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School Newsletter – 27th March 2019

Staff Updates

Mrs Harris, Teaching Assistant, has left school to work with the elderly. We wish her well in her change of career.

We send Mrs Sharpe, the Finance Assistant, every good wish as she relocates to Switzerland. Her position will be advertised for September.

Up-coming Events



Diary Dates

Year 6 – Visit to Twinlakes – 1st April 2019

Year 1 – Space WOW Day – 4th April 2019

Year 4 – Around the World Expo – 4th April 2019

Whole School – Languages Celebration Day – 1st July 2019

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

Beginning and End of the School Day

More and more children are being dropped off outside school before 8.30am or being collected after 3.30pm. School does not have the staff to safeguard your children before 8.30am and after 3.30pm. Children who have been asked to come into school early for extra curriculum activities should be dropped off in the school foyer at the time they have been asked to come into school.

The school gates open at 8.30am and school opens to the children at 8.40am. If they are seen around the school grounds by a member of staff before 8.30am, they will be brought into school for safeguarding purposes and taken across to the Out of School Club. You will then be charged £4.50 for the first child and £4.00 for other siblings for use of this service.

The school bell goes at 3.15pm, please ensure that you collect them at this time. If your child has not been collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken over to the Out of School Club. You will be charged £9.00 for the first child and £8.50 for other siblings, irrespective of how long they are at the club for. **Payment is required**, at the school office before you go to collect your child. You can pay by cash or card at the school office prior to 5.00pm. After 5.00pm, cash only can be paid to the OSC Club Manager directly. Please note you will need the exact money as no change can be given. If you need a regular place at the Out of School Club please email osc@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk for further information.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
Psalm 46 v1**

5 Top Tips

Please help us to change your child's attitude to learning.



- Please say "You're getting better" whenever the opportunity allows.
- Say to your child, "What have you learned today?"
- Say to your child, "of course you've made a mistake, but keep going, you're learning."
- Say to your child "yet" as often as you can e.g. "You can't ride a bike yet."
- Please don't tell children that you were not good at maths or spelling at school. Say to them you had to work hard at maths and spelling.

House Coloured T-Shirts

The house coloured T-shirts are now available to purchase from Chroma Sports along with the other William Law school uniform.

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Online Safety

Below is a link to a new online safety book. It has been written by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross in partnership with Vodafone. It is based on the story of Goldilocks and the three bears and you can use this to talk to your children about posting images.



<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>

[Goldilocks - vodafone.co.uk](https://www.vodafone.co.uk)

New research suggests children are using social media before parents have spoken to them about how to use it responsibly, with 48% being exposed to it by the age of seven.

www.vodafone.co.uk

Change of Circumstances/Contact Details



If you have a change in personal circumstances such as moving house, a new telephone number or change of surname, then please ensure you notify the school office.

You can email office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk or alternatively you can collect a form from the school office for completion.

Refuge Drop-In sessions Peterborough



As of March 18th an Outreach Worker will be available to support female victims of Domestic Abuse at the following locations. This service is also available to

professionals for case discussion or advice

Mondays: East children's centre, Durham Road, Peterborough, PE1 5JU

Fridays: Acorn Children's centre, 20 Scafford Drive, Welland, PE1 4TR

These sessions will run from 10-12pm and 1pm-3pm
Contact - OutreachCambridgeshire@refuge.org.uk

If you want more information, please see the Learning Mentors.

Thank you...



To everyone who purchased a Poppy last year. School raised £182.76 for the Appeal.



Thank you...

Thank you for supporting Operation Christmas by making up shoeboxes. School collected a total of 119 shoeboxes and that made a lot of children very happy at Christmas.

Vacancy – IT Technician



We are looking for an experienced IT Technician to join us from September 2019. If you are that person, or know someone who would be interested please signpost them to our website where you can find further information and an application pack.

Is your child getting enough sleep?

Several parents and children have informed us that some of our pupils are not going to bed until after 10.00pm or, in some cases, after midnight. Some pupils have said they have been awake late because they have been distracted by their mobile phones, tablets and other devices. One child has reported that they could not get to sleep because they were dealing with over 300 WhatsApp messages that had been sent to them late at night.



The NHS website recommends that children aged 10-11 years old need between 9 hours 30 minutes – 9 hours 45 minutes sleep a night. As I am sure you are aware, a lack of sleep has a detrimental impact on a child's ability to learn, make progress and focus. Whilst we are aware that the vast majority of children do get the necessary hours of sleep, we would be extremely grateful if you would consider whether you are supporting your child in meeting the recommendations given.

Prayer Group



We are looking for more parents/friends of the school to join the prayer group. Please come along and try it out. Prayer Group meets at 8.50am in the foyer and starts at 9.00am for about half an hour. You can bring younger siblings to the

group.

Everyone is welcome and we really appreciate prayer for the school.

Summer Term Dates (Wednesdays):-

24th April 2019

8th May 2019

22nd May 2019

Half Term

5th June 2019

19th June 2019

3rd July 2019

17th July 2019

Music Evening



On March 21st our spring term music evening 'Where in the World?' saw over 100 children perform in a very varied and entertaining programme. Congratulations to everyone that took part. It was truly fabulous!

At the concert we launched a fund raising project to replace our aging grand piano in the main school hall. A total of £245 was kindly donated in a retiring collection starting our project handsomely. **Thank you.**

If you can help with this project or have any other fund raising ideas please contact the school office.

Pets in School



We have guinea pigs in school which are very popular and very loved. Children in Year 6 look after the guinea pigs.

One of our pupils has a therapy dog, which is a 20 week old Cavapoochon. The children are excited to see "Charlie" and spend time with him. At the moment he is in school one afternoon a week.



One of our pupils is leaving to go abroad and they are leaving us their pet snake to have at school. The Royal Python will be in a locked tank in the rainforest area. "Weyland" will only come out if a member of staff is present. It is not poisonous and does not bite. The children will be excited to see it.

Netball

Miss Evans and Mrs Rushbrook are incredibly proud of the William Law Netball team, who competed against 13 other teams at Soke Sports last Wednesday. Our team showed amazing resilience, collaboration and perseverance during the matches and many other schools commented on how well the children worked together as a team. Their amazing efforts paid off as we have now made it to the finals against other teams from across Peterborough on 2nd April. We cannot wait to wow the spectators with our learning powers and sports skills once more. Well done!



Year 4 Production



We thank Lauren Irving for kindly offering her services during the Year 4 production of Joseph. The photographs that she will take will capture the truly memorable experience in a natural manner. We look forward to printing these onto canvases in school to display in the corridors.

Lauren is available to capture your memorable experiences such as weddings, birthdays, Christenings and other special occasions as well as family portraits. If you require further information please visit her website at <http://www.laurenirvingphotography.co.uk>

Whilst we still have another week at school before the Easter holidays, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and peaceful Easter break. We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019.

**Mrs T Cunningham
Headteacher**