

PWP Post



Provost Williams C. of E. Primary School

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Welcome back and I hope you and your children had an enjoyable Christmas break. In the run up to the end of last term, it was unfortunate that there was a great deal of illness going around: we are hopeful that the Spring term will see a reduction in this but will continue to publish information and advice from public health in relation to Strep A. Our attendance overall continues to be low so we ask that you make every effort to ensure your child is in school if they can be: we understand it can be a tricky balance. We also ask that holidays are not taken in term time.



We are excited about this term and the teachers have planned some really exciting learning opportunities for your children. As always, you can help a great deal and do not need expert educational knowledge to do this. We feel that the very best way you can help is by reading with your child at least 3 times a week. Research suggests that children can gain vital reading skills purely by listening to a parent, carer or older sibling read.



Behaviour Policy

Our Behaviour Policy highlights the need for our pupils to be respectful to others in school. One of the of aspects we teach is non-retaliation. We ask children to talk to a teacher if they feel that another child has done something unkind to them. We go one step further than this and talk about how children should actively support peers who are struggling to regulate their behaviours. To help children understand this, it can be helpful to visualise a bottle of pop that has been shaken up and is ready to explode. Discuss how we could stop the explosion by giving the child plenty of space, by refusing to retaliate verbally or physically and by telling an adult as soon as possible. Please remind your children the importance of non-retaliation and reassure them that we will always support them if another child is unkind.

Mrs Lampe Cullen, Head of School

Our School Values

Love

Honesty

Fairness

Hope

Respect

Forgiveness



Cyber Bullying

It has been brought to our attention that a small number of children are accessing apps such as Snapchat, and are using this online platform to send bullying and threatening messages (cyberbullying).

In school, children are taught that just because the comments are made online, this does not lessen the impact, and in most cases increases, it has on the child receiving the messages.

Please speak with your child if they are assessing online platforms and explain how to stay safe and be kind to others.



Reminder about Uniform

School uniform helps to foster a sense of belonging among our school family and helps to encourage a sense of pride in our school. Uniform also promotes equality between children. We strongly encourage all children to wear school uniform when attending school and when attending organised school events outside of the normal school hours. Religious dress codes will be taken into consideration and respected. With regards to hair accessories, we ask that these are simple and plain, as last term we saw an increase of different styles of hairbands which are not appropriate for school.



Mrs Lampe Cullen

Head of School

Mrs Lampe Cullen's Recommended reads



When Temy is found stuck up a tree, the dinos in Cretacia think there can only be ONE dino responsible . . . GIGANTO! But Bill, Mazu, Tiny and Rocky aren't so sure. With no time to lose, the four friends set out on a quest to find out the truth. Will the friends solve the mystery before it's too late? Was there a simple explanation all along? Join them in the latest episode and read the story to find out!

Some legends are born, some are drawn . . . Famous works of art are disappearing from all over the world. One moment they are there, the next, they have crumbled to dust. Peanut Jones and her friends suspect it might have something to do with the magical world of Chroma and the wicked Mr White's plot to wipe out colour, art and creativity. It's time to head back to the Illustrated City and help the resistance fight back.



Diary Dates

16th January	World Religion Day
16th January	Happy Handwriting Fortnight begins
25th January	Parent Forum: Homework. Meeting at 4pm
1st February	Year 1 and 2 trip to St Johns Museum
6th February	Mental Health Week begins
7th February	Online Safety Day
	2.45pm Parent Meeting On-line Safety
17th February	Break-up for half term
	Executive Head teacher's Half Term Challenge (details to follow)
27th February	Teacher Training Day
28th February	Early Bird Week
2nd March	World Book Day
13th March	Science Week begins
17th March	Open Evening for Parents linked to Science (details to follow)
28th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
29th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
31st March	Break up for Easter Holiday
17th April	Back to School
1st May	Bank Holiday
4th May	Teacher Training Day (School closed except for Ark pre-school 12-3pm)
26th May	Break-up for half term holiday
5th June	Back to School
5th July	Moving-On Day (Induction Day for Secondary Schools)
25th July	Break up for Summer Holiday



From next Friday, parents of Star Learners and Good Citizens are invited to join us for Celebration Assembly. A text will be sent on Thursday afternoon to parents of those children with the award for that week. (Children are not told until the Assembly)

We look forward to seeing you!

We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.

Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.



Get started



Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't



For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely



Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games



Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others



Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally



Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe



If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.



Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online



If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

Have a lovely weekend