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Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 4 - Friday 28th September 2018



Thought for the Week

Get into the habit of practicing random acts of kindness. This teaches our children to be happy with what we have as well as encouraging our family to notice when others are in need

Has your child shown any 'random acts of kindness' lately? Please let me know so we can celebrate their kindness!



Sponsored Fitness Trail



Please don't forget that next week (w/c 1st October) we will be running our annual Sponsored Fitness Trail. This has been a really successful fundraiser over the past three years and this year we are hoping to use the monies raised to put towards our annual Christmas Theatre trip (more details of which will follow later) Please return your child's sponsor form, along with the monies collected to school AFTER the event. Please return it to school by Friday 12th October. Many thanks for your support in this.

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The Daily Mile



PARENTS AND CARERS

The Daily Mile is a fully-inclusive, free and simple initiative which improves the physical and mental health of children. It's a social activity where the children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day and it improves focus in the classroom.

Read on below ☺



We started this on Tuesday and it's been great fun. Straight after lunch-time has finished the children run, jog or walk for 15 minutes around the playground every day. It's really interesting spotting who perseveres and embraces the challenges and those who need just a little support but it's certainly getting those hearts beating a little faster every day!



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes or came along to our Macmillan Coffee morning today from 9.00am - 10.00am in the school hall. I am thrilled to say that I raised £47.00 at our consortium Headteacher's meeting on Wednesday by selling cakes I'd baked and today we raised a fantastic £138.50 making a GRAND TOTAL of £185.50 Thank you to everyone for your very generous support.



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School Council



Don't forget that the School Council are asking for donations for the Blue Cross pet charity. Firstly, choose which type of rescue animal you would like to make the shoebox for and then fill it with goodies! The boxes could even be decorated! Here are some ideas for what items to put in the shoebox:

Dog	Cat	Hamster/guinea pig/rabbit
squeaky toy tennis ball dog biscuit treats blanket or towel dog poop bags	cat biscuit treats cat toy scrunchie ball scratch mat cat grooming items	bedding (bought or shredded paper) root vegetables cardboard tubes wooden chew toy

We are asking for donations to be sent into school by Friday 5th October. A HUGE well done to Theo who was the first child to bring a box for a dog into school, well done Theo!



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New Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Surgery!

Mrs Howells (in her role as SEND co-ordinator) will now be running a half termly "SENCO Surgery". This is an opportunity for parents to discuss any worries or concerns that they may have about their child's academic, social, emotional needs in a confidential meeting with Mrs Howells who will offer advice and support tailored to meet the needs of each individual child.

Our first SEND surgery will take place on Tuesday 9th October between 1.15pm - 2.45pm . If you would like to make an appointment please contact Mrs Eling in the school office.



Parent Consultations



As you know, we are always looking to develop and improve our school practice and this year we are going to trial what many schools have been doing for a few years now. We are going to be offering ALL day appointments for our parent consultations, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm. This means that we are offering you a full 7 hour window to pop in and see your class teacher. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes and the focus for the autumn meeting will be all about how your child has settled in. There will be no books to explore as they have only been back in school for a few weeks now. The sign-up sheets will be put up on the following dates...

	Sign-up sheet available	Parent consultation day
Reception	Monday 24 th September	Wednesday 10 th October
Year 1	Monday 1 st October	Wednesday 17 th October
Year 2	Monday 8 th October	Wednesday 24 th October



Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Wednesday 3 rd October	Throughout the day	IEP reviews By invitation only
Friday 5 th October	Throughout the day	All 'Blue Cross' animal boxes to be donated by today please.
Wednesday 10 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Reception parent consultations

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Wednesday 17 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Year 1 parent consultations
Thursday 18 th October	Afternoon	Y2 Visit to a Mosque
Friday 19 th October	All day	Y1 visit to a farm
Wednesday 24 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Y2 parent consultations
Thursday 25 th October	2.00pm In school hall	Whole school Harvest Festival
Friday 26 th October	All day	Teacher training day
Monday 29 th October - Friday 2 nd November	All week	October half term
Monday 5 th November - Monday 10 th December (inc)	3.00pm - 4.00pm In Y2 classroom	15 x Y2 children Relax Kids Workshops
Wednesday 7 th November	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Parents Maths workshops
Friday 9 th November	2.00pm	Whole school Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 th November	Time tbc	Coleshill Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th November	All day	Children's individual and class photos taken
Friday 16 th November	All day	Children In Need Day
Monday 3 rd December	From today	Christmas Post Box opens for children's cards
Friday 7 th December	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 th December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 18 th December	From 1.00pm in the classrooms	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 th December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Morning and afternoon	Christmas trip to the theatre
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term	

Christmas holidays from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7th January

Children back in school - Tuesday 8th January

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately.

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Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'

Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification. It will be redistributed to all parents next week.

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved a FANTASTIC 97.8%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	96.7%	Y2 Barn Owls
JOINT SECOND PLACE	96.7%	YR Robins



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are kind and helpful, we don't hurt anybody's feelings'

Our Value for this half term is 'GENEROSITY'

Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Being Me in My World'

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We are learning to...

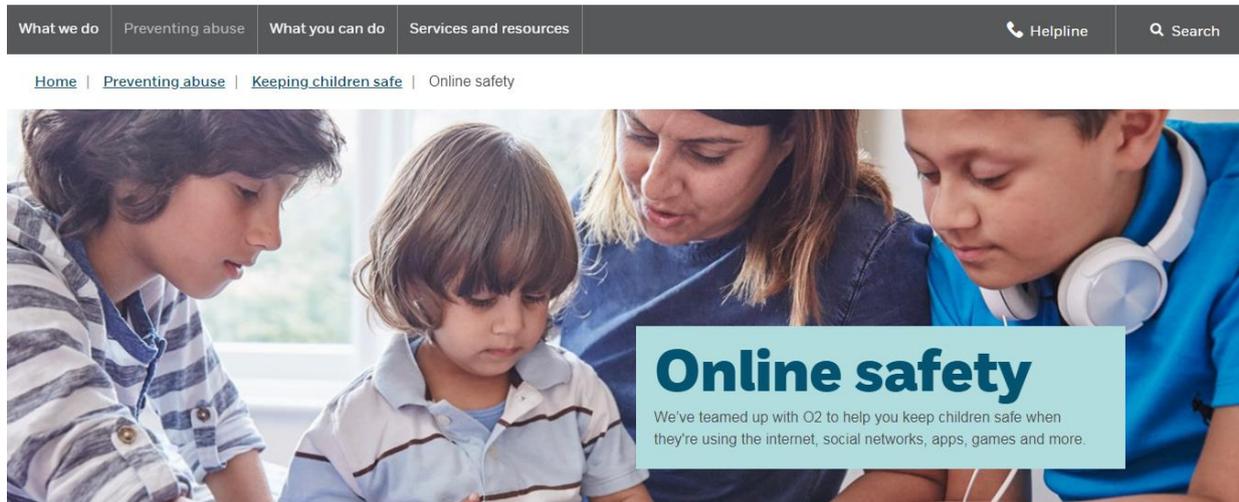
- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place
 - Think about everyone's right to learn
 - Care about other people's feelings
 - Work well with others
 - Choose to follow the Golden Rules

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,
Kindest regards

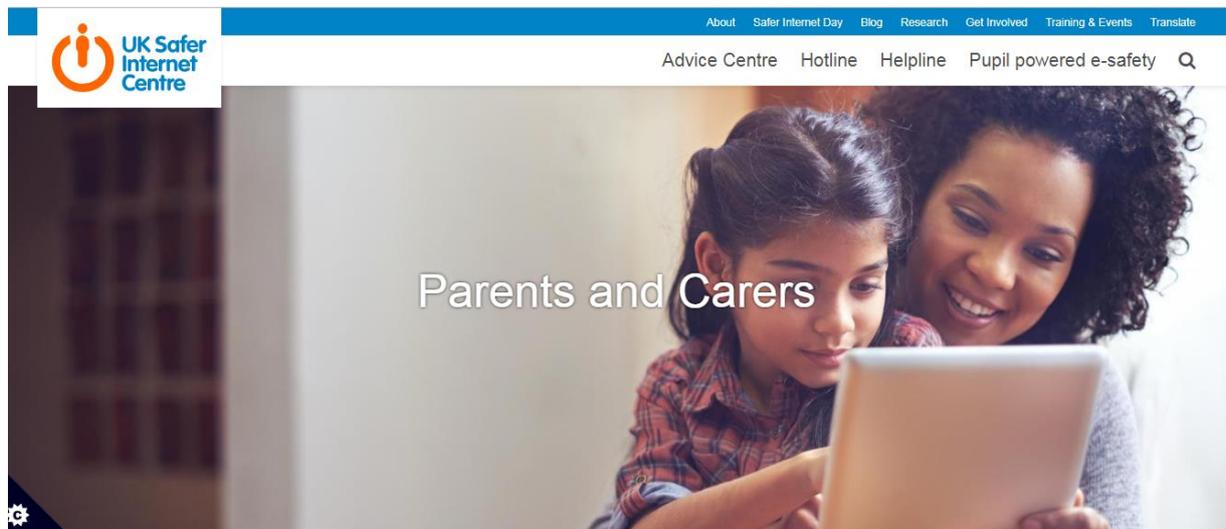
Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

[Find out more about how to keep your child safe on-line](#)



The screenshot shows a website header with navigation links: 'What we do', 'Preventing abuse', 'What you can do', 'Services and resources', 'Helpline', and 'Search'. Below the header is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home | Preventing abuse | Keeping children safe | Online safety'. The main banner features a photograph of a woman and three children looking at a tablet. A text box on the right of the banner reads: 'Online safety' followed by 'We've teamed up with O2 to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more.'



The screenshot shows the UK Safer Internet Centre website. The header includes the UK Safer Internet Centre logo and navigation links: 'About', 'Safer Internet Day', 'Blog', 'Research', 'Get Involved', 'Training & Events', and 'Translate'. Below the header is a secondary navigation bar with links: 'Advice Centre', 'Hotline', 'Helpline', 'Pupil powered e-safety', and a search icon. The main banner features a photograph of a woman and a child looking at a tablet. The text 'Parents and Carers' is overlaid on the image.

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