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School Newsletter – November 2019

Up-coming Events



Diary Dates

- 4th December 2020 – Year 5 Trip to New Theatre to see The Snowman
- 21st April 2020 – Year 1 - Stibbington
- 5th June 2020 - Year 3 – Cadbury World

These dates have been added to the Parent/Carer Calendar on the school's website.

Staff News

We have a new Caretaker, Mr Andrew Wright who has already settled in and is part of the William Law family. He is warmly welcomed.

Miss Tarrant will be leaving teaching at the end of this term. This is a sad loss to the profession. Mrs Walton will be joining us in January 2020. She is an experienced Teacher and has been a leader of Year 1 and 2. We warmly welcome her into Year 2 taking Miss Tarrant's class.

We congratulate Miss Bilal who is leaving in December to have her first baby. We also congratulate Miss Burch who is expecting her first baby in April 2020.

Disco



Our disco man, Keith Mansbridge is retiring. He has been extremely supportive over the years. As well as doing the disco, his family also do the Christmas grotto. Many thanks Keith.

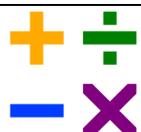
If anyone is able to help us with a disco, lights and music or could recommend someone, please email the school office for the attention of the Headteacher.

Music-a-thon



Thank you all so much for supporting the Music-a-thon. The children all had a great day and entered into the spirit of constant music and singing. We raised £1809.03 bringing our total piano fund to over £5,000. Thank you.

We will continue to raise for the grand piano as we need £9,000 or more for a good piano.



Maths Competition

School entered the Year 5 maths competition at Laxton School in Oundle. Four children went over and represented the school. Children were put into pairs. Many congratulations to Niketh and Poppy for coming first, this is a great achievement. They finished with an exceptional score.

Labelling of Clothes / Lost property



Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure their child's clothes are clearly labelled. This includes children's P.E kit, water bottles, lunch boxes and all items of clothing.

Bikes



If your child has outgrown their bike and you are no longer needing it, please could you think about donating it to the school. The bikes do need to be in working order and suitable for 10-11 year olds as they will be used in the Bikeability week that is taking place in school in early December. A huge thank you to the School Association who have agreed to fund three bikes.

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). Do go and look at the William Law Tree.

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



Parking around School



The school does not promote or condone the parking in residential streets around the school to park to drop off or collect your child/ren. There is ample parking down

Twelvetree Avenue and in the community car park off Staniland Way. Should you choose to park in a residential street, we ask that you consider the home owners and do not park in their parking spaces or in front of their driveways so they are unable to access their homes.

PSCO's often visit the school site and anyone found to be unlawfully parked on the double yellow lines or zig zag lines just outside the school's parking barrier may be reported to the appropriate authorities. This is out of the school's control. We urge parents to park within the law.

Token Collections

The Sun are giving away books to schools and William Law are registered to take part. Please could you help us to earn enough tokens to claim our £600 worth of books – wow! The vouchers are available to collect in The Sun newspaper - all you have to do is collect them and send them into school. Thank you for your support.



Thank you for all the Aldi stickers. We managed to fill up one poster and have sent it off.

We are still collecting Pringle tubes, used plastic pens, any crisp packets and lunchbox biscuit wrappers in the recycling bins at the front of school.

Permission to Collect children from school

Official contact

On admission, a parent completes paperwork that includes up to 4 contacts for their child (people we can call in case of emergency). These contacts have permission to collect your child. If one of these contacts is due to collect your child one day, you are just required to call the office and advise who is collecting. The office staff check the contacts list and then send a message down to the class.

Not an official contact

If a child is being collected by anyone who is not an official contact, we require it in writing. For example, if a pupil is going home with another pupil, then school must obtain permission in writing i.e. Child A is going home with Child B for dinner. Child A's parents must confirm this in writing before school will allow Child B's parents to pick them up.

Get involved in the Big Conversation about how we shape our NHS



Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the future of local NHS services as part of The Big Conversation.

Funding for healthcare across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is under pressure. More people are using NHS services locally and resources are limited. At the moment, the local NHS is buying more than it can afford which means that some difficult decisions need to be made about the services it can afford to provide in the future.

The Big Conversation has been created to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), who buy the healthcare services in the local area, to understand what is most important to the local community. Feedback received will be used to create a set of principles that will inform our future plans and help shape our local NHS.

Local residents can give their feedback by attending one of the events taking place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during November or by completing a short survey online at bit.ly/NHSBigConversation.

Gaming

Children are increasingly spending more time online and screen time can impact on their personal well-being. The image in this section highlights the average time children are spending online. One of the reasons that children are spending time online is to play games. If you want to understand how to support them with managing their gaming experiences please read the article using the link.

[Gaming: what parents and carers need to know](#)



Parents text content The popularity of gaming. Gaming is a popular pastime for both young people and adults across the world. Many games have adopted an interactive online element- whether it's playing against other users, chatting or making purchases.
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Children's lives online

The internet is central to children's lives ...



5–15 year olds who go online spend an average of 15 hours 18 minutes a week online.



44%
of children aged 5–15 said they owned a smartphone.

Based on a representative sample of 1,430 parents of 5–15 year olds and children aged 8–15. Source: Ofcom (2019) [Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2019](#). London: Ofcom.

Sport Update

Last year, some children in school took part in the Sport England Active Lives survey.



This was a questionnaire where children were asked about how much physical activity they took part both in and out of school. We had a great response, with a huge 90% of children saying they took part in physical activity at least 3 times a week.

It was also reported that 94% of children enjoyed taking part in exercise and sports, with confidence levels also very high.

As a result of taking part, the school have been able to purchase some brand new lacrosse equipment which we are hoping to use in PE lessons and at the Out of School Club.

Attendance

Following training/advice from the local authority we just want to point out a few things with regards to attendance:

- No request for leave forms can be authorised retrospectively. All requests for leave should be submitted on the Leave of Absence form available at the school office or on the school website.
- If you are requesting leave abroad and it is an emergency, the flight booking must be sent in with the leave of absence form. If that request can be taken in holiday time it will not be authorised.
- If you are requesting leave and it is an emergency, evidence of the emergency must be provided.
- Primary schools are encouraged to contact siblings schools (where known) if a child is absent for one or a few days. In this case safeguarding overrides GDPR.
- Religious observance - A total of 3 days a year may be authorised, at the Headteacher's discretion, with a maximum of 1 day per festival being given.
 - Our policy on religious observance is an Appendix to our Attendance Policy which is available on the School Website.
 - If your child is to partake in fasting etc during the school day, please advise us in advance.
- Your child should be in school when the doors open at 8.40am and collected at 3.15pm when school finishes. If your child/ren have not been collected by 3.30pm, they will be taken to the Out of School Club and you will be charged per child for that session.
- If a parent/carer has an appointment before 3.15pm and requests to collect their child early from school a leave of absence form needs to be completed prior to the date. Please explore all other possibilities, before requesting time out for your child. Please remember that you can request an emergency session at the Out of School Club, charges apply, depending on availability, should the need arise.
- If a child has an appointment during the school day, a leave of absence form should be completed in advance of the date required and an appointment card shown to the office staff. Siblings should not be collected to attend the appointment, if the appointment does not relate to them.

Remember in Education – Every minute counts

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