

6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to all our families and children. It has been lovely to see the children this week and we are proud to say that they have all come back ready and keen to learn.

Pre School Stay and Play

Every Friday 9-10 this half term Mrs Burgin will be running her successful 'Pre School Stay and Play' sessions for parents and children aged 2-4. There will be singing, crafting and story time in each session. We would love to see as many parents and children as possible joining us.

Anxiety Parent Workshops and Unique Ways

As a school we are keen to support the children's mental wellbeing as well as their academic progress. On the 11th January Michael Barrows from the 'Mentally Healthy Schools Team' will be delivering a workshop for parents around anxiety in children. The aims of the session will be to discuss in more detail what anxiety is, the difference between anxiety and worry, how to identify anxiety in your child and ways to support them with this. He will be running two sessions on the 11th January one at 1.30-3pm and another 3.15-4.45pm. We will also have the charity 'Unique Ways' in school on the 12th January at 9:30, they are a charity who provide a broad range of services for parents/carers, from training courses to social events, focus groups and discounts on family days out! They will be in school to discuss the support they can offer. We would love to see as many parents as possible at these events.

TT Rockstars

All KS2 children have an account with TT Rockstars. We are incredibly lucky to have this fantastic tool to support the children with learning their timetables and developing their rapid recall of these facts. A clever algorithm within the programme identifies the times table facts that the children are struggling with and focuses on helping them to practise and improve. Times table knowledge is incredibly important as these facts underpin so much of the children's maths learning. We would like your support to encourage your child/children to be accessing TT Rockstars at least 3 times a week at home as part of their weekly homework.

Walking to school

Please may we remind all parents/ carers that all children should be accompanied by an adult on the playground in the morning until 8:50 when the school bell rings. Only Y6 children may walk to school on their own providing we have a parental consent form filled in for them to do this.

Christmas funds raised

A big thank you to all the parents who bought tickets for the Christmas Cracker and Nativity performances.

We raised a total of £220 which will be split between Bethesda's church and Action for Children.

Warm wishes, Mrs Akroyd, Vice Principal and Miss Horsfall, Principal

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