



Headteacher's News

Dear all,

Thank you to those who came to the learning together morning this week.

Communication

Often, during a school event, I get a small number of frustrated parents comment that they didn't know anything about it, but will also become quite angry towards the staff about this or expect the office staff to rectify the situation. I had a moan last week about parents getting cross at the staff, particularly towards the office staff. We have to have deadlines for events to give us time to organise them. I would also like to point out that we have a calendar on the website which is kept up-to-date. I often put reminders in the newsletter and often for larger events, I also send out a letter directly.

To be fair, if you are reading this newsletter, I expect this message and my moan last week doesn't apply to you, **but I have a favour to ask..** Can you ask two or three parents or all of them you bump into, if they have read the newsletter each week and if they haven't remind them to take a look. If you get a letter, please could you do the same? That way, if the parent has not checked, it will give them time to action anything or if they have not received the newsletter or email then they know that the email we have on the system might not be correct.

Strike day

I have sent a letter to parents about the industrial action on Wednesday. Please do make sure you read it. I will send further information next week when I know roughly how many teachers are striking. Please plan alternative child care in case of closure.

Parent forum

I have discussed the outcomes of the parent forum with middle and senior leadership and just wanted to give you an update on where we are with the actions from the forum.

1. Peek of the week – ensuring consistency and regular updates for all year groups – discussed in middle leaders and is now on the SLT monitoring calendar.
2. Parent's evenings: parents would like longer parents evening appointments and more frequent communication. In the last parents meetings, we ensured that both SENCOs and SALT staff were available to speak to parents as well as the teachers. We will also bring the autumn parents meeting earlier into the term.
3. Parents feel that the SIMs APP is too difficult to use, they would like an APP that will provide better and more direct communication with the class teacher. We have added this to development plan to review our APPs and look into what is on the market.
4. Letters and correspondence is often sent more than once to correct errors made in the first one. All staff are encouraged to check their messages home and get someone else to check it before it goes out.
5. Ensure the setting on a Microsoft form is on 'everyone can respond'.
6. Parents want more informal communication, see action 3.
7. Parents want stronger action against those who park irresponsibly. They asked could we fine parents. We looked into this and no we are unable to fine.
8. Parents wondered if parents would be willing to offer to volunteer on the gates at the beginning and end of the day. We are concerned that we would be liable if there was an accident or an incident.
9. Parents requested that we consider a staggered finish – SLT to send out a form to all staff and teachers to find out the best timings.
10. Parents asked about the grassy verge and whether it can be concreted, this is not the school's property so it must go through the council – would a parent be willing to liaise or initiate a petition?
11. Parents have offered to come onto site to help keep the site clean and pretty – Headteacher will send out something in the newsletter to gauge interest.
12. The Nursery pathway was discussed and the Site Manager has ensured that the site team will prioritize this area during rainy days.
13. Parents wondered if residents would be willing to offer their drive ways for parents with blue badges.



Vaping:

We have been informed that a parent has been seen vaping on site. Please can we remind everyone that neither Smoking or Vaping are allowed anywhere on School Grounds, many thanks for your co-operation.

Upcoming events:

- National story telling week. 30th Jan – 3rd Feb
- Music sharing week: 20th Feb – sharing event
- Children's mental health week – 4th – 11 Feb
- Safer internet day – 8th Feb
- Random acts of Kindness Day – 17th Feb
- Shrove Tuesday – 21st Feb
- Ash Wednesday – 22nd Feb
- World book day – 2nd March – we will celebrate on the 3rd March
- Learning gallery – week of 13th March

Have a good weekend

Hannah Foster

Headteacher



Important Dates

[Click here](#) to link to the school calendar
[Click here](#) to see term dates for 2022-2023
[Click here](#)



Leaflets and Letters

Please [click here](#) to go to our leaflets page on the website.

Leaflets this week:

- .Childcare Choices
- .Power cut support for vulnerable residents
- .CONNECT course - FEBRUARY 2023
- .Slough Rugby Club - Taster Sessions
- .What Parents Need to Know About: Roblox



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is for
Chinese New Year

<https://youtu.be/yndqu96LHfg>



Music News

O2 Superstars!

Congratulations to the 50 children from Y5 & Y6 choir who attended the Young Voices event on Tuesday at the O2 in London, and huge thanks to parents and staff for everything they did to help us get there! As part of a massed choir of 9099, we sang alongside popstar Heather Small, beatboxed with The Beatbox Collective, danced with Urban Strides, and performed with amazing violinist Anna Phoebe, as well as singing a huge range of songs accompanied by the Young Voices band. It was a hugely exciting day which the children had worked really hard to prepare for (we had to learn all of the songs and dance moves off by heart!) and we are so proud of how fabulous they all were. What a day to remember! (photos coming soon)

Any parents who would like access to the video of the performance plus backstage footage, please visit yv23film.co.uk and use discount code SOCIALS23 for £3 off your concert film. Our performance was on Tuesday 24th January.



NSPCC Parent Online Safety WorkWork workshops

Dear all,

Please see information below from Slough Borough Council:

As **Safer Internet Day** is fast approaching, many of you may be thinking about parental awareness.

Safer Internet Day on the 7th February 2023 aims to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. Safer Internet Day 2023 is on 7th February and will be celebrated with the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online.'**

You parents and carers, too can play a key role in helping to keep children to stay safe online.

You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child stay safe online. There is great advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Children regularly use different websites and apps from their parents, and it can be hard to keep up in this ever-changing digital world. But the things that help keep children safe online are often similar to the things that keep them safe offline.

We are encouraging parents to talk about what they think is normal online and what behaviour to expect from others and from themselves. Encourage them to think critically and question what they see online. Talk to them about where they go to get information they trust, talk about fake news, fake followers and scams. Help them develop a healthy suspicion of whether people are who they say they are. You will find some good tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online on these links below:

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) | [Keeping children safe online](#) | [NSPCC](#) | [Parents Protect - Internet Safety](#)



The NSPCC offer parental internet safety workshops, go here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

Please be aware that most are now run virtually due to the level of demand and in-person sessions are subject to a wait-list. All is explained on the above link.

There is also a **NSPCC video to a pre-recorded webinar** aimed at parents which you can circulate to your parents: Keeping Children Safe on Gaming Platforms | Webinar for parents and carers | <https://youtu.be/YO6Ux7qfYXk>

Meanwhile, the following page has lots of resources to support keeping children safe online – some are for parents/carers, others for professionals – in some cases, these resources are more “surgical” and able to address specific issues whereas the workshops, by their nature, are more general: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>

We hope these resources are useful.



Weekly Attendance Percentages: 16th - 20th January 2023

Year 1 - 88%

Year 2 - 94%

Year 3 - 91%

Year 4 - 93%

Year 5 - 94%

Year 6 - 95%

Congratulations to **4Farah** with **99%** the highest attendance this week!

