

Reminders: EYFS/KS1 Milk forms due back/ World Book Day 1st March 2018

9th February 2018

Letters: Parents Evening Bookings 6th & 7th March/Year 5&6 Archery Tournament/Year 5&6 E-safety Survey

What's on next week							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
	3.30pm Whitemoor Lakes Meeting for Year 5 parents/carers	4.00pm Archery Tournament	KS2 Boys Football Tournament Year 5 Swimming	Last day of half term			

Message from Mrs Grainger

It has been a busy few days; last week (Friday) we celebrated Number Day. Thank you to those who made donations to the school. The money raised (£230) will contribute to new resources as we undertake a new Mathematics Mastery approach - specific details will follow in the summer term.

This week we have focussed on E-Safety. Hopefully your children have talked to you about this at home. Every class have focussed on an age appropriate theme of on-line safety and during my walks around school I have been heartened with the children's knowledge. I also undertook a sample survey with children in years 4, 5 and 6 (results after half term), which are likely to instigate topics of conversation at home as well as school. It might not surprise you, that of the 50 children interviewed, over 75% of them considered themselves to be more knowledgeable about the internet than their parents/carers!

On Tuesday evening we held an on-line safety workshop for parents and carers thank you to those that attended. All considered the event to be very informative and we have included the handout on our website. If you are interested in attending a session, please contact the office stating the best time of day to attend. If sufficient interest, we would consider holding another event. In my role, I attend on-line training regularly, but it is as a parent I learn most. As my children get older the dangers get different and each time I take away something new to discuss at home with my family.

Wednesday evening saw our Rainbow Disco. Thank you to all that helped make the night a success. The PTFA are always looking for help and support and are already planning the Summer Fair!

Advance notice: World Book Day Thursday 1 March 2018. Children and staff can dress up as their favourite book character.

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher







The children in Year 5 were investigating numbers using millions sweets!



Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

What a fantastic week Early Years have had learning all about how to stay safe when using technology. We have helped Smartie the penguin make the right decisions when using his tablet by singing a song to him. We have made our own Smartie the penguin masks and made posters to explain what we should if there was a problem when using our tablets. The children have had lots of fun learning all about E-safety.

Year 1 & 2

In Year 1 & 2 the children enjoyed learning how to be safe on the internet during our E-Safety days. The children learnt the difference between good and bad strangers, role played and wrote a story about how to be safe. In Maths we are focusing on subtracting using number lines in Year 1 and beginning to use columns in Year 2. We are exploring punctuation such as adjectives in Year 1 and subordinating clauses in Year 2 which we will incorporated within our leaflets in our English lessons.

Year 3 & 4

We've had a great week learning all about staying safe on-line.

Children have had some really grown up discussion about internet safety and produced some high quality work as a result.

Their knowledge on E-Safety is up to date and they can articulate this if you ask them!

We had a lovely number day last Friday with lots of problem solving, number games and measuring activities.

Today we have shown how well behaved and keen to learn we are, to observers from our Trust.

App of the week

BUSY THINGS

Another great problem solver app for younger children from busy things.



Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice.

Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.

Year 5

Last Friday Year 5 enjoyed 'Number day' and all got in the spirit with their costumes. They wrote raps for mathematical rules and carried out number investigations using 'millions' sweets. Yes, they got to eat some too!!

Monday and Tuesday were our E-safety days. Year 5 made E-safety board games and wrote poems about the rules for staying safe online.

In writing lessons, we are inventing our own "An Alien Encounter" narratives and in maths lessons we have been learning about adding and subtracting fractions.

Year 6

Year 6 have had a very enjoyable week: During Number Day we worked on coordinates, reflection and translation, as well as tackling a variety of problem solving activities.

We have then spent two days talking about internet safety, specifically the benefits and risks of social media. We have produced some very entertaining raps which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

