

William Law CE Primary School



School Newsletter – March 2022

School Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last term has seen the return of parent events. It is such a momentous occasion to welcome you physically back into school life. The Music Evening was spectacular. I was overwhelmed by the talent of the musicians and choristers. Class assemblies for the younger children have been of such a fantastic quality; some of these children have never performed in their time at primary school. I am certainly proud of the achievements and progress the children are making after such a disruptive two years previously. I'm sure as parents you feel this even more so.

Thank you for all your emails and support after receiving the tragic news relating to Kyran in Year 6. Thank you for your understanding and respect that you have shown towards Kyran's family and the school.

Kyran's parents have asked me to share details regarding his funeral arrangements. The funeral will be on Saturday, 9th April 2022 at 11.00am. This will be at the Crematorium in Bretton. Kyran will begin his journey to the Crematorium from school and his parents would welcome children to line Twelvetree Avenue if they so wish. This will start from 9.45am at school. Please use the community car park and not schools to ensure that the procession is able to navigate without any issues. Parents and children are welcome to the Crematorium but understand this is each families individual decision.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

Jointly, the School and School Association will be using funds for a memorial place in school in honour of Kyran. We shall keep you informed in relation to this.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday, 19th April 2022.

Mr D Epton-Smith
Headteacher

Staff Update

We have received resignations from the following Miss Hancock, Teaching Assistant. Mrs Loew-Watson, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Houchen, Miss Pickstone and Miss Budd who are all Teachers. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to them. Their last day in school will be Friday, 1st April 2022. Some have secured new jobs, others have re-evaluated their life and have decided to pursue other careers. Whatever they are going to do in the future we wish them all the best. Parents of the relevant classes have been communicated with, to advise who will be taking their class.

I am pleased to advise that Mr Jones, Miss Roberts and Mrs Rice join us as Teaching Assistants and we welcome them to our William Law family. Mr Jones is a familiar face to the school and has decided to return to William Law as he previously worked at the school.

Parking



When parking your vehicle to drop off or collect your child from school, please use Twelvetree Avenue or the community car park off Skaters Way. We have had a number of complaints from householders about irresponsible parking. If you do choose to park in the neighbouring streets, please be considerate to home owners ensuring that you are not blocking them in or parking on their property.

OSC

Taster sessions can still be booked for a Monday and Friday at The Hive, Out of School Club either for breakfast club or after school club. The sessions will be held on a first come first served basis and are free to attend. There will be limited availability and once your child has attended a taster session they will not be able to attend another one. If you are interested please email osc@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk to book a place at one of the taster sessions.



If you wish to book permanent places at The Hive please email osc@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk or download an application form from the school website and email it through to that address.

We are currently advertising for an OSC Playworker to work Monday to Friday 7.45am – 8.45am (5 hours per week) plus ½ day in September for an Inset Day. The salary is Grade A, £9.50 per hour (£2,101.41 actual annual pay). The closing date is 31st March 2022 at 9.00am and application forms are available to download from the school website.

Ukraine



Dress down day, biscuits, parent and staff

contributions in support of Ukraine raised £1,412.26 – thank you to everyone who supported this cause.

Dress Down Days in School

When school has dress down days, we would expect the children to come to school in appropriate clothing. Clothing that you can see through, up, down or doesn't cover the trunk of the body, as well as wearing make-up is not appropriate for school. Please ensure that your child/ren comes to school in appropriate wear on these occasions.

School Uniform Reminder

Please see below a reminder of the school uniform that should be worn in school. We are seeing more and more children coming to school in trainers. This is not acceptable footwear for school.

- trousers and skirts/pinafore dresses should be grey [not black]
- cardigans/jumpers should be green (not grey)
- polo shirts should be yellow, grey or plain white. Plain white polo shirts can be purchased from most retailers
- plain white t-shirt and black shorts should be worn for PE with a plain dark coloured tracksuit in the winter. Dark sports leggings' are now permitted as part of the PE kit during the colder months.
- white or black socks should be worn and grey tights are acceptable in the colder months.



- children's footwear must be sturdy and safe, without excessive heels or open toes. Ideally children should wear black shoes or black ankle boots to support if recommended by a medical practitioner. Trainers should only be worn during PE/ sporting activities.
- in EYFS we recommend trousers and skirts with elastic waistbands, shoes with velcro and it is a great help if children can fasten their own coats. Children will be using the outdoor learning environment in all weathers. Please provide them with a pair of wellies and their own waterproof trousers and jacket or an all-in-one weather suit. We also recommend that you provide your child with a full set of clothing including a change of underwear and trousers/skirt (in case of toilet accidents or they become wet from their outdoor experiences). Please put these in your child's PE bag and replace them as required.
- With the exception of small stud earrings, jewelry (including bracelets and necklaces) is not allowed at school; neither is make up or nail varnish.
- Please could all earrings/studs be removed for PE/Games lessons. Children will need to remove these themselves or not wear earrings that day.
- Radical hair styles including shaven heads, tramlines and patterns cut into the hair, and excessive use of gel are not acceptable. Hair that is shoulder length or longer needs to be tied back please.
- Smart watches can be worn but these should not be connected to the child's phone (their phone should be switched off and handed in every day). If the watch has a built in GPS then this should also be deactivated whilst in school. Children should not be using the camera function on their watches in school.

Headlice

Please check your children's hair for headlice on a regular basis and treat as necessary.



Cycle Safety

Please see the flyer below about cycle safety which we would ask that you share with your children.

Correspondence



If you wish to email a teacher or other member of staff in school please use office@williamlaw.peterborough.sch.uk and not email the person directly. Please note that all emails will be responded to within 48 hours of receipt.

Class Assemblies

A brief reminder that class assemblies start at 9.00am and finish around 9.45am.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
1 st April 2022	Forest School – Class 10 Excellence Assembly - Resilience
4 th - 18 th April 2022	EASTER HOLIDAY
19 th April 2022	Children back to school
21 st April 2022	EYFS – Dinosaur Land Year 6 Sport Leader Training
22 nd April 2022	Forest School – Class 11
25 th April 2022	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights
26 th April 2022	Come Dine with Me – Class 1



27th April 2022	Come Dine with Me – Class 2 Bikeability – Learn to Ride – Year 1
28th April 2022	Come Dine with Me – Class 3
29th April 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 17R Forest School – Class 11
2nd May 2022	BANK HOLIDAY
3rd May 2022	Bikeability – Learn to Ride – Year 1 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Parental Instrument information session
5th May 2022	Bikeability – Learn to Ride – Year 1 3.30pm – 4.30pm – Parental Instrument information session
6th May 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – Ladybirds Forest School – Class 11
9th May 2022	National Dental Epidemiology Programme – Reception and Year 1 KS2 SATS week
11th May 2022	Vision Screening – EYFS and Year 1
12th May 2022	Vision Screening – EYFS and Year 1
13th May 2022	Class Assembly – 14R Forest School – Class 11
16th May 2022	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential
17th May 2022	Visit to Peterborough Cathedral – Year 3
20th May 2022	9.00am – Class Assembly – 11R Census Day Forest School – Class 11 Year 6 return from residential
23rd May 2022	British Values Week
24th May 2022	3.30pm – 6.30pm – Parents Evening
26th May 2022	Forest School – Class 11 4.30pm – 7.30pm – Parents Evening
27th May 2022	Training Day – No children in school
31st May to 3rd June 2022	HALF TERM
The whole of June and the rest of July's diary dates will be in the next newsletter.	
6th July 2022	Year 4 Grafham Residential
8th July 2022	Year 4 return from Residential

13th July 2022	Sports Day for EYFS – Year 2
14th July 2022	Sports Day for Years 3 – 6
15th July 2022	School Association BBQ
18th July 2022	Alternative Sports Day
19th July 2022	Alternative Sports Day
19th July 2022	4.30pm – 5.30pm – KS1 Disco 6.00pm – 7.00pm – KS2 Disco
20th July 2022	7.00pm – Year 6 Celebration Evening
21st July 2022	2.00pm – Year 6 Leavers Service



Peterborough Healthy, Happy Holidays

Children and young people who are eligible for free school meals through qualifying benefits may be able to access a fully funded holiday place, during the School holidays!

Everyone will receive a nutritious meal and have opportunities to take part in enriching activities!



For further information on the programme, available locations and provider details please contact www.peterborough.gov.uk/HAF-Programme or Families Information Service on 01733 864446

For HAF queries please contact HAF@peterborough.gov.uk



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Bike Safety

WHAT TO DO ON THE ROADS

When you get on your bike you should look around for traffic and pedestrians. Only set off when it is clear and safe.

Before making a maneuver you should look around to make sure it is safe, and then make a clear arm signal to show to other road users what you intend to do.

You should always keep your hands on the handlebars unless you are signaling a maneuver.

You should always take notice of traffic lights and road signs.

Whenever you can you should use a route away from busy roads. Always use a cycle path if it is available.

At road crossings and roundabouts it is often safer to get off your bike and walk across - like you would as a pedestrian.

It is always better to be safe than sorry. If you are unsure, take your time and wait for it to be clear.



This sign means Recommended route for cycles

Don't cycle where you see this sign.



BRAKES

- Test your brakes before you set off. Make sure they can stop your bike, and that they are not rubbing on the tyre.

SEAT

- Your seat should be at the right height. Your feet should comfortably reach the ground when you are stationary.

BELL

- A bell can be used to alert other people of where you are so that you don't crash into each other.

LIGHTS

- If you are going to ride when it is dark make sure your bike is fitted with lights that are clean and working.

HELMET

Always wear a helmet when riding your bike. It will help to protect your head if you fall.

BRIGHT CLOTHING

Wearing bright clothing, a reflective sash, or a colourful bag will help other road users to see you.

SHORTS

Wear shorts or roll up your trousers when riding your bike - loose clothing can get caught in the chain or spokes.

SHOES

Make sure you are wearing sensible shoes when riding. You don't want to graze your toes or hurt your ankles.

REFLECTORS

- Reflectors can help motorists to spot your bike. Make sure they are clean and fitted securely.

DRINK

- If you are going on a long ride, take a drink with you. Cycling uses a lot of energy so you should make sure that you replace it.

TYRES

- Make sure your tyres are pumped up - give them a squeeze to check. If they are a low pump them up before you set off. Get help from an adult if you need it.