

DREAM BIG



Fortnightly Newsletter: 13th May 2022 Safety is paramount

Dear Parents / Carers,

I just wanted to start by saying how proud I am of our Year 6 children. COVID has hit our children hard yet still the Government felt that SATs should be completed this year. Over the last few months we have reassured our Year 6 children that the SATs do not define them. They are one measure on one day and this form of assessment does not work for all children. We have told them they are **all talented and all unique**. Whether you are good at maths, great at sport, a talented artist, a great friend or unbelievably kind – you are you and we feel you privileged to be part of our children's lives.



Please see our fortnightly updates below:

Staffing

Today we are interviewing for teachers to cover our staff going on maternity. We have watched them all teach across the week and will spend today getting to know them better. I'll keep you posted.

Safeguarding

The news continues to be full of stories that give you goose bumps. I felt it was a good time to share some reminders that have been sent from the Local Authority to help keep our children safe.

Protecting younger children

Statistics show that crime against young children by strangers is rare. Even so, there are steps you can take to help to protect your child:

- Tell your child to avoid talking to people they don't know, unless you are with them to say it is ok.
- Make sure your child knows never to walk away with people they don't know/know well
- Plan safe routes with your child- busy and well-lit spaces are best
- Make sure your child understands that they should always tell you if a someone they don't know approaches them, and never to keep this secret
- If your child is travelling alone, tell them to sit near other families on the train or bus and near the driver if possible

- If your child gets lost, they should ask for help from a police officer, another grown-up with children or someone working at a nearby shop
- Have your children learn their address and an appropriate telephone number by heart

Keeping teenagers safe

Here are some things that teenagers can do to keep safe when out and about:

- stay alert, and keep personal media devices turned off, so they can hear what's going on around them- earphones can be distracting and limit awareness of surroundings
- stick to busy, well-lit roads, and avoid short cuts
- if your child thinks someone is following them, they should cross the road or go to a place with lots of people around, like a bus stop or shop
- when travelling by bus, your child should try to use bus stops on busy roads, sit near to others and near the driver when possible
- if someone tries to take something from your child, tell them never to fight
- tell them to keep mobile phones and other valuables out of sight
- if your child has to use a lift – tell them to try to use them with friends, and not to feel worried about getting out if they are uncomfortable about someone else being in there
- encourage your child to speak up if they are being bullied or feel they might be in danger

Check list for young people

- Think - before you go out
- Where are you going?
- How are you getting there?
- Who are you going with?
- Who needs to know?
- Take only the money you need and keep it in a safe place.
- How are you getting home?
- Is your mobile charged and have you got credit?
- Keep your mobile handy but out of sight
- Keep valuables such as devices, jewellery and items of expensive clothing out of sight
- Who will you contact in an emergency?



The NSPCC have produced this guide to help parents decide if their child is ready to travel alone/ stay home alone - <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/home-or-out-alone-guide> .

If you are concerned about anything that has happened please report incidents of concern to the police via 101 or to use the GMP chat facility. In emergencies always use 999.

Thank you for continued support.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes.
E. Harding
Mrs Harding
Headteacher

Weekly Worship Focus

This week, worship happened in the classrooms due to SAT's being in the hall. We focussed on the proverb of 'Don't judge a book by its cover.' It is so easy to jump to conclusions about people so this week we shared examples of where people had done this and there were surprising outcomes. We looked at the story of Samuel as the new king.

Children's
Worship



Birthdays

Birthdays up to the 27th May:



We hope you have the best day!

Oliver in Year 3
Layla in Year 4
Thomas in Year 6
Oscar in Year 1
Tyler in Year 6

Polite Reminders

Please remember trainers are ok as footwear but they must be black. We have seen an increase again the last few week in coloured trainers. Remember at secondary they will be sent home for this so it is good to get these good habits embedded now.



Head's weekly awards

This week's awards go to:

- Holly in Year 4 for a significant improvement in her attendance



Weekly attendance

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Weekly %</u>
Nursery	89.1%
Reception	92.5%
Year 1	90.7%
Year 2	90.9%
Year 3/4	88.7%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	90.2%
Whole school	90.8%

Well done Reception and Year 5!



Important Dates

- Friday 13th May: EYFS assembly
- Friday 20th May: Year 5 assembly
- Friday 27th May: Celebration of the Queen's jubilee – wear red, white and blue
- Friday 27th May: School closes for Whit holidays
- Monday 13th June: INSET DAY – school closed
- Tuesday 14th June: School opens for Summer 2
- Friday 24th June: Year 3/4 assembly
- Friday 1st July: Year 2 assembly
- Wednesday 29th June-30th June: Year 6 residential
- Wednesday 27th July: Schools closes for the Summer

DATES TO
REMEMBER