



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear parents and carers,

The children have had a brilliant time at Piper's Vale over the last week and each class has had the opportunity to hone their gymnastics skills. It was evident to see the teamwork, co-operation and a 'never give-up' attitude on show from the children. Each class represented the school superbly. A big thank you to all the staff involved in organising these trips.

Please remember our expectations for school PE kit. For PE, the children need to have a royal blue t-shirt, blue shorts, a change of socks and trainers. If you have any difficulties with this important part of school uniform, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Joe Santy

Head of School

## GDPR and the DfE

For your information, the DfE is changing the way it collects statutory data on pupil absence. The school have a duty to provide the Department for Education (DfE) with the requested data and the DfE need to have a legal basis by which to carry out their task (which they do – as a Public Task <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-data-protection/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/lawful-basis-for-processing/#what> ).

The DfE aim to trial collecting real time data including pupils' names, addresses and dates of birth in order to see whether daily attendance data can help the government understand and manage sector wide trends.

## Big Garden Birdwatch



Do you have a spare hour this weekend? If so, try and take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. It's easy to complete, simply spend an hour looking out of your window and ticking off the birds you see. Then, log on to [www.rspb.co.uk](http://www.rspb.co.uk) to input your results!

## Internet Safety

Please spend some time looking at this week's online safety advice for parents and carers. A guide to YouTube will be attached to this email.

## Water Bottles

Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school each day. The children will be able to fill it up at various points in the day.

## Piper's Vale



## Diary Dates

7 February – Safer Internet Week  
18 February – Break – a – rule day  
18 February – Last day of half term  
28 February – Staff PD Day  
1 March – Children return  
1 March – Creative Week in school  
2 March – Bags 2 School collection  
3 March – World Book Day  
15 March – Parents' Evening  
16 March – Parents' Evening  
8 April – Last day of term

## Competition Time!



Earlier this week, the Road Safety Officers held an assembly about a competition open to all children. The task is to design a poster showing the importance of following the Green Cross Code. Any children that would like to enter should bring their poster entries into school by 1<sup>st</sup> March. There will be prizes given to the top 3 designs!