



Monday 3rd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and we are getting fully involved in school. Children are taking part in age appropriate activities each day which promote positive mental health; if you are able to join us for your child's Open Morning lesson this week you will also be able to join in. The theme of this year's event is 'Know yourself, grow yourself' which is about understanding our emotions, recognising them and expressing them. Each day of the week will have a different focus that supports positive wellbeing: Day 1 Be active and achieve a personal best; Day 2 Take notice: mindfulness; Day 3 Keep learning: try something new; Day 4 Give: leadership and kindness; Day 5 Connect and join. We look forward to seeing you in school this week for our Open Mornings.

Sporting Events

Y6 Netball: Last week we played in a Year 6 netball tournament against 6 other local schools. We played very well as a team, rotating our players and playing to everyone's strengths. We communicated well by listening and making good calls. Our movement was very strong as we dodged passed defenders to find the space. We ended up winning the competition undefeated and also scored the highest number of nets by any team in one game (14)! We would like to give a big thanks to the staff that took us, Mrs Sherriff, and the staff and pupils from Hartford High School who stayed behind school for our competition. Alistair, Dusty, Sophie, Ginnie, Emily, Salma, Evie, Sofia-Grace and Sophia

Safer Internet Day 11th February

Safer Internet Day is next week and children in all classes will focus on the importance of keeping themselves and others safe online, and what they should do if they ever feel that something is 'not right'. The link provides useful information from the NSPCC for parents and cares about keeping your child safe online and educating them to use the internet safely as they get older.

School staff have had conversations with children across Years 1 to 6 recently about unknown 'players' being present in their online games, and some of the children have spoken about how this made them feel worried and unsafe. If your child plays games online with their friends, please make sure you monitor their activity and ensure you know who they are talking to. [CEOP Education](#) has further good advice for parents and carers on supporting their children to use the internet safely. Please contact school if you are ever worried about your child and would like some support.

Dates for the Diary

More details will be sent out about all of the following:

- World Hearing Day: Monday 3rd March – learning and activities on the theme
- World Book Day: Thursday 6th March - themed Lunch, dressing up and reading events
- Science Week: Monday 10th March - activities and learning on the theme of 'Change and Adapt'
- Year 3 Burwardsley Residential: Wednesday 19th March to Friday 21st March
- Comic Relief: Friday 21st March - dressing up and fundraising
- Big Walk and Wheel: week beginning Monday 24th March - walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school
- Parents Evening: week beginning Monday 24th March
- Book Fair: Thursday 27th March to Wednesday 2nd April
- World Autism Awareness Day: Wednesday 2nd April – learning and activities on the theme

'Parentalk' - Parenting Workshops

Parentalk workshops are an informal, relaxed, confidential and supportive way to meet with other parents, to chat and share ideas. Sessions are led by Mrs Nicholas with a different focus each week. It does not matter if you have not attended the other sessions this half term, you are more than welcome to join Mrs Nicholas for some or all of the remaining meetings. Please just let us know if you would like to come so we make sure there are enough biscuits!

Wednesday 5 th February 1.30pm	Boundaries and Battles
Wednesday 12 th February 1.30pm	Parenting with Elastic
Wednesday 26 th February 1.30pm	Creating a Sense of Belonging

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week has been 96.4%, which is very good, and an improvement on this time last year (95.5%). Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance last week with 98.7%. The number of families booking term time holidays has reduced this year – thank you to everyone. If you are having any difficulties with attendance and punctuality, please contact school so we can make sure we take the supportive approach that will best suit you and your family. A child must attend school every day that they are required to do so unless an exceptional circumstance applies and holidays should not be taken in term time.

Is your child Eligible for Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium?

Some families who currently pay for their child's school meal may be entitled to receive free school meals. If your child is in Reception and Key Stage 1 they receive a 'universal' free school meal every day, but they may also be entitled to receive Pupil Premium funding. This is an amount of money paid to school for children in families who qualify for free school meals that we are able to put towards improving their education. If you think you might qualify for free school meals, even if your child receives the universal free school meal, please apply online using this link [Free School Meals](#).

Free Used WPPS&N Uniform and New Unbranded Uniform

We have plenty of spare uniform in school for any families who would like to access it. Please pop into the school office to make an enquiry or leave a message or email asking for Mrs Nicholas to give you a call back.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Harriott has started her maternity leave and we all wish her the very best. We're pleased to welcome Mrs Gatiss back to school and know that Year 3 will have a fantastic rest of the year.

PTA Events

Thank you for supporting our Jolly January event. This week is a new PTA event: Family Film Night – we are sure this will be great fun. Keep your eyes open for a flyer about the PTA treat sale at the end of next week.

INSET day - Monday 24th February

A friendly reminder that Monday 24th February is an INSET day and school is closed to the children. School reopens to the children after the half term break on Tuesday 25th February.

Your sincerely
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