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Thursday 19th December 2019

Newsletter No 14

Dear Parents/Guardians

What a week we have had – the culmination of a very busy and hectic term, which started with two residential trips (to New Barn and Osmington Bay), Year 3 starting, Year 3 starting their swimming lessons, Year 5/6 Football Festivals, Year 3 Stonehenge Trips, Year 6 Beaulieu Trip, Harvest Celebrations, a Bikeability Course, Open Afternoons, Carol Service and the HSA Christmas Fair. This week we had the Christmas Parties, a wonderful Christmas Lunch put on by Ms Trendall and her amazing team in the Kitchen, followed that evening by the Carol Service (more later). In between all of this we have moved into our wonderful new building and carried on with our day to day lessons and learning. It is no wonder the Children (and Staff) are very much ready for a well-earned break.

Carol Service – Thank you to everyone who joined us at St Thomas' Church on Tuesday for a wonderful evening of Christmas Carols, readings, acting and songs. Many congratulations to the Choir and Year 6 for their inspirational singing and the Year 3s who put on their heart-warming Nativity. Our thanks to Reverend Becky who led the whole proceedings so beautifully.

Lunch Debt – If you still owe us money could we please ask that this is settled before you return to School in January – everyone needs to start off the new term with a clean slate. If you are having problems settling the outstanding balance please come and talk to us.

E-Safety – In view of the fact that a lot of our pupils and adults who have been good girls and boys (of all ages) may be receiving Christmas gifts of the electronic variety we thought we would share with you (attached herewith) some sensible and clear guidance about on-line safety. We do hope you find it informative.

Clubs – a list of exciting new clubs will be coming out of the end of the first week back in January. To allow as many children as possible to have an opportunity, children will need to be signed up to take part.

Healthy Snacks Award – The winner of the fruit basket this week is Juniper Class – they will receive their prize during the first week back after the Christmas Break.

Attached please find the latest Building Project Bulletin along with the E-Safety leaflet.

Wishing you a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

With kind regards

Mr L Coles
Headteacher

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Diary Dates 2019-2020

23rd December 2019 – 3rd January 2020	CHRISTMAS BREAK
6th January 2020	First Day of Term 3
14th January 2020	Sycamore Class Swimming Lessons Commence
16th January 2020	HSA Meeting
17th February – 21st February 2020	HALF TERM BREAK
24th February 2020	First Day of Term 4
27th March 2020	Reports Sent Home
30th March 2020	3.30pm-8.00pm – Parent Consultation Evening – Booking Letters will be sent out late mid March.
6th April – 17th April 2020	EASTER BREAK
20th April 2020	First Day of Term 5
8th May 2020	SCHOOL CLOSED – May Bank Holiday FRIDAY
13th May 2020	Year 6 SATs Week
?? May 2020	Salisbury Schools Mini Marathon
22nd May 2020	Sports Day Afternoon – more information will be sent out a little closer to the time but you are invited to join your child for lunch on the field before clapping and cheering the afternoon events.
25th May – 29th May 2020	HALF TERM BREAK
1st June 2020	First Day of Term 6
25th & 26th June 2020	TD DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
1st July 2020	Wiltshire Schools BUMP UP DAY - Year 2s come up into Year 3 for the day Years 3, 4 and 5 will spend the day in their 2020/2021 classes Year 6 will receive invitations from their secondary schools to attend for the day
2nd July 2020	Hampshire Schools BUMP UP DAY – Any year 6s transitioning to The Burgate School and Sixth Form will be invited to attend for the day.
10th July 2020	Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 Reports Sent Home
12th July 2020	The Second Annual Harnham Slope Fun Run
13th July 2020	3.30 to 8pm - Parent Consultation Evening – Booking letters will be sent out during the first week of July.
20th July 2020	6 – 8pm - Year 6 Leavers' Party
21st July 2020	10 – 11am – Year 6 Leavers' Service
23rd July 2020	START OF SUMMER BREAK

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Dear Parents/Guardians & Neighbours

Re: Building Project 2019-20

As you may have seen, the mobile classrooms have started to leave the site. As I write this, two out of the three mobiles have gone completely. The lorries used to transport them are quite large, so we would like to thank you for making sure that Saxon Road is left clear of cars where we have placed barriers and cones.

Once the other mobile has gone (which is hopefully happening on 2nd or 3rd January) the number of trucks used to remove the soil from where the mobiles stood; an area which is going to be landscaped and be the site of a new small playground and adventure play area, will increase slightly. This is to allow for aggregate to be delivered, and spoil to be taken away.

Please be aware that in the space where the presently remaining mobile is to be found (Willow and Beech) an amphitheatre will be excavated, this will involve the use of a crawler-tracked digger. This work will start during the week commencing 6th January.

As ever - in the unlikely event of you seeing anything that you consider unsafe, please make sure that you inform me, or a member of the Admin team, straight away.

Mr L Coles
Headteacher

Digital Resilience Toolkit

internet matters.org

Advice for parents of 6–10 year olds

Help children become more digitally savvy and get the best out of their online world

What are they doing online?

44%
of six-year-olds are going online in their bedrooms[1]

28%
of 10-year-olds have a social media profile[2]

8 in 10
aged 5 to 15 regularly use YouTube to watch short clips or programmes[2]

1. Internet Matters OL research 2016
2. Ofcom Children's and parents' media use and attitudes 2017

What challenges can they face?

It's the first time they are using technology, many independently. For children between 6 and 10, they are going online to play games or watch videos. This activity can quickly become very addictive.

As children get closer to 9 and 10, they are starting to engage online and socialise through games or through social media and they may come across potential risks when talking to others online such as cyberbullying.

How do I get them prepared to deal with these challenges?

1. *Managing time online*

- For very young children playing a fun game is like scratching an itch and it becomes very addictive
- Set screen-time limits for their devices to create a norm and set a good balance on and offline
- Explain why you're putting time-limits in place so they can understand the positive benefits for them

2. *Use parental controls to create a safer space for kids to explore online*

- Set parental and privacy settings on apps, sites and devices they use and adjust them as they grow
- Use a child-friendly search engine as the homepage and a family login for sites such as YouTube, which are popular with children at this age or use YouTube Kids
- This means they can explore in a safe space and build independence online

3. *Participation*

- Get involved and show an interest in what they're doing online
- Play games with your child and find fun ways to interact to ensure they're using their time online in a productive way
- Getting involved at an early age will make it easier to engage with them as they develop their online identity
- Knowing about their habits online will allow you to feel comfortable to slowly bring down the safety wall as they get older

4. *Being a good digital citizen*

- Talk to them about the importance of being a good digital citizen as soon as you can
- Talk to your child about what they value in real friendships
- Discuss kindness and how important it is be kind online
- Talk to them about steps they can take if something goes wrong or they feel someone has been treated unfairly
- Remind them that they can talk to an adult if they are concerned

5. *Be assertive - set digital boundaries*

- At this age, children don't have the ability to self-regulate and need firm boundaries such as time limits
- Don't be afraid of being unpopular by saying 'no' when they are eager to get online if it is not appropriate - you are in control

Even with the right controls and settings, there's still a small chance children can stumble across something they shouldn't.

"What happens if things go wrong?"

- Try and understand what they've seen or come across whether it's a comment on a video or a game
- Find out how they came across it and discuss how it made them feel
- Don't overreact, show your support and talk it through
- Depending on the situation seek advice from specialist organisation or your GP to give them the best chance to recover and regain their confidence