7 parents will be able to attend at 9.00am.

These events have been updated in the Parent/Carer Calendar which is available to view on the schools website under the Parents Page.

Attendance Policy

This is a reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they should not return to school for 48 hours since their last episode. Sickness and diarrhoea bugs are extremely contagious so please ensure if your child is sick whilst at home, they are not sent into school.



Please can I remind all parents that if there are any fallings out between the children, please come into school for us to find out about the incident and then deal with it accordingly.

Please do not approach children on the playground. These children have entered the school grounds and we need to safeguard them.

Admissions

Admissions for reception places at William Law has closed but you can do a late entry. According to the first preferences we do still have a few places left. Please see the school office for more information. The closing date for late applications is Tuesday 30th April.

THANK YOU

William Law has raised a total amount of £5,700 for charities in 2017-18. This is a large amount and we say a huge thank you for all your donations.

The homelessness day raised £588.55 for Hope in Action.

We recently submitted a bid to Larkfleet homes from their Community Fund, where we were successful in securing the maximum amount of funding £250.00. This has enabled us to purchase 5 new gym mats for use in PE by the whole school. The new gym mats should be arriving shortly.

We would like to thank Larkfleet Homes for this generous donation.

Thank you to the School Association who have paid £750 from the total cost of £1,500 towards the Big Top which Year 3 have enjoyed this week.



Recycling

We're excited to start a new recycling initiative in the school, recycling plastic pens, empty Pringles cans, empty crisp packets and cracker, biscuit and cake wrappers and preventing these from ending up in landfill.



Four recycling bins are at the front of the school near the fish tanks for children to fill with the empty waste. A leaflet (please see attached) will come home with the children after half term with further advice on which waste can be accepted. Please send these items in with your children, who can take them to the front of school.

Communication Update from the School Office



I would like to thank parents & carers for the positive feedback received with regards to the Office team. I was delighted to see the friendliness and openness of staff has been welcomed by parents. We are always here to help and thank you for your kind comments.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify how communications are made:

- All communications will be sent out via ParentPay. If you do not have a log in, we strongly recommend you contact the school office to gain access (you can still make cash payments if you do not want to use the system for payments).

- If there is a reply slip to be returned on a letter, then a hard copy of the communication will be sent home too.
- We will not send home hard copies of letters if we do not require a reply slip to be returned. This saves on cost to the school and also the environment. As a result, it can sometimes feel that you get letters for some events and not others. It really depends on the event and the information required.
- Please continue to use the Parent Calendar on the website, this is updated throughout the year with dates of events/trips.

Mrs Seal, Office Manager

Dogs

Please can we ask that children are not left in charge of dogs on the school playpark after school. They may not be able to control them should they try and pull away.



Dressing up

If you have any dressing up costumes that your children no longer need or have grown out of, please could you donate them to the school.

This is for the use of the Early Years children as they learn and explore through play.



Local Community

To keep up-to-date with what is going on in the local community you can sign up to <https://www.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>. You will receive regular updates by email as to what is going on in your area e.g. as below which was received this week. The information provided is by the local Police in your area.



Suspicious Caller

Please be aware of an unusual call to some homes over the course of a few days in the Loxley area. On Sunday February 3rd at approximately 4pm a male knocked a door to ask for carrier bags. He advised his mum's shopping had fallen on the ground nearby after her bag had split. The male returned to the same address with the same story on Wednesday February 6th at around 6pm.

Following this, on Thursday February 7th, he called to two address which were next door to the original one and again said his mum's shopping bags had split. This was between 5:30-6pm. The male is described as white, with dark hair (possibly brown), slim and approx. 5ft6in - 5ft 8in. He had some slight facial hair including a moustache and was wearing a dark brown suit. His demeanour was described as nervous and twitchy.

Please do not leave your front door open or even unlocked to strangers if you have to leave them alone even for a few moments. A genuine caller will not mind. If you have had any similar calls please alert the police on 101.

Message Sent By Martha Hurley (Police, PCSO, Peterborough - Northern)

Music



The music evening this Spring term will be Thursday 21st March for Key stage 2 pupils who are involved in music and dance clubs.

Year 6 choir and guitars perform at Busy Bees Christmas Concert

On Monday 17th December 2018, fifteen volunteer musicians from Year 6 took part in the Busy Bees nursery Christmas Concert

The children, who were members of the choir and guitar group, walked to the Hodgson Centre and watched the children from the nursery perform for their proud parents. Half of the year 6 pupils themselves went to Busy Bees and were really excited to perform for the nursery as Year 6 pupils.



They independently sang two festive songs 'That's Christmas to me' – which tells of the real meaning of Christmas; and Jingle Bell rock – which the audience joined in.



It was a pleasure to be asked and the responses from both adults and children were full of credit for the William Law pupils.

The school vision is **Learning, Living Loving Together**

This is what Jesus told us to do as Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14 v6
At William Law we want everyone to enjoy their learning and 'skip to school'.

We want everyone to respect and love one another and live, understanding a Christian way of life.

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday, 26th February 2019.

**Mrs T Cunningham
Headteacher**