

Good Morning

Thank you for all your help on Friday - we had only just had an evacuation drill on Wednesday so how bizarre for the alarms to go off. The children were amazing and although there was no fire we couldn't not silence the alarm to enable to children to be able to function on school. We had to wait for the company to come and find what had triggering it before we could reset it. Thankfully it was a sunny day. I know it is difficult but could families make sure we have someone on parentmail who will be able to pick up messages in an emergency.

## Clubs

These will be changing after half term - Paula in the office has already sent the information out so please respond quickly if your child would like to be considered for place and do not pay for it until you know a place has been secured.

## School Meals

The price of a school meal is increasing from 4th April to £2.20 for children (£11 a week). If anyone thinks their financial circumstances have changed and they may now be eligible for Free School Meals please contact the office.

## Staffing

We welcome Mrs McGeary back into school this week from her maternity leave. Our new caretaker, Simon Rewcastle starts today and we welcome him and hope he settles in quickly.

**Covid 19-** We have been very stretched with staffing over the last week so if things didn't run as smoothly as usual that is why. It is important for the school community to know that we are still getting covid cases into school and staff are still being affected by this. If your children has symptoms they need a PCR test. If your child has been a close contact it is 7 days of LFT and if your child tests positive on a LFT without symptoms they need to self isolate. I know it is inconvenient and disruptive for you at home but we are still managing the situation in school as best we can.

I have attached a flyer for walk in covid-19 vaccinations today at Woodhouse Close Church and Community Centre we have been asked to share.

## Extra learning support to catch up

Last week families with children identified as significantly behind in their **reading** were sent a leaflet about the importance of daily reading. Those children need to bring their reading books into school everyday. All other children should be returning their reading books on the designated

days. We still have some children not bringing books back into school and we need the books in school for other children to use.

### **Tutoring children**

We now have a member of staff to tutor identified children in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) for the rest of this year. You will be informed by Mrs Elmes if your child has been selected and when their sessions will be. Currently Mrs Quinn will be tutoring a group of children in Y5 in the afternoon and some Y6 children after school. If your child is selected it is vital that they do not lose time from school particularly by being late as some sessions are due to start as school starts.

### **Lateness**

We are having a real problem with children arriving after 9.00am for school. Every part of the school day is vital to support the children, every time a child is late it disrupts the class and means the teacher has to find time to go over what the child has missed. Could we urge you all to get the children to school no later than 9.00 am.

### **Curriculum in school this week**

We had some exciting visitors this week - An outdoor play area designer talked to Y3, 4 and 6 about his job and inspired them with ideas for a competition running by Raby Castle

Year 5 had a fitness day with a member of staff from Bishop Barrington

This week Y5 are attending a dance festival with other local schools

### **Safer internet Day**

Thank you Y6 for your fantastic assembly reminding us how to keep safe and behave responsibly on the internet. Below is a link to a theatre production that we bought for the children to watch to support this work. We have access to it until the end of February if it is of any help at home. There are 5 attachments to support helping your child / family use the internet, games, devices etc safely. Remember the NSPCC has amazing resources for this too.

#### **•Safer Internet Day**

These are the messages from Y6 to keep safe on the internet:

- Enjoy all the amazing things there are to do online!
- Always being kind and respectful to others online.
- Making safe choices.
- Remembering that it's okay to say no to people online.
- Always telling an adult if anyone or anything online makes you worried, upset or uncomfortable.
- Remember to behave online as you would face to face

#### **The theatre production:**

<https://www.theatre-online.com/watch-hope>

VIMEO: <https://vimeo.com/627218947>

**The unique Password for each: Feb128MG**

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

Last week we focused on reminding the children how they can look after their own mental health, recognise when they are struggling, how to ask for help and how to support others who are struggling. A while ago we sent out a leaflet we had produced that support adults and children make positive choices to keep and maintain good mental health. If anyone would like a copy again let us know. Below is an over view of what is on the leaflet.

•**Children's Mental Health Week- Growing together**

•Remember it helps when we are:

- \* Aware of things that are affecting our well being
- \* Building positive relationships
- \* Helping others
- \* Having time for ourselves
- \* Being physically active
- \* Knowing when to seek help or support
- \* Trying and learning new things

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### **Parking outside school**

It was very chaotic outside this morning with some unsafe leaving of cars on the dashed white lines. There were some near misses! Please keep school and all the children safe by only using the parking bays and not the road. There was also some unacceptable language heard that we have reported to the Police. I know the parking is very limited but we need to put safety first and at the moment we have a 15 minute drop off period of time.

Attendance

Last week's class attendance was:

FS2 99%  
Year 195.9%  
Year 297%  
Year 398%  
Year 487% \*\* Covid cases  
Year 595%  
Year 692.4%  
total 94.7%

We break up for half term on Friday and return on Monday 28th February

Let's all hope for a quiet and uneventful week!

M Mackenzie and all the staff

Attachments

[1\) Learn more and get involved Safer Internet Day 2022 \(1\).pdf](#)

[4\) Family Online Safety Plan \(1\).pdf](#)

[Bishop Auckland COVID Vaccs clinic flyer.pdf](#)

[3\) Family Activities \(1\).pdf](#)

[5\) Organisations and Resources for Parents and Carers \(1\).pdf](#)