



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Thankfully, as we seem to be returning to a bit of normality, lots of our planned activities should be going ahead. Please keep an eye on our website calendar and our app for any updates and changes. With Safer Internet Day coming up on 8th Feb, it's a good time to remind ourselves - and our children - of Article 16, the Right to Privacy. Keeping themselves safe online and their information private is a key message for us all to reinforce with them.

Rights Respecting week - Monday 14th - Friday 18th February - Save the date!

More details in my next newsletter, but just to let you know, the whole school theme will be around Mental Health and Wellbeing. Although this is covered in many articles, there is a particular focus on Article 27: Children have a right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs.

Hopefully, you will be able to join us on **Friday 18th Feb** so that our Rights Respecting Ambassadors, and every class, can share with you the work they have been doing throughout the week in an assembly. More details in my next newsletter.

Half term holiday childcare

In my last newsletter, I highlighted the half-term holiday provision that we have available. Some places have been booked already but there are still plenty of places available. If you would be interested in your child accessing Scamps during the February half-term break, then please make sure you book places via our schoolcomms system.

We will only be able to make the provision if we do have sufficient interest and take-up.

School timings

We do understand how busy mornings can be at home and know that there are occasions when lateness is unavoidable. However, the importance of children arriving at school on time cannot be underestimated. Missing just 5 minutes on a morning regularly all adds up. We do need to monitor both attendance and lateness closely and should we see regular patterns emerging, we will contact you to arrange a discussion meeting to see how we can support you moving forward. If you do have any current concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8th February

It's Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 8th February and the theme for this year is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. This fits nicely with our PSHE and Computing curriculum as well as linking to our Rights Respecting week all about our wellbeing.

Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's roles in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content or interacting with their friends and peers. Lots of our children will have got new devices for Christmas and we all use our devices to play and connect with each other. We have already sent out some guidance about being safe online and the work completed in classes on Safer Internet Day will reinforce this.

It's really important that we ensure our children know how to stay safe and enjoy their time online.





Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all grown-ups who took the time to complete the questionnaire before Christmas. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many questions having 100% agreeing or strongly agreeing. It is really lovely to receive this feedback and the results have been shared with staff. Where there were concerns, we have been in touch and hopefully allayed any concerns people had.

We do know that there is always something we can do and to make school even better and move forward, so please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is something you are unsure or concerned about.

Thank you again for completing the questionnaire and helping us to move the school forward.

Valentine Discos - Thursday 10th February

We will be holding our annual Valentine Disco this year on Thursday 10th. We will run it like we did our Hello Yellow disco in November as we found this was really successful and helps us to limit numbers in the hall.

EYFS and KS1 will be from 3.15pm until 4.30pm and then KS2 disco from 4.45pm - 6pm.

Entrance fee will be £1 and there will be refreshments available for the children to buy.

Upcoming events

Y3 are exploring Ferryhill village this Tuesday as part of their theme for this half term 'What was it like for our ancestors living in Ferryhill?' They will be conducting historical and geographical field studies.

Lunar New Year - Y6 have been practising their song for Chinese New Year with Durham University students, ready to perform on Saturday 5th Feb. More details will be sent out to Y6 parents as soon as we have them.