



Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2018

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Does anyone else feel like this has been an ultra-quick January? School has been incredibly exciting and just this week, our little learners were immersed in an flight to New Delhi. When they arrived they had the opportunity to smell an assortment of exotic spices - I was in my element! The children are really engaged with this topic and it's possibly this enthusiasm which is making time fly in school. There are a number of issues I wish to raise with you so please read on to get my thoughts.

The roads around our school

As is the case with most schools, we continue to have issues with vehicles around the school. You will have seen that we now have "Road Safety Heroes" in school and in addition to teaching the pupils about road safety, we hope that they will also share the expertise they learn with parents and drivers to make our journeys to and from school safer and more comfortable.

Despite many polite requests from us, parking continues to cause real problems. Please ensure you do not park in or block the small car park near the Victorian block, nor park on the footpath leading to it from Lodge Avenue. This path is used by our youngest learners and their families and is there to keep them safe and off the road.

After contacting the County Council for support with our parking issues, I received some information and advice and I share this extract with you: **Parking a vehicle inappropriately where it is deemed not possible for drivers to safely manoeuvre, pedestrians to pass unhindered along the footway or that access to public or private property is impeded, should be reported to Northamptonshire Police's Safer Community Team on 101.** As we've mentioned in the past, it's incredibly difficult for us, as a school, to combat the inconsiderate parking but now as a community we have the advice to contact 101 should problems occur. Please act on this advice as you see fit.

Acceptable Behaviour

Unbelievably, there have been occurrences of aggressive behaviour towards my colleagues this week. Most of our community would never act in this way but I'm sure you understand that aggression is not solely a physical act.

Regardless of how it is presented, it has no place at Collingtree and is completely unacceptable. We are educators of your children and expect parents and other visitors to behave in a reasonable way towards us. Should this behaviour and aggression occur again, **I will have absolutely no hesitation in contacting the appropriate authorities and having the offenders removed** and if necessary banned from the school site.

E-Safety Workshop

We've been fortunate in being able to book Simon Aston to come in and deliver one of his popular E-Safety parent workshop on Thursday 8th March. I sent a ParentMail this week, asking you to pencil the date in your diary and I do so again. As a parent myself and someone who considers themselves quite 'savvy', I am still interested in listening to what Simon has to say about apps and online gaming; I have 2 Minecraft-Nuts at home and want to know how to make sure they are safe when playing a game they love. His sessions are usually very popular, so tickets may be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

Unusually, there's had to be a fair bit of grumbling on here so to end on a positive note I attended the regular Parochial Church Council meeting last Tuesday. Whilst in the meeting, Revd. Mike Burton shared just how wonderful his visits to the school are, particularly praising the work of Mrs Chambers and also the fantastic standard of services your children have been performing. It was a lovely comment but richly deserved by our pupils who continue to be absolute stars day-in, day-out. It's easy to forget sometimes, with all the comings and goings of the world, but we are blessed to have these incredible, loving, funny and intelligent children in all of our lives. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Mr Albert

Safeguarding Matters

If you're concerned about the well-being of any child or adult please speak to either Mr Albert (safeguarding lead), Mrs Osborne or Mrs Bedi (deputy safeguarding leads). For out of hours concerns please contact Northamptonshire MASH (multi agency safeguarding hub) on: 0300 126 1000 (option 1) or out of hours: 01604 626 938.

Diary Dates

28/1 - **Y6 involvement in St Columba's Family Service**

29/1 - New playground equipment being fitted in Victorian Block

2/2 - 'Stay & Play' sessions begin - details to follow

2/2 - PDET Candlemass Event for Y4

5/2 - Sitar & Tabla Drum performances for pupils

9/2 - Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day

9/2 - End of Spring Term 1

19/2- Start of Spring Term 2

20/2 - Swimming Lessons begin for Year 4

25/2 - Y4/Y5 involvement in St Columba's Family Service

26/2 & 28/2 - Parents Evenings

7/3 - Scholastic Book Fair Arrives

8/3 - E-Safety Parent Workshop with Simon Aston

9/3 - Mothers Day Event from "Friends"

15/3 - Y5 at "Voice in a Million" event

22/3 - Full Governing Board meeting

23/3 - Easter Disco organised by "Friends"

26/3 - Y4 at a Faith Roadshow organised by PDET

29/3 - Easter Service

29/3 - End of Spring Term 2

16/4- Start of Summer Term 1

Reflection

Around the school, Mrs Chambers displays short messages and quotes to inspire the pupils. Most of these are linked to the virtue that the school is focusing on at the moment. As you know, we're currently focusing on 'hope'. I've shared one of the quotes to the right, and although its message is clear to us adults, I'd ask that you share it with your children and talk about what it means. Not only does it reference Hope but it also looks to encourage resilience and perseverance.

These are vital strengths that we all need to have and build, especially in our children, and have particular focus as we move closer to Northamptonshire Mental Health Awareness Day on February 9th.

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help us to share the Hope of our hearts with one another.

Enable us to give Hope to others through Your work amongst us.

Use us as vessels to transform those around us,

And to spread Your Hope to every corner of the World.

May our communities flourish by the preaching of Your word, and the praising of Your name.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.



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