

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children in KS2 really enjoyed the workshops run by CAP UK (Child Assault Prevention) this week. The workshops took a fresh approach to assault prevention, aiming to reduce fear by focusing on what children can do, rather than on what they can't. The workshops were designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem. The children learnt through drama and discussion with trained facilitators, about their rights to safety, strength and freedom. They encouraged them to be proud of these rights and to respect the rights of others. Through the workshops they learnt that they have the ability to protect themselves in unsafe situations.

**Government guidance**

As we approach the next stage of the National Road Map, we have been issued updated guidance from the government on steps that schools should be taking. For Primary schools, there is to be no change to the way in which we operate and we are to maintain all the measures such as staggered starts, good hand hygiene, good ventilation and bubbles. Unfortunately, this means we are still unable to open up and invite parents in yet.

In the meantime, please support us all by ensuring that if your child has any symptoms of COVID that they get a PCR test not a Lateral Flow test.

**Food bank referrals**

We are able to make referrals to Exmouth food bank. If you are in a state of food poverty (that is having minimal food and insufficient means to buy adequate food in the immediate term) or are at imminent risk of being in that situation please let me know. The food bank is available and can provide weekly parcels to families.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

Next Thursday is a mufti day in school to raise funds for the PTA, there is a suggested £1 donation. Also, on Thursday Beech class will host a cake sale for the children at St Joseph's. They wish to raise funds towards their end of term celebration week. We would like to invite children to bring a donation and in return they will receive a yummy cake for break. The cakes will be kept in batches and go to classes so they are kept Covid secure. They will not be on sale in the playground. If you would like to send in any cakes to be sold that would be much appreciated (nothing containing nuts please). Thank you for your support. Year 6 Team.

**PE day**

Next Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May we have another PE day planned. A letter was emailed home earlier this week. Please make sure all children from Nursery to Year 6 come in wearing PE kit that day.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

**Diary dates:**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May** – Recycling workshops Rowan and Cedar Class

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 9am** – Bags2School collection

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May** – Victorian Day Sycamore Class

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Mufti Day to raise money for the PTA suggested £1 donation

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – Cake sale to raise money for Year 6 leaver events. See above

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May** – PE day. PE kits to be worn all day.

**Every Friday until half term** – Maple Class life saving swimming lessons

**28<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm** – Children break up for half term

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan Class – Harry, Jack, Sycamore Class – Brooke, Finley, Leo

**Platinum Awards:** Rowan Class - Seb

**Gold Awards:** Rowan Class – Chloe, Oto, Rowan, Poppy W, Cedar Class - Rosie

**Silver Awards:** Oak Class – Adam, Catriona, Joseph, Eleanor, Lily, Rowan Class - Jude, Harry, Cedar Class – Harry K, Harry Ha, Maple Class - Lewis

**Bronze Awards:** Oak Class – Molly, Millie, Maple Class – Brooke, Matilda, Edith, Beech Class – Maisy, Jack, Nicole

**Star of the week:** Oak Class – Lily, Rowan Class – Poppy W, Sycamore Class – Finley, Cedar Class – Lucy,

Maple Class – Phoebe, Beech Class – Jack