



Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Families,

Bullying or Banter?



In our in-class assembly on Monday we looked at the meaning of the words 'bullying' and 'banter'. Bullying is repeated negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe. Banter is the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks. The person on the receiving end should be in on the joke. Sadly, what can sometimes start as banter quickly turns into bullying when the person involved no longer feels they are in on the joke. We reminded the children that being made to feel unhappy in school is not okay, and that it is important to speak to a trusted adult or one of our Anti-bullying Ambassadors.

Year 6 SATs

I'd like to congratulate our Year 6 students for showing us their best this week while completing their Statutory Assessments. We asked them to do their best and that is what we saw from them each day. Thank you to the Year 6 team for giving the children breakfast each day, and to staff from across the school for supporting the children to ensure they felt calm and ready.

#Woodfest - Diversity!



Please remember to save the date - Friday 5th July 2024. This is our annual Summer festival where we come together as a community and watch the children perform with their classes/year group.

Attendance – for week ending 3rd May

RPeterPan	RRosen	1Anning	1Donaldson	2Attenborough	2Johnson	3Rashford
91.5%	94%	88.2%	81.3%	89.6%	90.4%	89.4%

3Wicks	4Queen	4Thunberg	5Boseman	5Southgate	6Malala	6Obama
94.6%	92.9%	95.4%	91.7%	87.3%	100%	86.3%



Well done to 6Malala with 100% attendance last week! 6M were also the only class whose attendance was above the 96% required by the government.

We are expecting to see a big improvement when we report on attendance next week 😊. Please remember to call or email the school office BY 9.15am if your child is going to be absent, so that we can complete registers in good time.

Jewellery and Nail Polish

Earlier this week, Mrs Norman had to remove some drain covers because a child lost their dangly earring down the drain. Children may only wear stud earrings in school – absolutely no dangling earrings are allowed (this includes hoops), as we are seeing more frequently in school. Rings and necklaces are not permitted - if required, parents are requested to email the school office requesting that their child be allowed to wear a specific item of "faith" jewellery.

Children are also NOT allowed to wear nail polish in school – if your child has their nails painted for an event over the weekend or holiday, they are expected to remove the nail polish before returning to school. This is also the case for Gel nails, as we have noticed this with some of the older children.

Walk to School Week - 20th-24th May 2024



We are excited to be taking part in Walk to School Week next week. We all know the health benefits of walking, so please help us to reduce congestion next week by supporting children in being more active, and help lower carbon emissions during this Walk to School Week.

We would like to encourage all our pupils to try and walk, cycle or scoot to school during this week. If it's not

possible to walk all the way, then it would be great if you could park 10 minutes away from school and walk or scoot the last part of your journey.

Each class will have a poster of featuring a map of Hertfordshire and aim take a 'virtual' walk by helping Buster The Dinosaur (the Active and Safer Travel Team mascot) walk around Hertfordshire. Every time a pupil travels sustainably, a dot can be coloured in.

Watch this short video with your child: files.smartsurvey.io/3/0/6XJRHPS1/Walk_to_School_Week720p240215.mp4

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'S Kneller'.

Sarah Kneller
Headteacher

Interesting fact: 550 pounds is how heavy an Aldabra tortoise can weigh. They can also live up to 150 years.

Dates to Remember

Monday 20th May – Thursday 23rd May	Walk to School Week – see above for more info
Wednesday 22nd May	9am: 2A class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 23rd May	Celebrate my Culture and Me day – non-uniform for £1 (see above)
Thursday 23rd May	School finishes at normal times for Half Term
Friday 24th May	INSET Day – no children in school
Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May	HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	Start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 12th June - Friday 14 th June	Y6 PGL residential trip
Wednesday 12th June	9am: 2J class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 19th June	9am: 1A & 1D class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Wednesday 26th June	9am: Y6 PGL assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Thursday 27th June	Nursery trip to Hertfordshire Zoo
Tuesday 2nd July	9.10am: Nursery assembly – all parents/ carers welcome – DATE CHANGE
Wednesday 3rd July	9am: RP class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Friday 5th July	#WOODFEST 2024
Wednesday 10th July	9am: RR class assembly – all parents/ carers welcome
Tuesday 16th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Wednesday 17th July	2-3pm: Year 6 production
Wednesday 17th July	5-6pm: Year 6 production
Thursday 18th July	Reception trip to London Zoo
Monday 22nd July	Last day of term - for Nursery Children only
Monday 22nd July	Year 6 Leaver's Dinner – time TBC
Tuesday 23rd July	9am: Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Y6 parents welcome, sign in at office
Tuesday 23rd July	Last day of Term - school finishes at 1.30pm

Get ready for:

The Students of Summerswood

BBQ – Drinks – Games

Tickets - £5
11 and under free

Please join us on
Friday 5th July 2024
4.30 – 8pm
for...



#Woodfest

Diversity



self-esteem underpins all that we do



Raising Self-Esteem

Jane Keyworth gives a two-hour online talk

Tuesday 21st May 7-9pm

Book Online £24 facefamilyadvice.co.uk



**Are you aware of teenage brain development
and how it impacts on behaviour?**



Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



Two-hour online talk
Book Now
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Herts & West Essex
Mental Health Support Teams

Hertfordshire Partnership **NHS**
University NHS Foundation Trust



Men's Mental Health Week

5 WAYS TO END MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

Did you know up to 1 in 5 children experience a mental health disorder and half don't receive the treatment they need? Together, we can support children and stop the negative stigma around mental health.

- Educate yourself and your children about mental health
- Share real-life examples of people with mental health disorders
- Explain mental health has a range of symptoms
- Listen to and support others with mental health concerns
- Share stories of overcoming mental health disorders

children's health

10th - 16th JUNE 2024

Keep an eye out for a group or Workshop available at your school around the date above.

Just contact your schools Mental Health Lead to express some interest in being supported and educated around Mental Health.

Individual support can also be facilitated by the MHST ☺



Looking after our health is tricky; we often think of our bodies, but sometimes forget about our minds. Good health includes mental health! It's important to learn about how our brains work – and what might keep poor mental health going.

Lots of things make up Mental Health for men, and people presenting or identifying as a male – we might know about the difficulties with anxiety and low mood, but what about “bottling it up” or “toxic masculinity”? What do we know about these issues and challenging stigma?

Realising that you need support with mental health can be difficult; remember that recovery is possible! The earlier you seek support, the better your recovery journey will be!

Our  values

Welcoming Kind Positive Respectful Professional

Family Lives Summer Term Programme 2024

Bringing Up Confident ADHD/ASD Children (6 weeks) Online group

New dates to be confirmed

A programme to help parents gain a comprehensive understanding of ADHD/ASD and learn strategies to improve life at home and at school

Sorting Out Family Arguments (6 weeks) Online group

Thursday 23rd May to 4th July, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

A programme aimed at helping sort out arguments between parents and their children and between brothers and sisters

Less Shouting, More Cooperation (6 weeks) Online group

Monday 3rd June to 8th July, 9.30 am to 11.30 am

A programme to help parents be more effective at getting their children to cooperate and listen to them

Getting on with Your Pre Teen/Teenager (6 weeks) Online group

Tuesday 4th June to 9th July, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

A course to help parents understand and get on better with their teenage children. Maybe there is an FFA/CIN/CP in place and need more support.

Anxiety around ADHD Online Workshop

Friday 28th June 2024, 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Reducing Conflict Online Workshop

Thursday 11th July, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

For more information, please contact Louise on **0204 522 8700/8701**, or email **services@familylives.org.uk**. Please scan our QR code for our referral form.



Scan Me!



Cyber Choices and Online Safety Events

For parents / carers of children aged 9 and up

You are invited to attend two **free** online sessions to discuss all things “cyber”.

These sessions will be suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child’s online world and it shouldn’t be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council’s Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.

Please visit the NCA website to find out more about [Cyber Choices](#)

*Please register for **one** part 1 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.*

Wednesday 8th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 5th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 3rd July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 1
[Book here](#)

Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children’s) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family.

Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government’s [Stop! Think Fraud](#) and the National Cyber Security Centres [CyberAware](#) campaigns.

*Again, please register for **one** part 2 session only (as these will be duplicated), by clicking on the link below.*

Wednesday 15th May 2024 @ 1000 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 @ 1300 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

Wednesday 10th July 2024 @ 1600 - Part 2
[Book here](#)

If you have any questions or would like us to cover a certain topic within our sessions, then please complete our [online form](#).

THIS IS ME!

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INCLUDED



Parent or carer?

Have a child with an education health care plan or currently considering a education, health care plan request?

These briefings are for you.



'This is Me' is the new form to support children and young people in telling their story. What they write, draw or present will be included in their Educational and health care needs request and annual review.



'This is Me' and the guidance notes have been coproduced with children and young people. They have tested it and are now ready to share for others to use. The aim is simple, to tell the child's story, in whatever way they can.

*SENDIASS, Educational health care coordinators, SENDCOs, Schools and others will receive training soon. **But first we would like parents and carers to learn more. Please join us at one of these online events.***



Friday the 17th May 10am to 11am [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 347 120 146 180 Passcode: TmxrqW



Wednesday 22nd May 6pm to 7pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 397 771 075 256 Passcode: G7Rjsb



Thursday 23rd May 1pm to 2pm [Join the meeting now](#) Meeting ID: 361 293 340 695 Passcode: qu9U32

If you can not join any of these meetings but would like to receive a recording please email sarah.stevens2@hertfordshire.gov.uk . These will be sent on 30th May 2024.

(Please note this email is for these meetings only and I can not advise or support with individual EHCP requests)