

28.09.20 Newsletter (sent via Teacher2Parents)

Dear Parents

Relationships Education and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE)

Please find attached important information about our refreshed PSHE curriculum which now includes the new Government programmes of study for Relationships Education.

You should find attached a letter explaining the changes and a document listing the key questions and topics to be covered in each year group.

More detailed information is available on the curriculum pages of the school website (a direct link can be found on the attached letter).

Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraising

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts for Macmillan on Friday. Despite having to run things very differently, we managed to raise over £500. This is a fantastic amount. Particular thanks go to Mrs Thorne, Mrs Whittaker and Year 5 for their hard work in organising the events.

Year 1 Resources to Support Learning

Mrs Grant would like to pass on her thanks to all those who have donated cars and small world toys to Year 1 over the last few weeks. People have been very generous. The classroom is now fully equipped in this area for many years to come !

Parents' Forum

Our attempts last year to establish a forum for parents to discuss school and curriculum issues with school leaders were frustrated first by practical matters and then by Covid-19. Given that most of us are now very familiar with Zoom style meetings, now would be a good time to try to get this started once again.

I would like to invite parents to put themselves forward to be one of two representatives in each year group. ***If you are interested, please text the school office by the end of the school day on Friday 2nd October.*** Initially the commitment would be to meeting, via Zoom, for one hour once every half term.

Once the group has been formed, I plan to schedule a Zoom meeting for early next week. One of the key issues we wish to explore is the experience families had of remote education during the lockdown period.

Digital Learning Platform

We are in the process of developing a digital learning platform using a one off government grant. Once set up, this will enable us to use Microsoft Education to provide a robust and responsive online offer to support homework, learning during pupil absence and remote teaching and learning in cases of self-isolation or local lockdown. We will keep you informed of developments.

Drop off and Pick up Times

Thank you to everyone who is showing patience and maintaining good social distance outside school in the mornings and afternoons. Although we have looked at trying to provide access for some classes to the rear of the school, we do not have the staff to be able to do so safely (as all teachers and support staff need to be in classes to receive children)

We would ask you therefore to please continue to:

- keep 2 metres from other parents and families
- use the one-way system to avoid over-crowding by the main gate
- not socialise outside school
- aim to arrive at school as near to your allotted time as possible

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

Peter Barfoot
Headteacher