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WEEKLY BULLETIN

FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOV' 2021



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

The week has been anti-bullying week, which began with children wearing odd socks on Monday. The focus this year has been on 'one act of kindness'. The children have learned that a smile or a kind comment can really make a difference to how people feel.

It is great to see that inter-school sport is starting to return and we had two sports fixtures this week. Congratulations to the netball team who played their first match against a well drilled St Peter's team. Also very well played to the Year 5 footballers who won their game 3-1 against How Wood this week, with Seth and Jasper bagging the goals.

This morning it was great to see the children coming in wearing spots in aid of children in need. You can donate to the schools children in need page by clicking [here](#).

Over the coming weeks and months, we are working hard to develop our music offering for the

children. This includes widening the opportunities for children to learn different instruments; giving children in the choir more opportunities to perform and improving music within the curriculum. Next week we have a brass instrument assembly, but we also have the violin and guitar to follow. Our hope is that the children will be enthused and want to take one of the instruments up—there will be more information coming soon.

Don't forget that there is an extra occasional day this year with the first one coming up next Friday. This means there is no school on the 26th November.

And finally, I am pleased to say that the new sound system and projector and screen is now in place in the hall. Many thank to ALSA and all of the parents for their help raising the funds. It will make a huge difference to performances and assemblies.

Have a great weekend! Mr Smithard

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Congratulations to the following children who always go over and above and were treated to hot chocolate:

**Senuli, Mark, Alma, Mali, Henry & Poppy**

## PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

These weeks question to discuss at home is from Bobby:

***Why do some people walk by when they see bullying?***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 22nd Nov—Brass Instrument Assembly

Tues 23rd Nov—Humanist Assembly

Weds 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Netball v Prae Wood @330pm

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year 5 Sharing Assembly @ 9am

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – SCHOOL CLOSED – Occasional Day

Dork Diaries - Drama Queen  
By Rachel Renee Russell  
Recommended by Betty (Year 4)



“Mean girl McKenzie has stolen Nikki’s diary!  
What if she tells everyone her secret thoughts?  
I like this book I think that you should all read  
it”

## MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

### Parental Permissions

In line with GDPR, and with the soon-to-be-launched new school website, we are kindly encouraging parents to check and update Parental Permissions. The Use of Images permissions have been updated to include School Website, Dojo, Tapestry and school social media accounts. Please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/UohJ8H1CeSk1U9W97>

### Breakfast & Afterschool Club Book System

Bookings will be via School Gateway, with priority access being given to all families currently attending ABC...XYZ from Monday 22 November. If you want to be added to the waiting list please email the school office with the days you require. We will be honouring ABC...XYZ’s current waiting list.

## HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME? E-Safety—Gaming

*“Gaming is great fun and lots of children enjoy playing games without any issues. Like any piece of technology, games consoles have both benefits and risks. Many of the risks depend on how a games console is being used and the apps that are installed. For example, if it is being used for chatting as well as gaming, this could introduce a risk of communication with strangers or cyberbullying from peers. There is also the possibility of children accessing inappropriate content or spending money without parents knowledge.” Here are some tips from SaferInternet.co.uk to help make gaming as safe an enjoyable as possible:*

***“Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console*** - Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.

***Think about the location of the games console***—Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.

***Explore Parental controls*** - Take a look at the controls available both on the games console itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing. “

Source: UK Safer Internet Centre 2021; Blog: Advice for Parents: Games consoles <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/games-consoles> Accessed 18.11.21

