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**Newsletter 15 – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Class News**

- Nursery - have been really excited to explore the primary colours and observe what new colours can be made as part of our 'How many colours in a rainbow?' theme!
- YR - had an AMAZING WOW day going on safari and creating our own African animal collages
- Y1 - loved our WOW day – it was such great fun!
- Y2 - really loved their WOW day and enjoyed dressing as superheroes
- Y3 - have had a wonderful WOW day to kick off their theme 'Heroes and Villains'
- Y4 - have loved using world maps to explore where tropical and temperate rainforests can be found
- Y5 - thoroughly enjoyed making trebuchets on their WOW day
- Y6 - loved their WOW day, making fossils and exploring the process of Natural Selection through our beak experiment

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back, I trust you all had a good break! The children have settled back into school seamlessly and have enjoyed starting their new themes with a WOW Day!

**Attendance:**

A gentle reminder that attendance in school is mandatory. The school is seeing an increase in absence due to holidays. This could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the local authority. Good attendance enables your child to not only succeed in school but also develops good habits for future life, employment and mental health.

**Parking & The Zone**

Please can I remind you that the zone is open every day from 3.05pm for you to wait with your child if you have KS2 siblings or simply want to chat. The school is unable to open the school site due to the need to ensure the safety of children actively engaged in learning on-site and KS2 are still working until 3.15pm. However, the zone provides a safe place to wait should you need to.

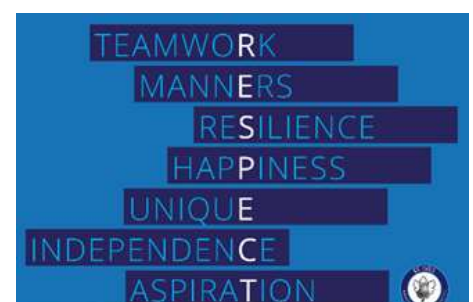
Extra vigilance in supervising your child walking or crossing the road particularly with the fading light at the moment is imperative. Year 5 & 6 children should all be encouraged to walk sensibly if walking/cycling home.

**Value of the week: Happiness**

We have enjoyed discussing new year resolutions during assembly and they were certainly very fresh in the children's mind returning so promptly after new year!

**Online Safety**

99% of current children will own a smartphone before they reach 18. With phones and other devices offering an increasing number of ways to pass the time, it can prove difficult for young people to set them aside. As a gateway to messaging services, games, television, music and more, digital devices can become almost indispensable items in a young person's life.



Studies have shown, however, that managing a child’s screen time can have positive impacts on their cognitive development. This week, the guide provides you with some simple but effective tips to help you bring your family’s screen time down to a healthier level, while suggesting alternative activities that are far less reliant on technology.

**PE Days**

- YR – Tuesday & Friday
- Y1 – Tuesday & Friday
- Y2 – Tuesday & Friday
- Y3 – Thursday & Friday
- Y4 – Thursday & Friday
- Y5 – Monday & Thursday
- Y6 – Monday & Thursday

**Dates for Diary**

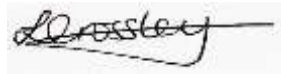
**January**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Primary Stars Football tournament
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y1 Library visit
- 16<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Primary Stars Football tournament  
Y5/6 Swimming Gala
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y3 Library visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Football Shield event
- 24<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Bee Netball tournament

**February**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Y2 Dodgeball event
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half term holiday

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley  
Headteacher

