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School Newsletter – Sept 2019

Welcome

A warm welcome to all our new children and parents/carers, into the William Law family. Welcome back to all our other children and parents/carers. We hope you all had a lovely summer. The children have all had an excellent beginning to the school year, staff are all very positive and the term has started very calmly.

Thank you for all your patience as Breakfast and Out of school club has relocated to the hall and two mobiles have become Little Blossoms nursery while their premises are rebuilt after a fire.

This year the staff started with training on Philosophy for Children (P4C). This is to encourage children to be thoughtful, reflective and resilient. They will develop an understanding and appreciation of the world about them and about themselves. They will be thinking about how they live and how they might like to live. An example of lessons that have already been taught - Is it ever OK to be dishonest? Is stealing always wrong? Where would you put these jobs on a line of most important and least important? The children have already shown themselves to be very insightful.

We are delighted to have Donna Barnes in school. She has volunteered to teach a session of drama to every class this academic year. The children are already standing tall and speaking out. Thank you Donna.

Tu Danse have agreed to teach dance to children at the school this term. The Year 6's will be learning the jitterbug and waltz ready for their WW2 tea party to grandparents and Werrington elderly citizens.

Please can I ask that you label all children clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles. Then we wouldn't have any lost property as all items would be relocated with the owners.

Once school has finished at 3.15pm, the grounds are closed to parent/carers. Out of School Club and school clubs will be using the grounds. Please do not let your children play on the mound, tunnels or slide as there is no staff supervision. Instead, please go to the public park and enjoy the facilities there.

Attendance

Our average attendance in 2018-19 was 96.71%

Unauthorised absence was 0.58%

If any children fall below 95% there is a standard procedure for tracking the attendance and encouraging improvement.

Every day in school counts.

Our Attendance Policy is being sent home under separate cover. Please sign the front sheet and return.

Car Park Barrier



The car park barrier has been very successful in keeping children safer on the school site. Thank you for parking elsewhere and walking your children into school. I have had many positive comments.

Please note that the barrier operates an intercom system and at no point are the office staff putting the phone down on you. As it's an intercom and not a telephone, you are unable to hold a lengthy conversation, the call will cut out after a short while automatically. We hope you know the office staff are here to help and support you and would not put the phone down.

Please can I confirm the below to avoid any confusion.

You will need to park down Twelvetree Avenue or in the community car park near Tesco's:

- If you are collecting or dropping off your child for an appointment
- If you are running late in the morning
- If you are picking up your child from an after school activity club
- If you arrive for the Out of School Club before 4.30pm

The barrier will be lifted during the school day for you if:

- We have contacted you to collect your child that has been sick or is unwell

Thank you for your understanding.

Up-coming Events



Diary Dates

- 29th October 2019 - Year 1 will be going to Bewilderwood
- 6th November 2019 - Year 5 – Kingsgate and Salvation Army Trip
- 3rd December 2019 – Year 3 – Science Museum Trip
- 3rd December 2019 – Year 4 – Medicine Expo
- 16th December 2019 – Year 2 – New Theatre, Broadway Trip

Forest Schools run on a 5 weekly cycle. Can you please ensure that your child has their Forest School kit in school during these weeks.

Class Assemblies

2019

- Friday, 4th October – 8J
- Friday, 11th October – 17E
- Friday, 18th October – 15W
- Friday, 1st November – 21R
- Friday, 8th November – 4R
- Friday, 22nd November – 10H
- Friday, 29th November – 7B
- Friday, 6th December – 19B

2020

- Friday, 17th January – 18C
- Friday, 24th January – 12F
- Friday, 31st January – 13LB
- Friday, 7th February – 20D
- Friday, 14th February – 6B
- Friday, 28th February – 16MB
- Friday, 6th March – 9T
- Friday, 13th March – Ladybirds (Class 3)
- Friday, 1st May – Butterflies (Class 2)
- Friday, 15th May – 14S
- Friday, 5th June – 5P
- Friday, 12th June – 11R
- Friday, 19th June – Dragonflies (Class 1)

These dates have been added to the parent/carer calendar which is available to view and download on the Parents Page of the School's Website.

School Gates



This is a reminder that the school gates do not open until 8.30am in the morning. They are opened at 3.05pm in the afternoon.

School Association



We congratulate the School Association for getting a 5 star hygiene rating – very well deserved.

Relationships and Sex Education

As you may be aware, the government have updated statutory requirements for the teaching of Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) and this is compulsory from September 2020. We have consulted with pupils, staff and parents on the changes and have adopted them as of September 2019, becoming an early adopter school. This was encouraged by the government and allows us access to further training from the Department of Education and the potential to be case studied for best practice. Along with this newsletter, please find attached a guide to RSE for Primary School parents. The main emphasis in primary schools is on relationship educations and very little has changed for William Law from our current teaching.

Community Christmas Tree Festival

The above event is taking place at St John's Church and Werrington Village Centre over the weekend of 30th November 2019 (10.00am – 5.00pm) to 1st December 2019 (12.30pm – 5.00pm).



Light refreshments will be available at the village hall during these times.

If there are any groups that meet in Werrington and are interested in decorating a tree, please contact the Church office for an application form.

Aldi's Kit for School



We are collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. Help us to collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we'll receive an exclusive sports kit plus the chance to win £20,000! Stickers can be brought into school and given to the school office or the class teacher up until Thursday, 14th November 2019. Thank you in advance of your support.

STEM Festival Schools' Challenge Day

On Monday 23rd September, 10 children from Year 6 participated in Peterborough STEM Festival - Schools' Challenge Day. The children faced challenges in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. They were tasked with solving science based problems, building engineering structures, working on forensics puzzles, solving brain teasers and taking part in coding activities. After numerous rounds of intense competition, were delighted to be announced as the overall winners and walked away with a new trophy for our cabinet.



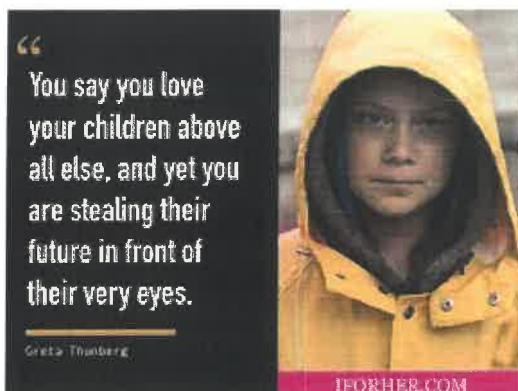
Pupil Update Forms

As always, at Parents Evening on 15th and 17th October you will be provided with a Student Details Update form. This form will be in a named, sealed envelope so the details contained are confidential. You will be required to check all of the details we have on file for your child. Please can I draw your attention to the following keys points that must be accurate:

Medical: - This year we will be including your child's medical conditions. This is to ensure that we have an accurate and up to date description of your child's condition or requirements. Please ensure you update this information (this includes asthma, a change in medication or if your child no longer has a medical need)

Emergency Contact Details - All children should have a very minimum of 2 emergency contacts. Please ensure that all contact numbers are correct.

**Mrs T Cunningham
Headteacher**



Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents

We want all children to grow up healthy, happy, safe, and able to manage the challenges and opportunities of modern Britain. That is why, from September 2020, all primary age children will be taught Relationships and Health Education.

These subjects are designed to equip your child with knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing, health and relationships as well as preparing them for a successful adult life. The world for all young people looks very different from the way it did 20 years ago when this curriculum was last updated – these changes bring the content into the 21st century, so that it is relevant for your child.

Your child's school will have flexibility to deliver the content in a way that is age and developmentally appropriate and sensitive to the needs and religious background of its pupils.

Relationships Education

Relationships Education will put in place the building blocks needed for positive and safe relationships, including with family, friends and online.

Your child will be taught what a relationship is, what friendship is, what family means and who can support them. In an age-appropriate way, your child's school will cover how to treat each other with kindness, consideration and respect.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- families and people who care for me
- caring friendships
- respectful relationships
- online relationships
- being safe

You can find further detail by searching **'relationships and health education'** on GOV.UK.

Health Education

Health Education aims to give your child the information they need to make good decisions about their own health and wellbeing, to recognise issues in themselves and others, and to seek support as early as possible when issues arise.

By the end of primary school, pupils will have been taught content on:

- mental wellbeing
- internet safety and harms
- physical health and fitness
- healthy eating
- facts and risks associated with drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- health and prevention
- basic first aid
- changing adolescent body

You can find further detail by searching **'relationships and health education'** on GOV.UK.



Your rights as a parent

The important lessons you teach your child about healthy relationships, looking after themselves and staying safe, are respected and valued under this new curriculum. Teaching at school will complement and reinforce the lessons you teach your child as they grow up.

Your child's school is required to consult with you when developing and renewing their policies on Relationships Education. These policies must be published online and be available to anybody free of charge.

You can express your opinion, and this will help your child's school decide how and when to cover the content of the statutory guidance. It may also help them decide whether to teach additional non-statutory content. Schools are required to ensure their teaching reflects the age and religious background of their pupils.

Some schools will start to teach these subjects from September 2019 – if you'd like to know more, please speak to your child's school about what they plan to teach.



Right to withdraw your child

You cannot withdraw your child from Relationships Education because it is important that all children receive this content, covering topics such as friendships and how to stay safe.

Your child's primary school can choose to teach Sex Education. If you'd like to know more about this, we recommend speaking to the school to understand what will be taught and when. If you do not want your child to take part in some or all of the lessons on Sex Education, you can ask that they are withdrawn. At primary level, the head teacher must grant this request.

The science curriculum in all maintained schools also includes content on human development, including reproduction, which there is no right to withdraw from.



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If you want to know more about what will be taught as part of the new subjects, the best thing to do is speak to your child's school.

Online Grooming

What parents need to know

Grooming is when someone seeks to build an **emotional connection with a child** to gain their trust for sexual purposes. It happens both online and face to face.

Children may often meet people through **social and gaming sites** that aren't who they say they are so it's important to discuss the risks with them.



*What is
online grooming?*



Once groomers have gained a child's trust they **may encourage them to share** sexual images, or videos of themselves, live stream, or arrange to meet.

Groomers are **not always strangers** and sometimes children may not be aware that they are being groomed **believing they're in a relationship** with the person.



**internet
matters.org**

Ways to protect your child

Talk about it

Although a tricky subject to talk about with your child it is important that you start a conversation

- Show them where to get help if they are concerned and to **talk to you or a trusted adult** for support
- **Spend time discussing** where they interact with friends online and how and what they share with others
- **Explain how easy it is to pretend** to be someone else online, and why an adult may wish to approach them
- Remind them that the people they have met online might feel like friends but they **may not be who they say they are**
- Discuss what **healthy and unhealthy relationships** look like to make them aware



Tools to keep them safe

Encourage them to **make use of privacy settings on the social networks and platforms** they use so they stay in control of who can see their content.

For younger children **use our parental control how-to-guides** to set the right controls across devices, platforms and internet connections.

Spotting the signs

Recognising the signs of online grooming can be hard because it can happen at home and groomers often tell children not to talk to anyone about it.

There are a number of signs to be aware of (although a lot of them are quite common among teens), but look out for increased instances of:



- wanting to spend **more and more time** on the internet
- **being secretive** about who they are talking to online and what sites they visit
- **switching screens** when you come near the computer
- **possessing items** – electronic devices or phones – you haven't given them
- **using sexual language** you wouldn't expect them to know
- becoming **emotionally volatile**

Steps to take if it happens

If you are concerned that your child is being targeted by an online groomer here are a few actions you can take to protect your child:

- **Report it** to the authorities
- **Reassure them** it's not their fault
- **Seek support** from the National Crime Agency's CEOP command for support
- **Contact Childline** - **0800 1111** or the **NSPCC Helpline** on **0808 800 5000** for one-to-one support
- **Report any sexual abuse images** to the Internet Watch Foundation

