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SAFETY, WELFARE & WELLBEING NEWSLETTER MARCH 2017

This week Alison Bellamy our School Nurse will be holding a 'Drop In' on 15th March between 9.00am and 10.00am should you have any questions or concerns relating to the health of your children. No appointment is necessary.

On 21st March, Peterborough Road Safety Team have arranged for our Year 6 children to take part in a Road Safety and sustainability production entitled 'Game of Chance'. It sounds interesting and great fun and I am sure they will enjoy their afternoon working alongside champions of road safety.

Recently we have had a large increase in the number of people arriving to collect children at the end of the day who are not known to staff. Please, if you are not able to collect your child yourself, advise your child's class teacher of the full name of the person who will be collecting in advance. If this is not possible, please ensure that you telephone the school to make us aware as soon as possible.

This is a safeguarding issue which means that at the end of the day staff will keep the children and contact you before they are released to unknown persons. This causes inconvenience to everyone but it is essential to keep your children safe. Please ensure that you keep the contact details, for your child, fully updated in school.

Can we respectfully ask that should you have a problem with another child or parent that you do contact school and allow us the opportunity to try to help solve any issues? As we all know, children do fall in and out of friendships which can sometimes be difficult for us, as parents, to repair friendships as quickly. We are always here to listen and help if we can.

Mrs Martin and I have been analysing last month's behaviour lights and class teachers have been asked to remind the children about both classroom and general school expectations. Mrs King and Mrs Farooq-Ayub will be talking to the children during assemblies to reaffirm appropriate behaviour as well as school expectations. We ask parents to support us with this and to not challenge systems put in place to monitor, track and keep your children safe.



Mrs Yeoman and I regularly have sessions with children either 1:1 or in small groups, reminding them of our behaviour expectations. Staff still support two groups of children at lunchtimes who struggle in unstructured time with small group activities and games. We do ensure that our playtimes are staffed with a much higher number of adults than required to ensure that the children have fun and safe playtimes.

Below are details of lights issued during February.

Lights issued	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Purple (Excellence)	2	1		2	8	5	
Green	2	4	4	1	3	5	3
Amber			4	1	3	1	
Red			1	1			
No of children in each year group with individual behaviour plans or where work is ongoing with the family		3	9	3	6	1	7

Purple Lights 18

Racial/Homophobic Incidents

Bullying

Verbal Incidents 2

Physical Incidents 16

School Expectation not met 12

Disruption/Preventing Teaching & Learning 3

Finally we have had a number of cases of head lice reported across different year groups. Please do not be alarmed if your child does have some lice. As staff we also succumb to the problem from time to time and the lice do always prefer clean hair. I have been made aware of a protection spray Headrin Protect & Go which is just sprayed daily onto the hair and will hopefully repel any visitors. There is also a comb on the market called the 'Nitty Gritty Comb'. I have heard wonderful reports about it and how after conditioning the hair it removes the eggs without scratching the scalp or pulling the hair. The teeth of the comb are longer than those on a traditional comb and are slightly spiralled to remove the eggs. I am sure there are other makes equally as good on the market but these two particular items have come with very high recommendations.

Please do feel free to contact us at any time if we can help with any concerns.

Mrs H Dawson
 Welfare Officer

Mrs H Yeoman
 Attendance/Welfare Officer