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SWJS Newsletter

February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Online Safety updates

You may already know and be aware of a new sinister 'challenge' on YouTube and YouTubeKids. Please be reassured that if this topic does come up in class, the teachers will deal with this in a sensitive, age-appropriate manner. The main actions we can do as parents/ teachers to safeguard and protect our children are: 1) Tell the children that it's not real 2) Be present with them whilst they are playing on their devices so that you can be there to check the content and have appropriate parental settings applied 3) Talk regularly with your child about online safety and what to do if they come across content which makes them feel worried or scared.

I have posted a poster from the National Online Safety group on our Twitter page which will give you more information. I have also recently posted four more posters from the National Online Safety group for parents informing you about Top Tips for parents for Snapchat, WhatsApp, YouTube and Instagram. We hope you find these useful!

Roadworks

I have been informed that between 4th-15th March, resurfacing works will begin on Ocean Road. There will be traffic lights in place on Ocean Road and at times there will be road closures on the junctions of Mikasa Street, Amphitrite St and Strathmore Avenue. During this work, please remind the children to cross these roads safely and use the crossings, the islands and the crossing patrol to help them.

Health Audit

Last term we asked our school nurse to complete a health audit. There were many areas to celebrate: our children drink a good amount of water; our children are active for at least 60 mins each day; and our children know who to turn to if they are worried. However there were some areas we need to work together on, in order to ensure that our children grow up to have happy & healthy lives. A few areas of concern were: the number of fizzy drinks and energy drinks the children drink regularly; children's packed lunches; the amount of time our children spend on electronic devices and how this affected the number of hours of sleep they had. Our school council have been working on a project to aim to improve the snacks we eat in school and are currently investigating the 'health' of our packed lunches. Once they have completed their research, they are hoping to send out the information via a newsletter.

Easter Holidays

Just to make you aware that this year Easter is not during the normal Easter Holidays. Please see our 'dates for the Diary' on the next page for further clarification.

Family Learning

This half term, Family Learning is looking at Science as their focus. On a Friday afternoon, a small number of our parents with their children, learning together and finding ways to support their child with their learning. If you are interested in taking part in the Family Learning course, please contact Ms Lines for further information.

Dates for the Diary:

February 2019

- 25th Y5A First Aid Training
26th Y6 Parents Evening
27th Y5 French lesson by Walney Sch

March 2019

- 6th Y5 French by Walney School
7th World Book Day
8th Book and a Biscuit, 2.45pm
Girls Football Competition
11th New Age Kurling competition
12th Whole School Beach Clean, plastics survey
P4C (Philosophy 4 Education) event for 4
Y6 chn at The Netherwood Hotel
13th Y5 French by Walney School
15th Red Nose Day, non-uniform £1 to wear red
Barrow Raiders in School, am
19th Y4 Maths Morning for parents, 9-10am
21st Y4 Electricity day
Theatre group at Forum, Jesus Christ
Superstar
22nd Easter Fair
Y4 Electricity day
25th The Big Pedal Week
Barrow Raiders Workshop, am
School's own Young Voices Concert
26th Y5/6 Cyclo-Cross Competition
27th Cumbria Athletics Finals, Penrith
28th Whole School Golden Time
29th Break up for Easter Holidays, 3.30pm

EASTER HOLIDAYS

(Mon 1st April - Fri 12th April)

April 2019

- 15th Return to School for Summer Term
18th Y5 STEM workshop, KNEX Challenge
19th **GOOD FRIDAY - CHILDREN NOT IN**

SCHOOL

- 22nd **EASTER MONDAY - CHILDREN NOT IN**
SCHOOL

- 23rd Return to School, 9am

A little reminder of our school opening procedures. Our gates open between 8.40-8.45am when there will be a member of staff present in the playground. At 8.50am, teachers will greet the children in the playground and the school doors will open. Registers are taken at 9am and they officially close at 9.05am. If a child is not present in class at this time, they will be classed as late.

Work of the Month January 2019

Well done to the following children who achieved Work of the Month!



3HA - Katie Clark & Abigail Robinson

3MH - Maisy Hill

4W - James Cassley

4E - Ellie Fones & Jenson Jackson

5McI - Karolina McNally

5A - Lyla Whittall & Ethan Wagstaff

6McK - Heidi Reid, Leo Heseltine & Mckenzie

James

6B - Harrison Hayton-Ivison & Skye Jackson



100% attendance

Well Done to all our children who managed 100% half term attendance - not an easy task during the flu & cold season! They were awarded with a certificate, sticker and 5 merits.

100% Half Term Attendance Awards



ParentMail



Keep in touch with us!

Download our parentmail app. Follow us on our school's Facebook page and Twitter account. Listed below is each class' twitter account to see what's happening in school. Just click 'Following' when you first log in.

Mrs McParland/ Mrs Hall (3MH) - @mmcdatswjs

Mrs Hall/ Mrs Atkinson (3HA) - @fhaswjs

Mr Edwards (4E) - @redswjs

Mr Wilson (4W) - @twiswjs

Mrs McIntyre (5McI) - @pmcswjs

Mrs Anderson (5A) - @fanswjs

Mrs McKellar (6McK) - @nmcswjs

Mrs Banks (6B) - @mbaswjs

Whole School - @swalneyj