



Working together so that all may flourish
Head Teachers Letter
Friday 3rd March



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely week at school this week. Our World Book Day celebrations were a wonderful success. This year we chose a different dress-up theme, and the children came dressed as adjectives rather than book characters. This was to make the dressing up slightly easier from a parent point of view, but also to start to develop a conversation around language and different adjectives that the children might come across or indeed that they have not come across before. At school we had some fantastic conversations about the different words that the children had chosen. Thank you all for your efforts.

Parent Questionnaire

As you will have seen, earlier in the week I sent out the parent questionnaire to collect viewpoints from parents about the school journey and what things we are doing well and what we need to work on. As these responses come in I will be looking at what we can do to action them in the aim of school improvement. One of the areas that has come up is what children get the Values Champions awards for, and what they get house points for. The values champions awards are given to children who, during the week have shown one of our Christian values. This could be through showing perseverance when something is difficult or showing wisdom in dealing with a tricky situation.

Reasons for receiving house points is a longer list, as you can get house points for lot of things. I asked the Year Six children today to come up with a list and this is what they said; reading, helping, A.L.E.R.T, arms folded, good work, listening, good answers, contributing, teamwork, being a good role model, showing the school values, helping other people, good presentation, showing respect, tolerance, showing the British values, kindness, perseverance, courage, friendship, truthfulness, enthusiastic towards learning, good learning attitude, never giving up, maximum effort, overcoming obstacles, showing a growth mindset, improving, hard work, achieving our best. Using feedback, being supportive of others, encouraging, doing work well, supporting others, asking good questions. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it shows some of the learning behaviours that we are trying to promote through house points.

Attendance this week	97%
National Value	94.2%
Wiltshire Value	94.5%



A huge thank you to everyone who help the children with their dressing up choices for world book day. We have some fabulous conversations about the different adjectives that were chosen. We hope you enjoyed the Stay and Learn session.



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Change in Opening Times

Just a reminder about an upcoming change to our school day. At the moment we have a soft opening, where the children are able to come into school between 8:45 and 9:00, any child not in school by 9:00 being marked as late. After Easter, this will be changed to a hard opening time of 8:45. All of the children will need to be in school for the 8:45 start time to ensure that we meet with the government requirements.

Worship Focus

This week we have been looking at the importance of staying healthy. In whole school worship on Monday, we talked about which choices are good to make more often and what we should do less often in order to stay healthy. In class worship the children then started to talk about different things we can do to keep our minds healthy. I would encourage you to talk about the importance of having healthy bodies and healthy minds at home.

Staffing Changes

I am very sorry to have to tell you that we will be having two staffing changes at the end of this term. Mrs Greenway will be leaving us as she and her family are moving out of the area. Also, Mr Foyle will be moving to work at another school. We are very sorry to see both of them go but we wish them the best of luck for the future. We are currently advertising for Mrs Greenways position. I am pleased to inform you, Mr Williams who has done some supply work with us in the past has been appointed as Foxes class teacher starting after Easter. He will be coming into school at different points over the next term to do some transition work with the children in Foxes so that he can get to know them and the school.

Thank you so much for your continued help and support, as we work together to enable all children at our school to flourish. If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Anderson

FAMILY HELP SURVEY

? Are you a parent or parent to be?
? Are you a young person who needs help and advice?
? Do you know how you can find out information on help available for you and your family?

We want to hear your views on family services and how you'd best like to access them. Please take this short survey and help us shape services for the future.

Web link:
survey.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=167422754798

Wiltshire Council

THANK YOU to everyone who took part in our Read for Good Readathon in November: you were amazing! We raised a staggering

£344.60

**Read
for
Good**

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true, or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

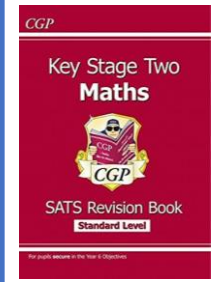
Devices from the 'internet of things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. These are quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to all the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win. Being online is not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.



SATs Revision: This week the children have done a set of mock SATs papers. I have been pleased with the maturity that they have shown as they approached the tests this time round. As revision I would like to encourage the children to think about what they found difficult, look it up, and revise that area.

If you are not currently receiving Free School Meals, please see the criteria to check whether you may be eligible to apply. Free School Meals are available to eligible children that attend school within Wiltshire on a fulltime basis. This includes Nursery children of compulsory school age who attend school full-time.

If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals please see the application form on the Wiltshire Council Website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

SEND Fact of the Week

Did you know?
Only 4% of the population have dyscalculia however, 1 in 4 people struggle with maths.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



Source: www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/top-tips-for-staying-secure-online/three-random-word | <https://haveibeenpwned.com>

This week I have been speaking to some of the older children about the importance of being kind online. We have talked about how saying something online is the same as saying something to someone in person and the same rules apply. I would encourage you all to look at cyber resilience at home to ensure that we all stay safe online.



March dates for your diary:

Monday 6th March- Paralympic Athlete visit

Friday 17th March- Red Nose day

Week beginning 21st March- Scholastic book fair

Friday 24th March- Otters Class cake sale

Friday 24th March- Easter Disco

Friday 31st March- Easter experience at the church

Friday 31st March- Last day of term

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every student, every day



This week Otters and Badgers have the highest attendance with 100%. Remember that we are aiming for everyone to have 95% attendance or higher across the school year

House Points



Mars: 67 points

Jupiter: 57
points

Mercury: 41
points

This weeks
winners are
Mars!

Values Champions

Henry Beck – being an amazing maths superhero this week, ordering and exploring bigger numbers and making pairs! Well done.

Rosa Bennett – Making wonderful rainforest music and dance this week. Well done.

Dylan - Dylan has had a brilliant first week back at school. He has tried really hard in his lessons.

Nancie - Nancie has had a superb attitude towards her learning this week and tried really hard to improve her handwriting.

Kyle - for demonstrating courage and perseverance in his maths work this week - especially when dealing with decimals.

Mia - for demonstrating wisdom and perseverance in her maths work this week - especially when converting fractions to decimals.

Birthdays



Happy Birthday to Pippa, Millie, Owen