

School Newsletter 25th September 2020





<u>Weds 21 and Thur 22 Oct</u> Parents' meetings (provisional – more details to follow very soon)

> <u>Weds 21 Oct</u> Parents' Forum 6pm (provisional)

Mon 26 Oct - Fri 6 Nov (inc) Half-Term (School Closed) School re-opens Mon 9 Nov.



Attendance Matters

This Week's Attendance ⊗ 95.3% ⊗

Class with the Best Attendance © 3L - 100%!!! © © Wow - Well Done!!! ©

Most Punctual Classes3L, 4L and 5L©

Remember Attendance Matters; Be in School All Day, Every Day

(Personal, Health and Social Education)

PSHE

Last year, we implemented our new PSHE policy (as an 'early adopter' school). Along the way, many of you helped us review and improve the PSHE work we do in school (through our termly parents' forum meetings), and we now have a community-based policy that is right for our school.

PSHE is now a compulsory requirement for schools, which we deliver in many ways, across the whole curriculum. However, we also have discreet PSHE time each week, which is centred around either THE Big Question or OUR Big Question:

THE Big Question is a question that links to British Values and a range of other relevant and up-to-date social, moral, spiritual and cultural (SMSC) issues, which the pupils discuss. Examples so far this term have included: What makes us different? What does being homeless mean?

'Our Big PSHE Question' is based upon a set questions that pupils discuss each year, at the level appropriate for their age/understanding. Examples will include Does it matter what you look like? Is it ever ok to say no? Is it ok to eat fast food? What makes you, you? The full list of questions is available on the website (which also includes all the questions for the year as well as the type of vocabulary that will be used by staff). This forms part of our PSHE policy (which includes Sex and Relationships Education). 'Our Big PSHE Question' is just *part* of the PSHE curriculum, with other elements being covered through the PE, Science, Computing and DT curriculum, as well as theme weeks (eg, Mental Health week, Internet safety week, Anti-bullying week, etc.).

This half-term, we have implemented additional wellbeing activities to support the children coming back into school after such a long time off. These activities have focussed on positive affirmations, growth mindset and identifying and understanding our emotions and those of others. If you have any questions about PHSE in your child's class, then please speak to your class teacher or Ms Phillips.

Our PSHE policy (which covers all of 'Our Big Questions' and their content) can be found on the school's website (About Us/Policies/PSHE).

Class Focus

Each week, we focus on work undertaken by a different class. This week, it was the turn of 5L... In science, we have been learning all about earth and space, and recently we studied the phases of the moon. We were lucky enough to learn and eat, all at the same time!

With Oreo biscuits, we created all of the different moon shapes that we can see, depending on where the moon is in its cycle, when orbiting the earth.









PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY!

School has received another complaint regarding inconsiderate parking in the vicinity of school. We appreciate that it is difficult to park at peak times, but for the safety of everyone please do so sensibly. Please do not block other cars in, either on the car park or across residents' drives. Even though there are no double yellow lines at the school entrance, it is still illegal to park with your wheels on the kerb. It also limits access for prams and wheelchairs, forcing them onto the road. Cars parked on the kerb also cause poor visibility for other children and adults.

Playground Equipment

Can parents politely be reminded that, due to health and safety reasons, children are NOT allowed to play on outdoor playground equipment before or after school. A timetable is in place that allocates year groups to particular equipment for identified weeks, in order to avoid cross-contamination. Thank you for your support.

Nut Free School

We are STRICTLY a nut-free school. This is extremely important as we do have some



children with severe, potentially lifethreatening, nut allergies. Please ensure that items such as Nutella, Snickers & cereal bars , with nuts, etc are NOT sent into school.

Stranger Danger

Please be extra vigilant when dropping off and picking up your children. There have been two 'stranger danger' incidents this week. A man (in a white van) has approached two Y5 girls at the end of the school day and offered to take them home. Both incidents took place outside of school, as pupils waited for their parents. The police have been informed and will ensure that there are extra patrols in the area. There will also be additional school staff present around the local car parking areas/nearby roads. If you see anything suspicious, please call 101 (and then also report the incident to school). Thank you.

Useful Information

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Bringing Items Into School

At the present time, due to strict control measures in place around Covid-19, please do not send food or cake into school for your child's birthday. We need to ensure that items sent into school are kept to an absolute minimum, in order to reduce the contamination risk as much as possible.