



# WEEKLY NEWS



**Issue: 8**

**Date: 26/10/18**

## Safeguarding

### How too much screen time can affect your child and their behaviour

Since there is so much in the news at the moment regarding children's mental health, we thought we would look at how screen time can affect behaviour. We appreciate that they love playing on-line games because these are fun and can be educational. However, children who excessively use electronics may become isolated and fail to develop normal communication skills such as conversational skills, listening, and making eye contact. They may avoid social interaction to spend more time using electronic devices or may use the device to avoid social situations due to social anxiety because of underdeveloped social skills. Studies have shown that children who regularly use the Internet and play video games exhibit more anxiety and depression. They can also be more impulsive, moody, and have difficulty maintaining focus. They may experience social anxiety due to a lack of social skills and are more likely to express feeling bored or unhappy at school.

#### Potential negative consequences of online gaming:

- Bullying;
- Nightmares or trouble sleeping;
- Confusion;
- Fear;
- Anger;
- Aggression;
- Lack of empathy;
- Develop delusional beliefs and mindsets;
- Normalises inappropriate behaviour.

#### How you can help:

- Set firm time limits;
- Know what your child is playing- play the game with them periodically;
- Make sure your child is playing in a supervised room;
- Talk with your child about the games;
- Check appropriate age rating and read the terms and conditions;
- Check the chat histories;
- Monitor your child's contacts - do they actually know them all?

#### #PeelsAppeal

For the past 3 years, I have supported a friend, Louise Peel, who collects chocolate advent calendars and distributes them to children who, for a variety of different reasons, won't have an advent calendar this year. If you would like to support this then please could you send in advent calendars, either with your child or to the main office, by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November as this will give Louise time to distribute them. Thank you for your support with this.

## Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
<b>05/11/18</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
26/11/18	Flu Vaccinations Rec - Year 5
01/12/18	Hospice Concert St Paul's Church 7pm
06/12/18	Christmas Fair
10/12/18	Nativity Play – KS1 & REC (Parents & Toddlers) 1:45pm St Paul's Church
11/12/18	Nativity Play – KS1 & REC (Adults Only) 1:45pm St Paul's Church
13/12/18	Year 3/4 Christmas Concert (Parents & Toddlers) 2:00 pm
14/12/18	Year 3/4 Christmas Concert (Adults Only) 2:00 pm
17/12/18	Year 3/4 Christmas Party Day
18/12/18	KS1/EYFS Christmas Party Day
20/12/18	Year 5/6 Christmas Party Day

## After School Clubs

**Singing** Tuesdays  
15:15 – 16:15

**Athletics** 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>  
November

**Netball** 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, 4<sup>th</sup>,  
11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> Dec & 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> &  
30<sup>th</sup> Jan

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## Lost Property

We know how expensive children's school uniform can be. Since the start of term, we again have a huge amount of unclaimed lost clothing, none of which is named. PLEASE put your child's name on all their clothing, lunch boxes etc. so that we can return it to them if it's left somewhere. This can be easily and cheaply done with a marker pen on the label.

## Dress up Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our fancy dress corner. If half term finds you clearing out those cupboards, we are still in need so bag it up and bring it in!

## PTA News

### Discos

The school discos last week were our most successful so far, thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make the evening so enjoyable for the children. We raised a staggering £675.00

All the money raised goes back to supporting the school, helping enrich your child's time at school. In the 2017-18 academic year, the school received PTA donations totalling almost £7,500! This has helped purchase individual iPads for classrooms, outdoor play equipment including the new outdoor classroom and fire-pit, new nativity/school production costumes as well as subsidising numerous school trips. Future purchases include 4 x remote control cars and resources for tuff tray activities to enhance playtime.

These donations wouldn't happen without lots of time and effort from the PTA, and we always need more help. All parents are very welcome to attend our meetings; the next being after half term. We would be delighted to see you there.

### Summer Event

At our PTA meeting last week it was all about our annual Summer Fundraiser (replacing the carnival). Preparations are well underway to make this year's event something new and exciting, but as ever to make this event be our most successful yet we need your help.

Call out for musicians! As we'd like there to be a big emphasis on live music, anyone who could perform or knows anyone who is in a local band and may be interested let us know. We will be hosting our usual raffle/tombola, and we will be contacting local businesses again asking for donations for raffle prizes. If you would like to donate, help us collect raffle prizes, or if you know of any local businesses who would be willing to donate a raffle prize please get in touch.

### Match Funding

In the past a number of parents have helped raise money for the PTA through match funding. If you work for organisations that offer matched funding please get in touch so the children can benefit. The PTA is happy to help with any paperwork involved.

## Thank You

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents, carers and children for the support during my first half term. It has been very busy but I have enjoyed every minute! I have introduced a number of things in school and there is a lot more that I want to do next half term! I would also like to thank the staff – I could not ask for more support from them. They have been very enthusiastic and implemented everything that I have asked. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.*

*Lee Swift*

# ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

## Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY	90.15	95.64
RH	100.00	97.06
R:1W	94.14	97.31
1:2M	99.31	99.09
1:2CS	96.21	97.57
3HM	97.50	95.85
4I	97.84	98.61
5S	96.57	96.93
6W	97.84	97.58

CONGRATULATIONS TO RH FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE WITH 100%.

LET'S HOPE NURSERY CAN BOUNCE BACK AFTER THE HOLIDAYS!

## Attendance Indicators

**98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE**

**96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET**

**BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS**

**90% & BELOW – PERSISTENT ABSENCE – SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN**

## WHOLE SCHOOL

Target - 96%

Actual – 97.01%

## Punctuality

12 children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of 3 hours and 10 minutes of learning time!