

Friday 20th April 2018

Dear all,

We have had a lovely first week back. It has been so nice to see the children out on the field playing games, cartwheeling and picking the daisies at lunch time!

CAP UK sessions

As you know, this week and next the children have been having sessions with CAP UK. These 3hr sessions help build the children's confidence, help them talk about keeping themselves safe and things to do if they are concerned. I believe these sessions are really important for the children and work best when they are followed up at home. After the sessions, please talk to your children about what they learnt – a letter will come back with them after the sessions. We have asked for £3.50 which goes towards the cost of CAP UK coming in, the school subsidises the rest. So far, unfortunately, we have had very little money in. Without parental support we will not be able to run events like this again so please pay the £3.50 on ParentPay if you can. Many thanks.

E-Safety

The next edition of the Ditto e-safety magazine is out and on our website. It contains lots of useful information about data privacy, why children take risks online, the game Fortnite and skin gambling, as well as lots of general advice for parents concerning their child's online safety. There is also a Ditto Junior section for the children to read.

St Joseph's Bake Off!

At the end of last term George (Yr 6) wrote me a letter saying he had an idea for something he would like school to do. We discussed it, worked together, and so next Thursday 26th April, we will be hosting a Bake Off! Children (and parents) are asked to bake something with a Spring theme; it can be savoury or sweet. Please then bring your bake into school on Thursday morning. The bakes will then be judged and there maybe prizes! After school the bakes will then be on sale in the playground with all the proceeds going to Stand Up to Cancer.

Parent helper

We have some wonderful parent helpers who come in and read with the children and help in classes. If there is anyone who could spare an hour or two a week to come in and help tidy our library we would be very grateful. The children and teachers do a great job putting books back but we could really do with someone who could help us to keep on top of ensuring the books are back in the correct place and tidy. If you would be able to help us please see either myself or Mrs Jukes.

Uniform sale

Next Friday 27th April there will be a uniform sale in the hall at 3.30pm. Everything is 50p or £1; all money goes towards the PTA.

Chat health launched in Devon

This week we sent everyone an email from Virgincare about the launch of a new health care line. Parents/carers can now access health advice via a Health Visitor or School Nurse by text, 9-5, Monday - Friday. The number is 07520 631721. It is a confidential advice service.

Diary dates for the term have been sent home today and are on the website. More dates will be added as we get them so please keep reading notices sent home.

Best wishes & thanks for your continued support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

Headteacher's Awards: Cherry - Halley, Emmie, Willow – Charlie S, Maple - Hannah, Scarlett, Maddison, Felix, Freddy, Louis, Billy, Beech – Poppy

Gold Award: Rowan - Niamh

Silver Award: Sycamore - Bella C, Willow – Ralph

Bronze Award: Rowan – Alicia B, Willow - Charlie A, Beau, Maple - Evan

Star of the week: Oak - Skylar, Sycamore - Ella, Rowan – Alicia B, Cherry - Halley, Willow - Ralph, Maple - Archie, Beech - Alex

Breakfast Club Star of the Week: Fraser