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"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

On Thursday, The Early Years were visited by the emergency services. Don't worry, it was a scheduled appointment! This term, the children have been learning about people who help us, so a paramedic came into the playground with his ambulance. He told us all about his job and we got to go inside the ambulance to look around. The children asked lots of questions and were intrigued by all the equipment. An awesome experience was had by all! We would all like to say a huge thank you Oliver's Dad, you were great!



On the 12th February, our KS2 children will be visited by Author Edward Trayer.

Edward Trayer who writes under the pen name Billy Bob Buttons, is the author of the 2014 UK People's Book Prize Winner and UK bestseller, I Think I Murdered Miss. He is also the author of the much-loved The Gullfoss Legends, the award-winning TOR Assassin Hunter and TOR Wolf Rising and, for younger children, the hysterical Muffin Monster. More details will follow shortly.



Rainbows 1 & 2

To ensure the safety of all children in Reception classes, children will now enter their classroom via the decking in the mornings. This means your children can play safely and happily in the KS1 playground until the whistle blows at 8.45am. They will then need to line up with their class teacher, who will lead them into school.

We will still release the children via the doors next to the main entrance of the school at 3.05pm.

Many Thanks
Mrs Carmichael
Assistant Head

Attendance by Class

Congratulations to Pelicans Class with 99.3% attendance, closely followed by Little Doves and Hope class.

Rainbows 1	95.9
Rainbows 2	95.8
Little Doves	97.0
Little Fish	99.0
Little Lambs	98.3
Peacocks	96.2
Phoenix	96.3
Pelicans	99.3 
Angels	96.2
Faith	92.3
Hope	99.0

'Christian value homework challenge'

Create a poster illustrating why you should forgive someone. This challenge was set by the collective worship team. The best examples will be used for a display.

Do you accept the challenge? All entries to class teachers.

Parent Pay—Our new online payment system is live and working well. Several parents have commented on how easy it is to pay for school lunches and Breakfast / After School club. If you need to find out more about this new way of paying, please contact our School Office. What do you think? Anything to add?

Email bbsecretary@stpiranscross.co.uk



St Luke's Church and BB present a 'Free Family Film Afternoon' on Saturday, 23rd January from 3.00pm to 5.00pm. when there will be a showing of 'Madagascar'. Admission is totally free – bring your own popcorn! All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Parent Forum Feedback

Firstly thank you to the parents who attended the BB Parent Forum on Monday evening. There was a worthwhile and valuable discussion about school issues. The points raised can be seen below:



Availability of Clubs—Parents appreciated the number of clubs on offer to the children of BB and recognised that staff gave up time for these activities. Concerns were expressed at the booking system and whether it was fair. Parents suggested that the children should be allowed to book one club initially and then unallocated places could be offered on a first come, first served basis. This would mean more children could have access to extra-curricular activities. Mr Lees said that he would discuss this with the school's leadership team.

Parents also asked that when clubs were confirmed, could the pick-up place be mentioned in the text.

Traffic Management—One parent reported a serious near miss during the morning arrival at school. A car drove across the roundabout at some speed. Mr Lees said that he would endeavour to have words with any parent who did not pay due care and attention to driving around the school site. He also said that if necessary the school would involve the police in dangerous driving near the school.

Snacks at Playtime—Parents were concerned as to why the playtime snacks had gone up in price? Cheese on Toast has risen in price from 50p to 55p. Other discussions took place about the snacks that could be brought from home. Mr Gynn and Mr Lees stated that the school followed the Department for Education's School Food Standards on snacks at school and to ensure that standard was met, children could only bring fruit and dried fruit from home. More substantial snacks can be purchased from Chartwells canteen and the children in the Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 have free fruit provided by the government. The school also said that it would endeavour to publish the food guidelines advice within the BB newsletter.

Parents were generally supportive of the idea of Parent Pay, time will tell of course and this is expected to be a topic of debate at the next Parent Forum in March.

Access to Water—Parents asked how often the water bottles are cleaned and the water changed. Mr Gynn hoped that this was on a daily basis but promised to check this with staff at the weekly staff briefing. Mr Lees observed that BB is a forward thinking school in providing all children with their own water bottle and ensuring access to water throughout the school. Most schools that he had worked in were not this systematic and children brought their own water bottles in to school.

THRIVE Training—A parent asked how far the school had got with implementing the **THRIVE approach** to behaviour and well-being of children. All staff have now been trained and Thrive assessments have been completed on each child. It was agreed that it would be helpful if at some point the school organised a THRIVE workshop for the parents to attend. Mr Lees will approach Mrs Moseley, our new SENCO about this. In the meanwhile parents should visit the THRIVE website on: <https://www.thriveapproach.co.uk/involve/start/parents/>

School Website—A request was made about whether the school could include homework tips onto the school website. Mr Lees said that he would ask parents to send any homework tips into school on the BB newsletter and these would be published.

The Holidays in Term Time Survey—Parents asked how the survey had gone and what the results from the five schools would be. Mr Lees said that it was too early to comment but it did appear to be an overwhelming positive response from BB parents.

Homework Tips—At a recent Parent Forum it was suggested that parents might share homework tips with each other. If you have some great ideas on how to get the best out of your child during homework time then please send them into school and we will publish them in the newsletter.

SO LOOK OUT FOR THE HOMEWORK TIPS CORNER! - Please send to bbsecretary@tspiranscross.co.uk

Thank you.

School Food Standards: - The current guidance regarding snacks at school states .

'No snacks, except nuts, seeds, vegetables and fruit with no added salt, sugar or fat'

Thanks for your support with BB meeting this standards!

(applies across the whole school day)

We are currently talking to Chartwells about the snacks that they provide and meeting these standard.