



**Building tomorrow together**

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## **PROJECT 25**

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### **NEWSLETTER 11 – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all your kind words at the recent Parents' Evening Week, it was lovely to see how well we have formed partnerships for the children's education and their futures. Some feedback I can give you on a couple of points that did come out of this week -

Firstly, that please make sure if you are using social media groups (WhatsApp etc) and I do understand how useful they are in support and sharing information, that if you need to know something school related or have a query related directly to a child, that you contact the school direct. This will hopefully stop any false information and worry that may be caused otherwise.

Secondly, with the importance of Times Tables I enclose some information on why Times Tables (and their corresponding division facts) are so important for your child's development and future outcomes-

Why do we learn the times tables? In primary school, times tables knowledge is vital for quick mental maths calculations and problem solving, as well as for many of the topic's children learn in Years 5 and 6 (division, fractions, percentages).

Practice at home

As maths is such a big subject, and we will of course continue to teach the full curriculum, we will need your continued support to help practice the times tables with your children. Some easy ways to do this include:

- asking questions such as "what's 7 x 8?"
- reciting times tables by rote (4 times 1 is 4, 4 times 2 is 8, etc)
- using apps and games
- singing times tables songs (there are loads online)

As you will be aware, we subscribe to Times Tables Rockstars (TTRockstars) for all school pupils. Downloading the APP at home and supporting your child to make progress on this will significantly improve their times tables recall. On our class webpage, there is a direct link to this and another website (maths frame) both of which replicate the format of the Multiplication Check.

The Year 6s will have found out today (Offer Day) on which Secondary Schools they are going to next year. We hope they all got what they wanted, and we will be working closely with their new secondary schools in way of transition.

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> March there will be a Book Sale in the Hall (3:15-4:15pm) all proceeds will go to Accelerated Reader Books for your children. Thank you for all your donations of used books for this so far. We will still be taking books in on Monday to sell to other families. We appreciate your support.

I have obtained funding for Bikeability (formally known as Cycling Proficiency) which is scheduled for next week for Year 6, with groups going out on either Tuesday & Wednesday or Thursday & Friday. Parents will have been notified to which one their child is to attend. Please could the permission slips be returned to the school office by Monday morning if you wish your child to attend this.

The Year 3s and 4s had a fantastic trip to Chester, “they learned loads” and “had a brilliant time” they tell me.



This gives me a great segway to say thank you to all my staff and volunteers for all the extra they do for our children. They make the children’s learning such an immersive experience and with it being Parents’ Week, I thought it would be an apt time and I’m sure you will join me, in saying a big ‘thank you’ to all of them.

Have a great weekend all.

Best Wishes

Mr Bertram

## March

w/b 4<sup>th</sup> Theme- Respect

Year 6 - Bikeability Week

7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day

w/b 11<sup>th</sup> Theme- STEM

15<sup>th</sup> - Red Nose Day

w/b 18<sup>th</sup> Theme- Environmentally Aware

22<sup>nd</sup> -Year 1/2 Trip to Space Centre

w/b 25<sup>th</sup> Theme- Keeping Safe

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - Year 5/6 Residential

28<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service at St James Church, this is optional and limited space for parents, but this will also be broadcast on the school's YouTube channel.

29<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday (Bank Holiday)

## April

w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> Easter Holidays

w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

w/b 15<sup>th</sup> Children back in school for Summer Term

This is not a finite document and is subject to change as the diary is updated.

# PROJECT 25

I thought I would remind everyone of the school's core values in developing our children to where they are going to be at the age of 25:

Resilience

Compassion

Trust

Entrepreneurial spirit

Environmentally aware

Keeping Safe

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)

Respect

Thankfulness

Friendship

**SAFEGUARDING** is very important to us as a school. The Designated Lead at the School is Mr Bertram if you have any concerns about a child in our area please don't hesitate to contact him for advice. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

I have also located a useful one stop shop of mental health support sights if anyone should require the need. [Mental health resources for children, students, parents, carers and school/college staff - The Education Hub \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

As you are no doubt probably aware there has already been a spike in the number of illness in some of our local schools. I will you up to date with the latest government advice from Public Health England with regards to Coronavirus. I have listed below the current expectations from government with regards to protocols on prevention and school attendance should your child come down with symptoms, there are also useful links should you require more information, you can see these below:

