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Newsletter

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"Nurturing Potential, Inspiring Minds, Excellence for All"

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of our third week back, we are still experiencing very mixed weather, which appears to change daily. Please send in children with the appropriate clothing items in light of this. On days where it is sunny, please ensure children come to school with sun cream applied *prior* to starting the school day.

SATs will be taking place for KS2 between 14th May and 17th May. Please ensure all children are in school by 8.45am during this week. It is very disruptive to children taking their assessments in the hall if children attend school late during that time.

We are looking forward to our annual May Fair, which will take place at school on 12th May between 12-3pm. We hope to see you there.

Best wishes,

Ms A Preston
Headteacher



Bank Holiday Monday

Please remember that this Monday is a Bank Holiday so the school will be closed. We hope you all have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend!

Y4 News

Congratulations to Mrs Amin, who is expecting her first baby in the summer. She will be going on maternity leave at the end of this half term.

We are in the process of finding a replacement for the last half term and will update you when arrangements are confirmed.

Safeguarding - Fortnite

I would like to bring parents' attention to concerns I have had raised regarding the playing of a game called Fortnite.

The game is free to download but has a PEGI rating of 12+, as themes within the game are not suitable for children of Primary School age, however, some of our pupils have said that they play this game at home.

There are a number of concerns about our children playing this game. It involves violence, which is being openly discussed amongst our children on the playground, including descriptive language about how they killed people within the game. This is not appropriate. There are also concerns that there are voice & text chat options, which can lead to children talking to strangers and being exposed to dangerous circumstances. Finally, there have been reports of children spending huge sums of money through this game with purchases that parents are not aware of. For all of these reasons, the game is aimed at children of 12+. If children are being allowed to play this game, they should be closely supervised due to the nature of the game.

We have added a parent guide to Fortnite on our website, under 'Parents', 'ESafety'.

Please see links below for further information:

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5931711/fortnite-game-school-text-parents-ban-big-problems/>

<https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/fortnite-battle-royale-1522450>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-43804324>



Thank you

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support during our recent OFSTED visit. The feedback that the inspectors gained through talking to parents was very positive and it meant a lot to us all. It is very encouraging that our parents can see the changes and are recognising the improvements we have made over the course of this year. Thank you for taking the time to speak to them and for sharing your thoughts on our journey so far.

As many of you will know, we were expecting a further monitoring visit, due to the fact schools normally have a termly visit when they are in special measures. The staff have worked incredibly hard, especially during the last five school weeks since they last completed an inspection, and we are proud of what we have accomplished in that short space of time.

We will share the report as soon as it is available for publication.



Attendance

for the year so far!

Reception-95.6 %

Year 1- 93.1 %

Year 2- 93.9 %

Year 3- 93.7 %

Year 4 – 96.2 % 🌟

Year 5 – 96.0 %

Year 6 – 96.2 % 🌟

Well done to Y4, Y5 & Y6 for improving attendance levels to either be in line with national or slightly above! **To celebrate, Y4, 5 & 6 will be able to have a mufti day next Friday 11th May!** Excellent work children!



Dates for your diary

7 th May	Bank Holiday
11 th May	Y4, 5 & 6 Mufti Day
12 th May	WWCS May Fair
w/c 14 th May	KS2 SATs assessments
15 th May	AM -Y2 football tournament – Cressex
21 May	Olympic Speaker workshops
23 May	Headteacher's breakfast
24 May	Y6 Puberty talks
25 May	Platinum reward time
	Half term



Academic Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Wednesday 6th September - Friday 20th October 2017

Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December 2017

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Tuesday 17th April - Friday 25th May 2018

Tuesday 5th June - Tuesday 24th July 2018

Inset days:

Monday 4th September 2017

Tuesday 5th September 2017

Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Monday 16th April 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Community Cops Project

Hello. My name is Aaishah and I am a year 6 student taking part in the Community Cop Cards Scheme. The Community Cop Card is a sticker collecting scheme to encourage year 6 students.. You have to do many different activities to earn each sticker and there are 24 stickers to receive. In this report, we will go through the different 21 stickers.

The different stickers are designed to encourage year 6 students to do many activities that will help you with your life, secondary school and sometimes your art.

- The first sticker is anti-social behaviour which is to make sure the students understands how to contact the police in an emergency and how to answer the questions.
- The second sticker is citizenship which is to learn about their community and what you need to do to help the community.
- The third sticker is club or organisation which is to help students to find out activities and to try one that will be new to them.
- The fourth sticker is community event which is to try and convince the students to attend an event in the community.
- The fifth sticker is crimes prevention which is to learn about property marking, home security and being a good witness.
- The sixth sticker is cyber safety which is to improve students' safety online.
- The seventh sticker is dementia friends, which is to be aware of dementia and to know how to treat it.
- The eighth sticker is environment which is to learn a bit about nature and to take very good pictures.
- The ninth sticker is faith which is to learn about different faiths and to take some nice pictures.
- The tenth sticker is fire safety which is to learn about fires and how to deal with them.
- The eleventh sticker is healthy lifestyle which is to develop a healthy lifestyle and to learn about what is healthy.
- The twelfth sticker is library which is to use a library card and to go to a library often.
- The thirteenth sticker is local history which is to explore history and museum and to take some pictures.
- The fourteenth sticker is media which is to write an article and send it for example on the school newsletter or a blog/Facebook.
- The fifteenth sticker is money sense which is when the teachers talk a bit about money and banks.
- The sixteenth sticker is personal safety which is when people come in to teach the students how to keep safe and protect themselves.
- The seventeenth sticker is road safety which is when the teachers will talk about crossing the road and the dangers.
- The eighteenth sticker is St. John's ambulance which is where the ambulance comes in to teach basic first aid training.
- The nineteenth sticker is substance misuse which is when the teacher talks about facts and risks of taking alcohol.
- The twentieth sticker is sustainable travel which is to think about their journey whilst going to school and back.
- The twenty first sticker is wellbeing which is about being aware about health and safety.

I hope you now understand what the Community Cop Cards are, why we do this, the different stickers and how it is useful for everyday lives. Goodbye for now.