



SPRING NEWSLETTER

25th March 2022
Spring Term



Dates for your



- 25th March - 10th April - One Big Clean - Eco School Project
- 28th March - 3rd April - World Autism Acceptance Week,
- 6th April - Dinosaur Visit
- Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter.
- Monday 25th April - School Reopens.
- 29th April - Anti Bullying Day

COVID UPDATE

SYMPTOMS, TESTING & GUIDANCE

We will continue to notify parents/carers in year groups where we experience a number of cases in a short time period.

Just a reminder- if your child experiences symptoms or tests positive on an LFT please book a PCR test.

What are some symptoms of COVID-19?

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

Please let the pastoral team know if you require additional test kits for your child.

We thank you for your continued support



UNIFORM STANDARDS

Sadly the uniform standards are slipping, and many pupils are coming in, in Sportswear, hoodies, jogging pants & trainers.

Can we remind you that a Uniform is required.

The uniform is as below.

- White long or short-sleeved shirt/blouse.
 - Navy v neck jumper
 - Royal blue blazer with school badge.
 - Clip tie - royal blue with gold diagonal stripes.
 - Black trousers / Blue/black check kilt Skirt or Black pleated pinafore
 - Black or navy socks / White, black, or navy plain knee-length socks
 - Plain black footwear Shoes or Trainers
- White or Coloured Trainers are not allowed.

If you are struggling to provide a Uniform please contact the Pastoral Team, as we may be able to help you.

ATTENDANCE

This weeks attendance has dropped overall due covid outbreak. But we have had an increase for year's 9, 10 & 11. Well done to these year groups.

Well done to our pupils in the Top 5 forms & Year groups



Year groups
attendance
percentage.

Year 5 & 6 - 89%

Year 7 - 79%

Year 8 - 74%

Year 9 - 75%

Year 10 - 51%

Year 11 - 40%

Top 5 Form groups
attendance
percentage.

Daley - 93%

Newton - 90%

Curie - 88%

Parks - 85%

Anderson - 71%

No one managed 100% attendance this week, But well done to pupils in Anderson who made the top 5 this week.



If your child is going to be absent please notify the school on the day by 9am. This can be done from tomorrow on our new absence line or Via our Parent App



So Here it is our Egg-travaganza of an Easter Hamper We said it was going to be something Egg-tra Special



This Hamper contains:-

- Large Lindor Easter Egg
- Large Cadbury Roses Egg
- Large Cadbury Dairy Milk Egg
- 2 x Smaller Cadbury Cream Eggs
- Easter Cookie making Kit
- 2 x Easter Rabbit Mugs filled with Sweet treats
- 2 x Egg-Shaped Bath Fizzers
- 2 x Chocolate Bunnies
- Box of Cadbury Mini Egg Nest Cakes
- Box of Cadbury Mini Egg Chocolate Cakes
- Decorative Easter Sign
- Chick Egg Cups with Spoons
- Cadbury Easter Egg Hunt Box
- Decorate your one egg Kit
- 4 x Egg Shakers
- Box of Paint your own decorative Eggs
- Paint your own ceramic Easter Bunnies
- Easter Activity Book
- 2 x Easter Stack Lollipops
- Ferrero Mini Eggs
- Lindt Mini Eggs
- Haribo Eggs Galore Mini Bags x 10
- Drumstick / Drumchick Squashies

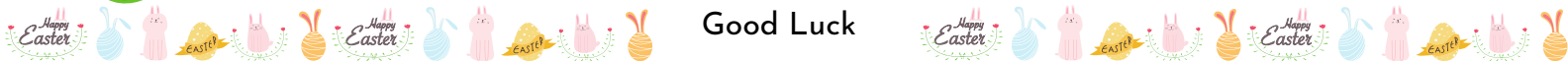
****PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SOME OF THESE ITEMS DO CONTAIN NUTS****

If you would like to be in with a chance to win this amazing prize, please send money in with your child or pass it to escorts or teaching staff.

Raffle tickets are just £1 for a strip of 5, that's 5 chances to win for just £1
Tickets are available from the school office



Good Luck



This week, we're bringing you two guides. The first one marks the advent of this year's Red Nose Day.

It's always comforting to be reminded of humanity's natural compassion: how, in adversity, we tend to rally round to help those less fortunate than ourselves. That's fundamental to Comic Relief, which raises millions every year to combat issues including poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse and mental health stigmas.

The theme of 2022's fundraiser is 'You' - inspiring people to do something, however modest, to brighten someone's day. A lot of those uplifting actions, we'd venture, can easily be accomplished online: so we've designed a display poster highlighting ways that we can all spread some much-needed happiness through the digital world.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about PHONE SCAMS

In a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are alert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SMISHING

SMS phishing, or 'smishing' is one of the most common forms of mobile-based cyber-attack. Smishing is when a scammer texts their target, pretending to be a reputable person or organisation. They aim to trick the victim into supplying sensitive data such as bank details and personal information, so that they can then access the target's bank accounts and remove money.

IMPERSONATION

Fraudsters often impersonate someone else to trick the victim into actually transferring money directly. They might claim, for example, to be a friend or relative using a different number who urgently needs funds. Other common cons include sending fake texts informing the target that they have a package which requires a fee to be delivered, or that they have an unpaid bill to settle.

NUMBER SPOOFING

Here, the scammer takes impersonation a step further by cloning the phone number of a genuine company. So when the target receives a call or text, their phone recognises the sender's number as legitimately belonging to Amazon, HMRC, the NHS or the DVLA (who have all been impersonated in these cons). This makes the scam far harder to spot and the victim much more inclined to comply.

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

Attackers contact a target, pretending to work for their employers' IT support team. They then advise them to download some software to fix 'a technical issue' with their device. In reality, however, the software grants the scammers access to the victim's private data and sensitive information. This con is more common on desktop and laptop devices, but is still possible to accomplish on mobiles.

SIM HIJACKING

SIM hijacking switches control of a phone account from the victim's SIM card to one in the scammers' possession. Criminals use personal details pieced together from social media (birthday, address, pet's name and so on) to pose as you, then instruct your phone network to transfer your number to their SIM - giving them access to all calls and texts meant for you, including one-time login passcodes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO SOME DIGGING

If you've received a call or text asking for specific information, research the caller's number. There are several websites that allow you to enter a phone number and will then display any relevant information about it - this usually includes feedback and comments from other people, so you can easily see if that particular number has been implicated in potential scams.

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

If a suspicious call comes through on your mobile, you can manually block the number. If you believe it to be dubious or a nuisance caller. Alternatively, you could consider installing a call blocker service on your phone. They automatically stop calls getting through from numbers which have been reported as suspicious, halting potential scammers in their tracks before they can reach you.

VERIFY THE SOURCE

Never disclose confidential details to an individual or organisation you're unfamiliar with. If the caller claims to represent a company you trust but is still asking for personal information or payment on an outstanding charge, end the conversation. Then find the company's genuine number on a bill or on their website and call them directly to confirm if there really is an issue you need to address.

BREAK OUT THE TECH

Lots of anti-virus software now also protects mobiles. Some anti-virus apps can detect phishing links in text messages and alert you to the risk. When you're out and about, try not to use public WiFi for sensitive transactions: it's far less secure than your home WiFi network. Instead, you could consider installing a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all data travelling to and from your phone.

REPORT INCIDENTS

If you or a family member does give out confidential information to a caller you aren't sure about, contact the actual company mentioned to check if the call was genuine. If they confirm that the call was not made by their organisation, you should report it as a potential scam via the Action Fraud website and (depending on exactly what information was divulged) consider involving the police.

BE WARY OF LINKS

If you get a message from an unknown number asking you to click on a link, report it as spam and do not open the link. One recent example 'warned' victims they'd been exposed to the Omicron variant and needed to click a link to buy a special test - only to find they had paid their money to scammers. Links can also install malware onto your device, so always treat them with extreme caution.

Meet Our Expert

Formed in 2018, KryptoCloud provides cyber security and resilience solutions to its customers. With offices in the UK, the company offers managed service operational packages including cyber security monitoring and testing, risk audit, threat intelligence and incident response.



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Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-57444444> (45 million people targeted by scams), <https://www.proclaim.co.uk/blog/news/shocking-new-uk-fraud-statistics-financial-scams-committed-every-75-seconds>, <https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2022/01/11/the-five-biggest-scams-of-2021>

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please see the lunch menu for the next week, W/C 28th March 2022.

If your child would like a hot dinner please let your classroom staff know in advance.
Dinners are charged at £2.45 per day, unless you are entitled to Free School Meals
Lunches are to be paid for in cash, this can be either passed to your Teacher, TA,
or the school office.

WEEK 2

Choice 1

Choice 2

Choice 3

Dessert

Monday



Crispy Chicken Burger served in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables or Baked Beans



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Apple Muffin

Tuesday



Lasagne served with Garlic Bread & Seasonal Vegetables



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Chocolate Brownie

Wednesday



Homemade Chicken Pie served with New Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Iced Sponge Cake



Thursday



Chicken Korma served with Rice, Naan Bread & Seasonal Vegetables



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Fresh Fruit Salad

Friday



Battered Fish (MSC) served with Chips & Peas or Baked Beans



Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Deli Choice of Breads with a Selection of Fillings Served with a Side Salad



Golden Crunch Cookie

Available every day – Unlimited Salad, Freshly Baked Bread, Organic Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit Platter, Milk & Chilled Water.

For allergen information, please ask one of our Catering Team.



IMPORTANT

If your child has allergies please notify the school office.



WEEKLY FRUIT DELIVERY

As part of our healthy eating programme and to encourage healthier snacking we are offering all pupils free fruit in class.



Healthy School



BREAKFAST CLUB

As part of our healthy eating programme we will be offering all pupils a health breakfast option, before lessons start.

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS



Rooooaarrr!!!!

We are excited to let you know about our upcoming visit from some dinosaurs.

On the 6th April 2022, pupils in lower school will have workshops about fossils and then a visit from a dinosaur!

Meet Sophie, our young Tyrannosaurus Rex, just seven years old and approaching KS2. A little nervous about going to a new school but looking forward to meeting the pupils and trying out the school dinners!

This is a life-like full body costume that is worked by a puppeteer. She has animatronic features and a realistic roar making this the most dynamic interactive learning experience.

This experience perfectly complements our Life Long Ago fossil workshop.

Anti-bullying Day 29th April 2022

We have arranged an event based around anti-bullying. We have a production group coming into school to deliver interactive workshops to the pupils.

We also have purchased their online package for pupils to use back in classrooms afterwards.

The whole day's focus will be Anti Bullying.

We will be making a video during the day and also holding poster competitions.



- Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say hey.
- In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.
- Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the playground to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity.
- It starts with one kind word. It starts today.



11-20 March
British Science Week 2022

As part of the British Science Week, Our STEM pupils will be going to Manchester Runway Park, to see Concorde

The Runway Visitor Park is one of the North West's most popular outdoor attractions. Adjacent to the busy runways of Manchester Airport, the park's raised viewing area means you can stand literally just a few metres away from the planes as they go past.

The park is also home to a variety of retired planes, including the spectacular supersonic airliner, Concorde G-BOAC; and former RAF military spy plane, Nimrod. There's also a DC-10, Avro RJX and a retro Trident airliner, offering a glimpse of what flying was like in the 1960s and 1970s.