

Spring Newsletter No. 6 10th February 2022

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Dear Parents,

Thank you for encouraging your children with their 'inside out' item of clothing yesterday, to signify children's mental health awareness week. It was a good way to stimulate conversations in each classroom. We are constantly talking as a staff about how we can ensure children's wellbeing is good and there are lots of things we do on a daily basis to make sure children are happy and confident, primarily through modelling and building positive relationships. Wellbeing Wednesday (or Thursday for Year 3 due to how the staffing works in there) is our day for class assemblies, where children learn through a range of topics that affect wellbeing – whether that's about friendships and connecting with others or about valuing diversity; about empowering children and preventing bullying behaviour or giving refreshers about what they do if they feel their 'early warning signs'; ensuring children feel happy and free from anxiety is our top priority. If parents are worried about their child's wellbeing, please do talk to teachers and we'll see what we can do. Sometimes children work in groups or have 1:1 support.

COVID update

There have been no confirmed Covid cases amongst children or staff in the last few days. We are changing the lunchtime arrangements for Years R, 1 and 2 as a result so that they are going to be able to play on the same playground once they've finished eating. This means we can end their having to wait for 10 minutes in the hall for their turn on the playgrounds. We're hoping there are a few more things we can relax, too, little by little.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Please make sure you've booked in for these (see earlier email). We aim for 100% attendance and normally get that level of engagement, so it would be good to achieve that again. If timings are an issue, there have been one or two slots cancelled, so it's worth checking to see if availability has changed.

Y6 Trip to France – September 2022

We are finalising the 'position' for how this will work with Travelbound, the travel company, so will be in touch as soon as we have the facts we need. We appreciate that running the trip is not as straightforward as it was when it was an annual event and that there are added safety, logistical and financial concerns. We will need to ask very soon for deposits to get a concrete idea of who wants to go and we only go if the vast majority of the class sign up. We are aware that there is a much more condensed period for payments to be made compared with normal times while it becomes gradually clearer what is possible, which adds a financial challenge, I know.

MUSIC LESSONS

There will be NO Steel Pans lessons next week. All other music lessons should be happening as usual.

WATER AID

All the school had some input from Water Aid, today, further strengthening our understanding of how important water is to us, and how we can be responsible in our use of it. It's a great charity which does a lot of important work around the world. Year 5 had a further workshop and are keen to raise money to help. They have written a song, which we added our own backing track to and recorded this week. The song gives some great messages to remember for saving water. We have submitted it for a competition to hopefully win music equipment for school. However, Year 5 are also hoping to raise money for Water Aid, and, if we can reach a £50 donation target (maybe even by tomorrow!), we will release a link to the song for all to hear. They reckon it's worth at least £2 a download but any amount would be great! Please donate on ParentPay. Here is a link if you want to know more about [wateraid](https://www.wateraid.org).

WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be celebrating world book day 2022! We would like to invite the children to take part in the following activities to celebrate books and promote a love of reading.

- A book hat parade! Instead of costumes, this year we would like the children (with support from their families) to make a book themed hat or headpiece. It can represent either a character or a book that they love. Perhaps use a paper crown, party hat or bonnet as the base and then get creative! On the afternoon of world book day, the children will take part in a hat parade within their key stage. Prizes will be awarded for a number of hats that show great effort! Please bring your hat in on the day and not before.
- A book swap! Do you have a great book at home that you no longer read? If so, bring it to school and swap it for a book that another child has brought in. If you are happy to donate more than one book then please feel free to do so and spare books will be placed in classrooms. Please ensure books are in good condition.
- A book titles competition. This will take place in classes - no preparation is needed!

Children may come to school on World Book Day in non-uniform and if you wish, can bring a £1 donation which we will pass on to the World Book Day charity which supports reading for disadvantaged children in the UK and abroad. The hat parade and book swap are optional. If your child does not wish to participate then that is fine.

Yours sincerely,



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