



## NEWSLETTER 22

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Dear Parents,



### ATTENDANCE

Last week the whole school's attendance was **95.1%**. This is below our target attendance of **97.5%**

### CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

#### 1. Department For Education Helpline

The Department for Education have launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We have been informed that no school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England.

#### 2. The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Please help us in sharing simple and effective hand hygiene messages.

Public Health England has a dedicated webpage with a range of posters and digital materials at:

<https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/resources/campaigns/101-coronavirus-/resources>

Sign up is quick, free and means you will be alerted as more resources are made available.

#### 3. Tissues

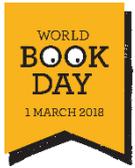
Please can we ask that all children bring a small pack of tissues to school to keep in their tray. As the advice regarding Coronavirus is to throw away each tissue as it has been used, we are unable to keep up with demand! Many thanks

#### 4. Updates/Travel advice

Updates on COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Travel advice for those travelling and living overseas: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-advice-novel-coronavirus>

## WORLD BOOK DAY - THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH



Thank you all for supporting your children with their costumes for World Book Day. The children all look wonderful!

Throughout the day, children will be immersed in book and reading related activities and the day will culminate with an assembly at 2.30pm by Mr Pantling. Please remember to take them out to spend their £1.00 World Book Day voucher.

### INTERNET SAFETY-YouTube, YouTube Kids and TIK TOK

We are becoming increasingly concerned over pupils accessing inappropriate internet content for their ages. We are aware that some children in our school (as young as Year 4) have their own YouTube Channels and are posting videos of themselves online. These videos can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone, which could put your child's privacy at risk.

Please may we remind you that YouTube has an age limit of **13+**.

National Online safety.com have produced a leaflet '**What parents need to know about YouTube**'.

Although children of all ages often watch YouTube content directly via the website or main YouTube app, YouTube itself states that the only place children should be watching its videos is in the YouTube Kids app, which has an age restriction of 4+. National Online Safety.com have also produced a leaflet '**8 things parents need to know about YouTube Kids**'.

At the beginning of 2019 **TikTok** skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. TIK TOK is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. The age restriction is **12+**.

National Online Safety.com have also produced a leaflet '**What parents need to know about Tik Tok**'.

Unfortunately, these 3 leaflets are too large to be attached to the newsletter but you will be able to find them in the News section of the school website.

### TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT SUCCESS FOR CLASS 4

On the afternoon of Monday 2nd March, Class 4 took part in a Tag Rugby festival at The King's School. The event featured games and activities, coaching sessions, and competitive matches against other local schools. Everyone in the class took part and represented the school superbly.

The class were split into three mixed teams: Hurricane, Tornado and Storm. We are pleased to report that all three teams were victorious in all of their matches. In addition, Hurricane and Tornado were winners overall in their groups, with Storm finishing a close second in theirs. These groups were decided not just by the number of tries scored, but also pupils demonstrating the six sporting values:

- Respect
- Self-Belief
- Teamwork
- Honesty
- Passion
- Determination

The following pupils were also selected by the King's pupils for their embodiment of these values: James, Lucie, William S, Matilda, Sam, William D, Poppy R, Sasha, Lawrence, George and Holly. They will all receive a separate certificate which will be presented in school.

We look forward to our Hurricane team now representing us as overall winners at the East Devon Tag Rugby Mega-Fest at The King's School in April. More details will follow in due course  
So, congratulations to all of Class 4 and a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Moran and the pupils at King's for organising and facilitating what was a fantastic afternoon.

### **RECYCLING CRISP PACKETS AND ORAL CARE PACKAGING**

Class 4 are pleased to be collecting empty crisp packets and oral care packaging to recycle in line with our drive to become a plastic-free school and to support a charity. The collection boxes are located in the main reception area. Please see the attached information to show what can/cannot be collected. Please read below to find out more about the charity we are supporting.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Class 4 are going to collect crisp packets and oral care product packaging to be recycled, which is going to help change the plastic pollution crisis. They will be used for Ellie's fund. Ellie's fund helps raise money for brain tumour research and will provide financial assistance to families. If you want to find out more about Ellie's fund, please go to [www.btrs.org.uk](http://www.btrs.org.uk)

When Ellie was 11, she was told that she had a brain tumour, but she did not give up and worry about herself she kept on going. She died in 2010 but her mum and step-dad carried on Ellie's Fund. In 2007- just after her diagnosis- Ellie helped raise £4000 in one night for her and her family. Ellie and her friends then raised over £10000 in just 3 days.

Tragically, Ellie lost her fight on Valentine's Day 2010 aged 14, 3 years after she first became ill. Her family were with her. During the three years that she fought her own 2 brain tumours, Ellie raised over £25,000. Ellie's legacy is that money is still being raised in her memory and continuing to help others.

Are you going to collect crisp packets and oral care products to give us? Did you know that 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with a brain tumour? We may recycle other plastic items to support this charity in the future.

Yours beseechingly,  
Darcy, Class 4

### **SCHOOL MEAL TIME ASSISTANT VACANCY**

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant to work Monday to Friday inclusive from 12 - 1.15pm to ensure our children have a positive lunchtime.

Flexibility on the numbers of days per week would be considered with the option of 2 people sharing the role. If you think you may be interested in the post (even on a part-time basis) and would like to talk to someone about the role please contact our school office on 01404 812599.

### **CLASS 1 SHARING ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

We would like to invite parents of children in Class 1 to their sharing assembly on Friday 13<sup>TH</sup> March at 10.10am in the Village Hall. We hope you will be able to join us.

## **PTFA NEWS**

### **BAGS 2 SCHOOL**

A quick reminder that this Friday morning is our collection day for Bags 2 School, please remember to bring in all donations to the small playground by 9am.

## **EASTER COMPETITION**

The PTFA will be presenting a non-fundraiser competition for all the children to get involved with to get them ready for Easter. All entries must be in by the morning of 27th March and there will be a sweet prize for everyone who enters. Please see the attached poster for more information.

We have contacted our local newspaper in the hope that they may cover it in the lead up to Easter, so keep your eyes out over the holidays.

## **SPORTS RELIEF**

On Friday 6th March the PTFA will be providing a couple of collection buckets around school during the day should any member of our school community wish to donate to Sports Relief - this is obviously optional.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

On Friday 20th March the PTFA will be holding a 2nd hand uniform sale after school, it will be donations to the PTFA only. It will be for one afternoon only. Once finished the remaining uniform will be donated, and we kindly ask for no more bags of donated uniform but suggest if people want to pass on uniform they offer it on the class WhatsApp groups instead.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **DAD'S NIGHT OUT**

Calling all fathers! Come and join other like minded individuals for some fun and a curry at the British Legion West Hill on the second Friday of each month. Always good fun and we want as many new dads to come and meet the regulars and get to know each other. Events through the year include card night, the Great British Legion Curry Off, Darts tournament and Rolling of the Barrel. Come and join us this time, you will for sure enjoy yourself.

### **MESSY CHURCH**

Fun activities, informal worship and share food.

Fridays - 3.45pm-6.00pm.

March 20th

April 17th

May 15th

June 19th



St Michael's Church, West Hill.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

With my best wishes for a lovely weekend

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Boulton".

Mrs. Cheryl Boulton  
Headteacher