



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and although it seems we are well into January now, we would like to pass on our good wishes to you all for a happy and healthy New Year and, as always, we look forward to working with you in supporting your children here at school over the coming year.

NSPCC 'Pants' campaign in school

In our PSHE lessons this term, especially in EYFS and KS1, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule.

This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lessons, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

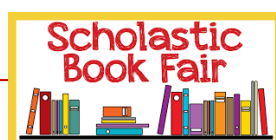
The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate.

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule.



Book Fair and prize competition

During week commencing 4th February, we will be holding a Scholastic 'High 5 Book Fair'. The fair is a little different from our normal book fair and will offer a huge range of books titles - all for £5 or less! We will also be running a competition leading up to this week, and would like to ask the children to design either a book mark or a poster to advertise the event. There will be five prizes of a £5 book vouchers for the lucky winners to spend at the fair. Posters and/or book marks to be handed in to class teachers by Thursday 24th Feb. Good luck everyone!



RSPB School Birdwatch

On Tuesday 29th January, the Eco group members will take part in the national RSPB birdwatch. By taking part in this, we are helping the RSPB to keep track of all our British birds and any changes in their numbers and migration patterns. You can join in at home by going to the Big Garden Birdwatch website: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>. The home birdwatch runs from the 26th of January to the 28th of January.





Half term holiday activities?

Did you see the app message about parental interest in the provision of holiday activities? If you would be interested in the provision of holiday activities for your child during the February half-term break, then please respond on the app, by Monday 21st Jan. I can then look to see what may be possible, depending on demand.

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February

It's internet safety day on Tuesday 5th February and our new 'Lions' group (Leaders in Online Safety) would like to introduce themselves to you with an assembly production. All classes will contribute towards the content of the presentation, but it will be led by the Lions. Parents are invited to come along and enjoy the production, along with the rest of the school, at 2.30pm on Tuesday 5th February. Numbers will be limited though, so please respond as soon as possible on the app to reserve yourself a seat. Don't worry if you can't make it, we'll put lots of pictures and information online and on twitter.

Valentine Disco

Wed 13th February

We are hoping DJ John will be able to host our annual Valentine Disco. It will run from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Entry is £1 and refreshments will be available. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome as long as parents stay to take care of them!



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Schoolcomms Online payments system

Thanks to everyone for supporting us in our move to become cashless. All dinner money now must be paid through the online system. We are here to help if you have any teething problems at all - please just give us a shout. Trips and other payments to school in excess of £5.00 must also be paid online.

It is very cost effective for us to deal with money in school this way and it is vital that we look at all ways of ensuring value for money in these challenging financial times. It also gives you a clear picture of when you have paid money to school and how much is outstanding - saving lots of administration time too!

Diary date for Year 6 parents - Monday 28th January 6pm

It's an important year this year for our oldest pupils and we want to make sure that they are as well prepared as possible for their end of key stage assessments, before moving on to secondary school. We would like to invite all parents of children in Year 6 to an information meeting on Monday 28th January at 6pm. At this meeting you will also have the opportunity to browse and place orders for study support books that will help children prepare for the tests.



Hats, scarves and gloves.... and snow!

It does look like we may well be facing some colder weather over the next few days, if not weeks! We will, as always, try to keep routines as normal as possible here at school. Children do still have playtimes during cold weather and spend some time during the day outside in the fresh air as long as it is not too wet. However, if it gets too cold, we do reduce the length of time the children spend outside at any one time. Can I please just ask that all children come to school prepared for the cold weather, with all hats, gloves and scarves clearly labelled with their name. If it does get snowy, a pair of wellies/boots are ideal, with a change of footwear (and an extra pair of socks!). Weather would have to be exceptionally bad to impact on school opening, but if it did get so bad that we had to close, announcements would be made on local radio, on the school website, on Twitter and our school App. Let's hope it's nothing like last year!

