# **Newsletter Friday 8th February 2019**

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This week, children across the country were encouraged to think how to be safe online. We marked this by having it as our assembly focus and activities in the classroom to help remind children of how to keep safe on-line and to always ask for permission when sharing information. We were also very lucky to be visited by the School Council from The Friary School, including past pupils, who delivered an E-Safety Tips leaflet that they made. You will have received this during the week. Thank you to Mr Drury and pupils of The Friary School.

You may have heard in the news this week, the UKs four chief medical officers' advice about screen time. They have said that 'children should take a break from screen-based activities every two hours'. Other guidance for parents and carers includes:

- not using phones and mobile devices at the dinner table - talking as a family is very important for development
- keeping screens out of the bedroom at bedtime
- talking as a family about keeping safe online and about cyber-bulling and what children should do if they are worried
- not using phones when crossing a road or doing any other activity that requires a person's full attention
- making sure children take a break from screens every two hours by getting up and being active
- policing their own use too parents should give their children proper attention and quality family time and never assume they are happy for pictures to be shared.



## What's on next week

# Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February:

- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm
- NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for parents and carers 2.00pm or 6.00pm

# Tuesday 12th February:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm

# Wednesday 13th February:

- Violin and Keyboard Lessons
- Accelerated Reader Parent/Carer Meetings
   9am and 2.15pm
- Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm

# Thursday 14th February:

- Drum Lessons
- KS1 Multi Skills 3.20-4.20pm

# Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Last day of term



### Years 1 & 2

This week in maths, Year 1 have been learning how to read, order and compare numbers to 50 and to say which is greater or smaller. Year 2 have been working on telling the time to the quarter hour (quarter to and past).

KS1 have been making changes to the story 'The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse' by creating new characters and events in English.

We are beginning to recreate Pudding Lane for the great fire of London in our theme lessons.

A great big thank you to all parents and carers who make sure their children bring their school equipment every day. Please make sure your child:

- has a PE kit in school for PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays
- bring their book bag book every day, especially Fridays when it is changed
- bring completed homework by Tuesday
- bring spelling homework books on Mondays

### Years 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 have been extra busy this week writing persuasively.

We started by having a debate on the benefits of school uniform and whether we think it should be worn.

We have learnt how to use persuasive features of text e.g. rhetorical questions, emotive and personal language as well as conjunctions like therefore and however.

Next week we shall choose a topical or contentious issue to debate and the children will use their skills to write their own persuasive letter.

In maths we have completed our latest arithmetic assessment and the children have worked very hard to make good progress.

PE has seen us get extra puffed out as we continue fitness training and problem solving. This has been really enjoyed by all as teamwork comes to the fore.

### Years 5 & 6

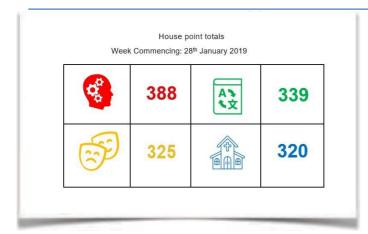
Years 5 & 6 have continued with their blood heart theme this week and have written up their exercise investigation that they completed at home. They have also had discussions about recommended sugar intake and completed a running circuit during PE.

Years 5 and 6 learnt how to spot the signs of a heart attack and what they should do in an emergency situation like this. Petty Officer (PO) Chapman, of Tamworth Sea Cadets brought in a CPR device to demonstrate this to the children and some of us were able to practise our chest compressions and rescue breaths. We really enjoyed having this special visit, but more importantly have learned valuable skills.





# ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL Week Commencing: 28th January 2019 Whole School Attendance: 95% Year Group: Percentage Attendance: Reception 99% Year 1 96% Year 2 93% Year 3 98% Year 4 93% Year 5 96% 92% Year 6



# E-Safety Trip

Last Friday morning (1 February), our Year 6 house captains, along with myself and Mrs Grainger, were fortunate enough to be invited along to Birchwood Primary School for a morning of online safety activities. This was in aid of Safer Internet Day 2019. They were introduced to now>press>play, a resource used to enable children to 'experience' a variety of situations. The children participated first of all in a bullying experience, where they walked through the story step by step, and then an online safety experience. Each activity encouraged the children to really think about their role in the story and empathise with each character. As well as trying out the technology the children evaluated it as a learning style - they were impressed.

Miss Robinson



# E-Safety Tips

We had a visit from Mr Drury and some of the Friary School students who came in to deliver their E-Safety Tips leaflets they have designed. These have been sent home with children this week, thank you to the Friary for taking the time to bring them in.





# Message from the Governing Body

Governors have recently enjoyed a presentation from Mrs Cadman to share the school's plans for the support and development of Pupil Premium (PP) children and also previously from Mrs Bishop to explain the teaching of mathematics across the school. We challenge the school in all areas by confirming each child is nurtured to achieve their best and we support the school's constant efforts in achieving this.

In the meetings to come, we will have a focus on reading and finances. We have individual focus areas including safeguarding, science, Special Educational Needs (SEN), writing and sports. Throughout the year, we therefore aim to have had an opportunity to discuss numerous areas of the curriculum, the breadth of opportunities for the children and the management of the school.

Thank you for your support of the governing body and the school staff. Should you be interested in supporting the school further, please do come to the school office. We should be proud of our school and the part that we can all play in making it a friendly and stimulating learning environment for our children.

Warmest good wishes, Iona Chisholm Chair of the Governing Body

## **Netball Tournament**

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who attended the Netball Tournament this week at Chase Terrace Technology College. They all played brilliantly, especially considering most of them had never played using 'High 5' rules! Thank you to the parents/carers for transporting children to the tournament and braving the cold to support them. The team included: Macey, Sophie, Sean, Hannah and Elysha.



**Christmas Jumper Day** 

Thank you for your support raising £82 for Save the Children.

## **Teacher Interviews**

School Council have been interviewing teachers. Our first interview is with Mrs Cadman who was interviewed by Matthew:



- 1. What inspired you to become a teacher?
- I like working with children who find things a little tricky.
- 2. What did you do before you became a teacher?

I was a peripatetic flute tutor in North Yorkshire and before that worked in a Motorway service station serving tea and coffee.

- 3. Why do you enjoy teaching?
- I think it's different every day and its lovely to see children succeed and develop their skills
- 4. What is your favourite subject to teach? Why?

Art or music because it shows off campletely different skills to maths and English.

- 5. What house team are you in?
- Staff aren't in a house team so it is fair when we award house points no bias!
- 6. What are your favourite hobbies?
- I like playing flute and piano as well as long distance swimming when I have the time.
- 7. What sort of music do you like?
- I like film music really I like playing it.
- 8. If you had a super power, what would it be? Why?
- I would like to fly so that I can get to work quicker and travel to loads of different places without going on a plane.
- 9. If you were head teacher, what would you do to make the school even better?

I would love to have more technology if it weren't so expensive to help prepare children for the future world they will live in.

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## Nether Stowe School Visit Year 4

Year 4 were treated to two special lessons (English & maths) by teachers from Nether Stowe School. We are keen to develop links with both high schools and thank them for their visit this week. The children enjoyed their sessions and are keen for them to visit again.

#### **SCHOOL EVENTS 2019**

#### **FEBRUARY**

12<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 13<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Half Term

#### MARCH

7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day Disco EYFS & KS1 - 5-6pm

KS2 - 6.30-8pm

15<sup>th</sup> Red Nose Day – non-school uniform

#### APRIL

11<sup>th</sup> Early Years Easter Service 9.15am

12<sup>th</sup> Easter Services for KS2 – 9.30am
Easter Services for KS1 – 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

#### MAY

2<sup>nd</sup> Polling Day 6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATS Tests

21st KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

### JUNE

12th Chadsmead's Got Talent

 $18^{th}-19^{th} \qquad \text{Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Day}$ 

21st Inset Day

### JULY

 8th
 KS2 Sports Day

 9th
 KS1 Sports Day

 15th
 Year 6 Prom (tbc)

19th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

