



Weekly Newsletter

18th December 2020

Dear Parents

We made it to the end of the term relatively intact which is just incredible considering what is going on in the world. Thank you to you all for your commitment, devotion and thoughtfulness over the last few months, we are all extremely grateful.

The staff have also worked tirelessly to ensure that we could provide a safe and rich environment for our children – thank you to all of you too.

Today, we say farewell to the lovely Mrs Nisbet and although this comes with much sadness amongst our community, I am sure that you will join in me in wishing her the very best for her future. I have no doubt that she will be back at some point in the New Year to say Hi. I am aware that many of you wanted to say a personal goodbye and so I will arrange for this to be possible in the New Year when the COVID risks eventually reduce (hopefully!).



CARE Awards

The staff have been discussing nominees for the CARE awards this term and here are the results:

Confidence: Danielle Stevens

We have been so proud of how Danielle's confidence has grown this term. She has grown from being a quiet young girl who rarely asked for help or shared her wonderful ideas to quite the opposite! She can now confidently ask questions and share her ideas with the whole class as well as have the confidence to have a go at new tasks. Well done Danielle!

Aspirational: Penny Barradas

Penny is such a delight to have in class; she is always trying her very best at everything she does. She has a real desire to learn all that is on offer, often coming into school saying; 'What are we learning about today? I can't wait!' Long may this continue Penny, well done.

Resilience: Lerryn Curtis

Lerryn is such a super star in Robins class. She is always happy and willing to have a go at any challenges set. She has shown such resilience in her work, especially her phonics and Maths where she will keep on going even if she finds something tricky. What an asset to the Robins class!

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Enjoyment: Heidi Truen

Heidi displays the quality of enjoyment as she is a conscientious, enthusiastic and active learner. Whether in the classroom or in her role as prefect, Heidi brings an effervescence to Halwin, with a smile across her face!

Sports Award

James received the silver medal for Howler throwing in the regional Virtual Athletics Events. This was where pupils from local schools competed against each other in a number of athletic disciplines and the highest scores were awarded gold, silver or bronze medals. Well done James.



Internet Safety

As we enter into an end of term break, I am very aware that many of our children will be accessing devices, gaming and the internet over this period. I ask you to be extra vigilant during this time and ensure that all of your child's security settings are set high to ensure that they can only access age related content.

It has come to my attention that many of our children are playing games and accessing Apps that are considerably above their committed age. Here is a list of the age restrictions on some Apps/Games that I know some of your children are using:

- TikTok – 13+
- You Tube – 16+
- Facebook – 16+
- Instagram – 16+
- Roblox - Whilst this game is aimed at 8-18 year olds, there are no age restrictions. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other on the platform.
- Among us – originally rated as PEGI 16 but was downgraded to 9+
- Fortnite – 12+
- Minecraft – 7+

These restrictions are set to ensure that young children do not have access to violence, chat rooms and inappropriate materials. Please do continue to check and minimize access to the world that is for adults and not children, thank you.

Team Point Winners

Team captains have collated all of the points over the last term and here are the results:

In 1st place – Green with 3436 points

In 2nd place – Blue with 3199 points

In 3rd place – Red with 3141 points

In 4th place – Yellow with 2712 points

Due to the current restrictions, we are unable to take the winning team out of school and so we would like to invite them to have a non-school uniform day on Friday 8th January.

Well done Greens!

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break. Keep safe and enjoy some quality family time. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

If anyone has any questions about any of the items in this newsletter, please do contact me.

Best wishes
Mrs Eve Busby
Assistant Headteacher

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Safe Use of Car Seats

Concerns have been raised regarding the safe use of child seats to transport children to and from school. Journeys may be short but you never know when the unexpected may happen and we want to help you make sure your children are safe.

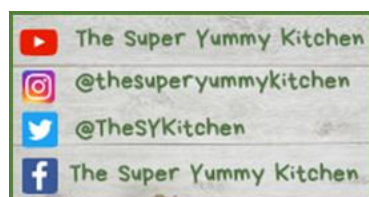
You can be fined up to £500 if a child under 14 isn't in the correct car seat or wearing a seat belt while you're driving, but most importantly, no one wants to see any child injured. If you are in any doubt it would be advisable to visit <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>



Chartwells

Chartwells would like to wish you a Super Yummy Christmas by sharing their 2020 Super Yummy Kitchen Recipe Book! (See attached)

They have a Santa-certified stash of recipes & cook-a-long videos, activities, foodie facts and top tips on health, food waste, sustainability and loads more! All entirely free for your families. Also available digitally as follows: -



Scomis Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached the December edition of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents.



Letters Home

Please make sure you have received the following information this week:-

Bags2School – whole school

Head Lice – whole school



What's On Diary?

Early Help Newsletter

Please find attached details of various parenting courses and advice line contact information for the Spring Term.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



Health Events National Obesity Awareness Week

From 13 to 20 January 2020, it's National Obesity Awareness Week. This week is all about raising awareness of obesity, how it affects our health, and

what we can do to improve the nation's collective wellbeing. Whether it's being more physically active or keeping a closer eye on what we eat, even small changes can go a long way to promote healthy living. For more information, go to: -

<https://www.betterhealthcare.co.uk/national-obesity-awareness-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-obesity/>

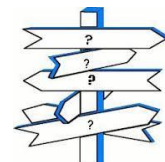


Posters for any events listed here and all other events will be on display in the main reception area.



'Signposting'

We would like to make it clear that all 'signposted' activities are external to the school. Parents should make their own enquiries and satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the provider before engaging their service.



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Events Diary

Date	Event
Mon 04 January	Spring Term 2021 begins
Tues 12 January	Y6 Sports Leader Training with Helen Ayotte - 1.00 – 2.30pm
Mon 18 January	FOH Meeting - 4.00 – 4.30pm
Fri 22 January	School Closed – Inset Day
Mon 25 January	Bags2School Collection Day
Mon 01 February	Bikeability Training Y5/6 Whole Day – Further information to follow
Tues 02 February	Bikeability Training Y5/6 Half a Day – Further information to follow
Tues 02 February	Tennis Skills Training with Helen Ayotte for Y3 – Y6 – 1.00 – 2.30pm

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