



OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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Messages and reminders

I wanted to begin this week's newsletter by saying how very proud I am of our staff and the children. As the COVID cases in school have increased and school adults and friends, as well as family members, have had to isolate, the children have dealt with any changes so well. They have been amazing but we do accept there are going to be some wobbles so we need to work together to reassure the children and ensure they feel safe and listened to.

We have booked The Fantastic FRED Experience which is a free preventative and educational mental health workshop for infant aged children. It is being provided by the NHS and delivered by a team of trained actors. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be having a workshop, here in school, on 15th March and we are sure they will benefit from it.

Our parent session on Internet safety is going to be online, via zoom, on the 7th February at 6.30pm. Further details will be sent out next week but I hope many of you can join it, especially as many children spend a lot of time on a screen. The session is designed to help you with:

- How young people use the Internet.
- Show how children use programs such as Moshi Monsters, Minecraft and Roblox.
- Describe how information young people post can be misused by people who are not their friends.
- Explain what you, as parents, can do to help keep them safe.

Above all it will give you as parents and carers the confidence to help your child get the most benefit and enjoyment from the internet while keeping safe.

The Alwyn Aims

These are the rules we all try to follow:

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Look and listen
- Be careful and kind
- Always do your best



Cheeky request

As a school we tend to go through a lot of tissues, underwear and tights so I am asking for some donations. If you could send your child in with a box of tissues for the class, we would really appreciate it. We would also be grateful for donations of any clean underwear for boys and girls, especially socks. Thank you so much!

Covid, Vaccinations and boosters

As we have a fair number of COVID cases in school, please continue to be vigilant and if your child has any symptoms, make sure you follow the guidance and do not send them in to school.

The local authority have asked all schools to pass on the following information: The Desborough Suite is open on the 21st and 22nd January for anyone who needs a first or second dose of the COVID vaccine.

Messages from the Year Groups

RECEPTION LEARNING THIS WEEK

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'v' in it.

Ask me if I can tell you a word that has 'w' in it.

Ask me if I can write the word 'van'.

Ask me if I can write the word 'web'.

Give me two items and ask me which is the heaviest and which is the lightest.

Ask me what capacity means.

At bath-time, give me various containers and ask me to tell you which container has the biggest capacity.

Ask me to help you measure out ingredients for cooking using scales.

Ask me to tell you about keeping safe at home.

YEAR 1 LEARNING THIS WEEK

This week we have continued to look at subtraction within 20. Ask me to show you how I can use a number line to count backwards and answer the following subtraction number sentences:

$$18 - 2 = \quad 14 - 6 = \quad 17 - 9 =$$

This week in phonics we have been looking at alternative ways to spell the sound /igh/ and /oa/.

Ask me how many ways I can spell these sounds.

In English we have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. Ask me to talk about some of the characters in the story.

In science we have been thinking about the season of winter and what winter trees look like. Ask me if I can tell you what I know about the winter season.

In history we have been exploring some homes through the ages. Let's take a walk and see if we can spot any houses that were built a long time ago

YEAR 2 LEARNING THIS WEEK

In maths, this week we have been continuing with multiplication, multiplication tables and using the multiplication sign.

Ask me if I can count forwards and backwards in 3s up to 30.

Ask me if I can tell you the answer to;

$$2 \times 3 = \quad 2 \times 7 = \quad 5 \times 5 = \quad 9 \times 5 = \quad 8 \times 10 =$$

In English we have been reading a story called the Tiger and the Jackal.

Ask me if I can retell you the story.

Who do you think is the villain in this story?

We have also looked at the difference between fiction and non-fiction texts. Ask me to tell you 3 features of a non-fiction book.

Ask me what I would use the contents page for.

In science, we have continued to explore things that are alive, were alive and that were never alive.

Ask me to tell you 2 things that are alive, 2 things that were alive and 2 things that have never been alive.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

A huge 'well done' to all the children who were in the Golden Book for their brilliant school work and to those children who had a kindness certificate or a polite parrot certificate this week.



We are very proud of you!

KEY DATES!

7th February, 6.30pm
Internet Safety Day with
parent session, online

14th-18th February & 28th
Feb-4th March
Book Fortnight

14th-18th February
Book Fair

21st-25th February
Half Term

3rd March
Book Character Day

7th March, 9.15am
Parent session on sleep

15th March
FRED Workshop

15th & 17th March
Parents consultations

18th March
Red Nose Day

22nd March
Yr1 Trip to Odds Farm TBC

23rd March
Yr2 Trip to The Look Out
TBC

28th March
PCSO visit for Yrs1 & 2

8th April
End of Term