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We have had a busy few weeks; it is hard to believe we are heading towards the last week of the spring term.

Comic Relief

Well done to the School Council for organising an amazing Talent Show Contest. The winner of the Talent Show with 56 votes was Thomas B. Well done Thomas! Thank you also for your generous donations - we have raised a fantastic £108 for Comic Relief!

Term Time Holidays

A Penalty Notice may be issued by Educational Welfare for any unauthorised holidays from school where a pupil is absent for five or more days and has accrued ten or more unauthorised absence sessions (two sessions per school day) spread over a thirteen week period.

Reptiles in School

We had some exciting visitors in school last week. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Bamforth for loaning us your bearded dragon and snake for the day. It certainly caused some excitement in Key Stage 1.



Readathon

The final count is in. Thank you so much to everyone for participating in this fabulous endeavor. As a collective, we have raised a whopping £985 of which school will receive 20% in books. A huge well done to everyone.

Easter Raffle

There is still time to get your raffle tickets for one of seven Easter hampers. Please purchase your tickets (£1 each) by sending cash to the school office in a named envelope marked "PTA Easter raffle". Thank you to our fabulous PTA for all you do to support our school. Check out our Facebook page for more ways to get involved.

PE

PE will be reverting back to usual PE days after Easter, with EYFS and KS1 on a Monday with Jack and KS2 with Dale on a Tuesday.

E Safety

It has come to our attention that an increasing number of our Year 5 and Year 6 children are using Snapchat, WhatsApp and TikTok to video message and upload videos. There have also been some recent concerns over children being unkind using various social media apps and platforms.

According to the Snapchat website, children must be at least 13 years old to use their services, and the minimum age limit for using WhatsApp is 16 (this was increased in May 2018 from 13). This is in compliance with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act. I have previously spoken with our educational psychologist and behaviour support teacher about this and we hold a shared belief that the reason for this is that children need to be emotionally resilient and mature enough to be able to manage their emotions when using such services.

As a parent, it is at your discretion as to whether or not you allow your child to use such apps. However, I kindly request that you support us in helping to educate your children about safe and responsible use of these apps and the potential negative effects of social media. We continue to teach children about E-Safety each term, but your co-operation would be greatly appreciated in helping the children to use their phones, tablets and games consoles safely, and in a way that cannot be seen to hurt anyone.

Children need to remember:

- They should not share their own or anyone else's personal information. It is **unacceptable** to give out another child's phone number to anyone or to post

Attendance to date: 94.75%
 Unauthorised absences: 1.21%
 Authorised absences: 4.03%

videos of other children on apps such as TikTok.

- Anything that you type can then be copied, shared and used by others.
- Never type anything that you wouldn't say to that person's face.
- Think about the fact that what you may see as a joke or banter, another person may see as bullying.
- If you are uncomfortable about things which are being said, bring this to an adult's attention.

More information is available on the NSPCC's website:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs K Rawes

Dates for your diary

New items are in red

30/3/2023 - PTA Easter Raffle

8/5/23 - Bank Holiday

W.C. 8/5/23 - SATs week

16/3/23 - Y3 / 4 Dodgeball

24/5/23 - Y5 maths at The Snaith School

3/5/2023 - Bags to School

9/6/2023 - Growing up Talk Y6

21-28/6 Bikeability for Y5/6 (confirmation dates for individuals have already been emailed out)

28/6-30/6 The Snaith School Transition Days **Note additional day**

10/7 - 14/7 Brayton High School Transition Days



Reminders

- ✓ Raffle tickets £1 each for Easter hamper.
- ✓ PE kits - change of days after Easter.

Forgiveness Trust Friendship

