

Parking

We have recently received complaints from local residents regarding parking and traffic congestion on Stoney Wood Drive at pick up and drop off times. We have had reports that this has resulted in some near misses with cars and pedestrians. As I'm sure you can appreciate, the safety of our pupils and members of the public are a high priority for us. As a school we are in the fortunate position of having a car park for parents and a flexible drop-off and collection period. We would strongly encourage you to use the car park or walk where you can to minimise traffic around the school site. Please also be mindful to avoid using residents driveways as turning points. Thank you for your cooperation.

Big Energy Saving Week

This week is Big Energy Saving Week. This is a national campaign with the aim to help and encourage people to save energy. In school, children will be talking about, and looking for ways, to use less energy around school and will learn about the impact this can have.

We are also encouraging children to think about how they can save energy at home. Why not see how much energy you can save over the week and your child could share some of their tips with their class.



Library Books

Last year, we restocked our fantastic school library with an increased range of both fiction and non-fiction texts. At the moment the shelves are looking a little sparse. Tomorrow, class teachers will be handing out letters from our online library system identifying any library books that our records show have not been returned. When you receive this letter, please can you check at home for this/ these titles to return to school. If you believe you have already returned the book/ books or can no longer find it, please speak to your child's class teacher so we can update our library records.

Forest Schools

On Wednesday, Reception will be taking part in an educational forest school lesson led by our forest school leader, Chris. Please ensure children wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and bring a waterproof coat. We also ask that any long hair is tied back for this session.

CAMHS Workshops for Parents

Please see the attached flyer for details of upcoming virtual workshops for parents which are being delivered by CAMHS.



Newsletter

Monday 15th January 2024

Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week for last week are:

Nursery: Shakthi Class 1: Nicholas Class 2: Sua
Class 3: Ethan Class 4: Eve Class 5: Alisha
Class 6: Ariana Class 7: Edward Class 8: Christopher
Class 9: Archie Class 10: Ben
Class 11: Zach Class 12: Travis Class 13: Ella
Class 14: Malachi Whole School Award: Naia (Class 9)



Helmets

It's lovely to see so many children coming to school on bikes and scooters. As a cold spell is forecast over the next few weeks please remember to take care on the approach to school. It's also a great opportunity to remind children of the importance of wearing helmets, as we know they can sometimes be reluctant to put one on.

Year 6 - Dance City Workshop

On Wednesday 24th January, Dance City, who are a well known North East dance development organisation, will be in school leading a contemporary dance workshop for Year 6 children. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school on this day.

If children enjoy the workshop and would like to get more involved in dance, there is a link to Dance City's website below.

<https://www.dancecity.co.uk/>

Early Years Stay and Play Sessions

We look forward to welcoming parents/ carers of children in Nursery and Reception to our stay and play sessions next week:

Monday 22nd January- 2.15-3.15pm

Thursday 25th January- 9.15-10.15am

This will be an opportunity for you or another family member to come into school, see the provision and engage in activities alongside your child. Any child who doesn't have an adult from home attending will take part in other fun activities with staff members. If you haven't already booked your place, please do so via SchoolCloud or speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 1—Year 6 Book Look Open Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers of Year 1 to Year 6 children into school to look at their child's books next Monday (22nd January).

Books will be available to view in Year 1-6 classrooms any time between 3.30pm and 5pm. To give you enough time to look at your child's books, we would appreciate it if you could arrive at school by 4.45pm at the latest.

*In order to allow this event to take place, **all after-school clubs will be cancelled on 22nd January**; however, Tea Club will still be available in the hall.*