



NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

Upper Key Stage 2 have been discussing online safety and etiquette online in class this week. It's worth remembering that we teach our children how to do everything as they grow up – from writing and reading, to displaying nice manners and riding a bike. But, how much time do we spend teaching them how to interact with others online?

Social media platforms are avenues children will soon be exploring. Therefore, we are regularly discussing the pros and cons of social media as well as how to stay safe online. Please find time to discuss your child's views and reiterate the importance of behaving kindly and appropriately not only face to face, but online too. In addition to this, even though these platforms are aimed at older children, we are aware some children have accounts on them. Therefore, each newsletter this term we will be attaching some online guidance and advice for parents, so that you can make informed decisions about the use of social media.

A gentle reminder that children need to be ready to enter school at 8:50am. Unfortunately, some children are arriving in school 5-10 minutes late and this can have detrimental effects on a child missing out on important morning instructions from staff, as well as missing learning time. Just 5 minutes late each day can equate to nearly 16 hours of school missed over the course of the year!

Kind regards
Joe Santy
Head of School

From the Play Leaders...

We have started our work as Play Leaders this week. At break and lunch time we get out equipment for all children to play with. We have been trained to use the equipment with younger children and we are supporting them to join in sporting games. Everyone has had lots of fun using the balls, bean bags, hoops and skipping ropes.



Well done to our Head of Kitchen!

Sam Chapman achieved another 5-star rating, for food hygiene, from the Food Standards Agency this week.

Piper's Vale

Letters went out to all pupils this week regarding our visits to Piper's Vale this month. Please pay close attention to the different dates that each class will be attending. Coaches will be leaving the school promptly.

Diary Dates

21 January – Y3&4 visit Piper's Vale
25 January – Y1&2 visit Piper's Vale
28 January – Y5&6 visit Piper's Vale
18 February – Last day of half term
28 February – Staff PD Day
1 March – Children return
2 March – Bags to School
15 March – Parents' Evening
16 March – Parents' Evening
8 April – Break-A-Rule-Day
8 April – Last day of term

Menu change next Thursday

Hot dogs (veggie sausages available), chips, coleslaw – dessert mini doughnuts with chocolate dipping sauce. Sorry no packed lunches available on this day.

School Uniform

We will be placing a school uniform order at the end of January if you have any requirements please see attached order form and return to school by 28/01/22