



SUMMER TERM

NEWSLETTER 15 : April 28th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE— BLUE WHALE GAME



The following information regarding a dangerous new game has been issued by the Police Safer Schools Officer and is currently being circulated to school and partnerships across West Yorkshire.

Please read this to keep your children safe.

The Blue Whale game is a dangerous game that is popular at the moment in Russia and it is spreading across Europe. The game is played through social media.

Players are appointed a 'master/teacher' and these 'masters/teachers' challenge players in various stages, to tattoo a Blue Whale somewhere on the body (usually an arm or leg). As the game goes on the players are encouraged to self harm and the final challenge is to commit suicide.

All these actions have to be filmed and shared via social media to the so called 'master/ teacher'. The game is being played by children of all ages, predominantly teenagers but some as young as primary school age.

This obviously sets a worrying trend, the game has already been mentioned in schools in Leeds so it's making it's way closer to us.

SUMMER FAIR



We will be holding our Summer Fair on Friday 9th June— so put the date in your diary. If you have any unwanted gifts, toys, books or games that we can have, please bring them into school as soon as possible. We would also be grateful if you could help provide bottles for our Bottle stall (Beer, Wine, Bubblebath-These need to be unopened, in date and full —no household cleaning materials). If you would like to donate items for the Baking Stall, these need to be brought into school on the actual day (items need to be in date). We need your help to make our Summer Fair into a success! We look forward to receiving your donations and thank you in advance for your support.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 currently have a Free School Meal provided by the Government. This is different to the Free School Meals parents may be entitled to through receiving benefits. If you are in receipt of a benefit and your child is in the classes mentioned above, please contact the school office so that we can check if we have an entitlement for your child. We are given additional money to use in school but also you will be given free milk for your child and there will be no charge for Breakfast Club.

INSET DAY

Just to give you prior notice that we will be having an INSET DAY on Monday 5th June. This is the first day back after the half term holidays. Please note that we will also be closed for the Thursday (8th June) of that week for the snap election that was announced over the Easter Holidays.



ABSENCE IN SCHOOL

If your child is on our school register and is absent from school (this include nursery children) for 3 days or more and school has not been notified, it becomes a Safeguarding Concern.

This means that:

- A) All known contacts will be contacted
- B) Mrs Carter will carry out a home visit
- C) Social Services may be contacted.

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Long has given birth to her new baby daughter Sienna. Mother and Baby are both doing well—you may be aware that Mrs Long, has not been well throughout her pregnancy so we're hoping that she can now enjoy her time with her new baby. We all send her and her husband David all the very best and hope it's not long before they call into school so we can see them.



On Monday Miss Wood our new Lunchtime Supervisor started her role with us. Mrs Moxon is soon to follow in the next few weeks also as a Lunchtime Supervisor. We look forward to working with them both and hope they settle in soon.

NURSERY CHILDREN

Well done to all our new children who have come to school for the first time this week. It looks like the children have really enjoyed themselves and are settling in well. We would like to welcome, Leo, Rhys, Elisha, Lainey, Alfie and Robyn.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking to our Parents to help form a Parent Partnership. In the past we have had a hugely successful PTA who helped to organise events for the children to enjoy (Discos, Bingo's etc). They also managed to raise much needed money for new equipment. If you are interested please see the office and we will set up a meeting for all those interested. Anyone can join.

We can't do it without you!

Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS

The proud winners of the attendance awards over last week were:

27th March— 31st March

Reception— 87.06%

Year 1— 89.09%

Year 2— 93.00%

Year 3—90.91%

Year 4—94.00%

Year 5—98.85% **WELL DONE**

Year 6—94.40%

w/c 3rd April — 7th April

Reception— 94.12

Year 1— 93.64%

Year 2— 95.00%

Year 3—90.91%

Year 4—86.00%

Year 5—92.69%

Year 6—84.80%

Attendance for the School Year up to the end of last week was

93.89%

Government Target is 95% and above

Across school persistent absences is now set at equal to or less than 90%. Children that fall into that category will have a Red attendance summary sent home & EWO Involvement.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

As we had the Easter holidays there's been a lot of birthdays—We would like to wish....

Lilly Bennett
Niall Hartshorne
Cole Malkin
Kyle Taylor
Rowan Thornton
Harvey Wilford
Evie Mortimer
Tiarna Peace
Alexi Jackson
Eve Carrington
DJ Burrows
Lewis Daines
Jack Moxon
Molly Ratcliffe

Ben Shorthouse



A very Happy Birthday to you all

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 1st May

School Closed for May Day

Tuesday 2nd May

Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 8th—Friday 12th

SAT's WEEK

(Please **DO NOT** book holidays during this week if your child is in YR 6)

10th, 11th, 12th and 15th May

Year 5 Bikeability sessions

Wednesday 17th May

Pc Blunt Drugs & Alcohol workshop

Thursday 18th May

American Themed Lunch

Friday 26th May

Break up for Half Term holidays.

Monday 5th June

INSET DAY

Tuesday 6th June

School re-opens for children - Summer 2 Term

FAMILY PHOTO EVENING

Thursday 8th June

ELECTION DAY—School closed

Thursday 6th July

Yr 6 Induction day & Evening at HACA

Friday 7th July

PE Sports Award Evening

Tuesday 11th July

Yr 6 Induction Day at Crofton Academy

Thursday 11th July

PC Blunt Transition Workshop with Yr 6

Friday 21st July

Break up for Summer Holidays

Monday 23rd Tuesday 24th July

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