



Newsletter

Week 8

Monday 5th November 2018

Monday 29 th October	Music lessons: Ukulele and Brass After School: No Choir Parent's Evening 3.30-6.00pm Governor's Meeting at 6.30pm
Tuesday 30 th October	Music lessons: Keyboard and Woodwind After School: Football (Years 4, 5 and 6) Parent's Evening 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Wednesday 31 st October	Music lessons: Violin Year 6 Heights and Weights
Thursday 1 st November	School Photographer from 8.30pm Music lessons: Guitar After School: Football (Years 1, 2 and 3) and 'Beatlets' Samba Band (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)
Friday 2 nd November	Remembrance Service in Church from 10.30am

Parental Engagement

Parents Forum

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the forum on Wednesday. The next meeting is on Thursday 29th November. Both will start at 2.00pm. The new Ofsted report will be the focus of the meeting. Once the report has been published, I will inform all parents of where it can be found and I will open an online forum to allow parents to raise any concerns which will be answered through the meeting and a follow up report from school

Workshops for Parents

Thank you to the parents who attended the first workshop on Thursday about language acquisition. The next session is focussing on how to support your children with reading and writing. This will be on Thursday 6th December.

Supporting your child at home

The half term holiday is the perfect opportunity to spend some time with your children engaging in meaningful activities with your child around which meaningful conversations can be had.

School Photographs

Thursday 8th November

You are very welcome to bring **younger siblings** to have their photographs taken by the school photographer **from 8.30am onwards**. Please go to the hall, where the photographer will be waiting. All children have an individual photograph as well as family group photographs. You should be given a proof copies on the day for you to order if you wish.

Safeguarding of Children

Keeping children safe

The school website has an excellent link to 'Parent Zone' via the internet safety tab at the top of the page. This site contains lots of invaluable information on keeping your child safe, including bullying, online activity, self-esteem in addition to advice around the law.

Reporting Concerns

If you have any concerns about a child you can report it to school. The Designated Safeguard Lead is Mrs Williams and Miss Hobbs is the Deputy Designated Safeguard Lead.

Fortnite and Other online games

Many of the children have been playing this game for a while – however, it still continues to cause problems in school. The problems we regularly encounter are:

- Children acting out battle scenes (violent behaviour towards other)
- Children using the dances to mock other children, surround them and intimidating them
- Obsessive and over reactive behaviours from those that play Fortnite
- **Arguments in school caused by falling out at home online**
- An increase in poor language choices (copied from online gaming)

Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12 and although the violence is of a cartoon nature, the object of the game is to be the last one standing by using weapons to destroy the others. The game also exposes

the children to the racist, homophobic and abusive language used by others alongside extreme swearing.

We would like you to consider carefully the content that you allow your children to be exposed to – particularly content that allows children to chat to other people on line – even if it is people they know in person and monitor this carefully for appropriate use. Thank you.

British Values

On Friday 9th November at 10.30am, class 5 will be leading a Remembrance Service in Church. All members of the local community are invited to hear the names of the fallen commemorated on the memorial inside the Church as is customary. We will also be holding a minutes silence at 11.00am as part of the service.

The school have also organised an art installation for the church as part of our commemoration activities, which can be viewed.

OFSTED Report

I have now received and approved the draft copy of the letter from Ofsted. The letter should be available to view by the beginning of next week.