



6 June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Reception Weekly Information – w/b 6.6.17

First of all, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all of you who were able to be a part of Sports Day on the Friday before half term. We were so proud of all the children, who showed great aspiration, co-operation, resilience and patience throughout the day.

Reception have some special visitors coming to school this week to launch the next part of our 'The World Around Us' theme...minibeasts! We are excited to have ZooLab (<http://www.zoolabuk.com/>) coming in to talk the children on Tuesday 6 June. The children will have the chance to touch or hold various creatures and ask the ZooLab Ranger all of their minibeast related questions! Each class will attend their ZooLab session at different times throughout the day. We are also having our penultimate Forest School session on Tuesday so that the children can have their own minibeast hunt inspired by ZooLab.

During phonics lessons this week, the children are resuming their work on Phase 5 of Letters and Sounds. We will be focusing on learning three new ways to write familiar sounds: 'ue' and 'ew' (which can make the same sound in words such as 'value' and 'pew' or make the same sound as 'oo' in words such as 'glue' or 'flew'). The third sound is 'ou' (as in 'pound') which makes the same sound as familiar sound 'ow.' Please help your child to spot these sounds in their reading and when out and about.

Building on our previous work on 'sharing' groups of objects, we will continue to learn about sharing this week during maths lessons. This time we will be thinking about the fairest ways to share a single object such as a cake or a pizza. We will be learning words such as 'half' and 'quarter' through a range of activities.

### Things to Remember

- **PE Kits** need to be washed and returned to school as soon as possible please.
- **Forest School reminders:** Your child will not need anything 'extra' for Forest School but it will be essential to have the correct uniform and equipment in school daily: **waterproof coat with hood, water bottle, sun hat.** You may want to apply sun cream at home in the morning.
- **Name labels** Please take a moment to double check that **all** of your child's belongings are name-labelled, many labels have worn away or become smudged throughout the year.
- **Show and Tell** will be for the **Ants** group across all classes on **Thursday 8 June.**

Best wishes,

The Reception Team  
Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dryland, Mrs Vidal and Miss Wright



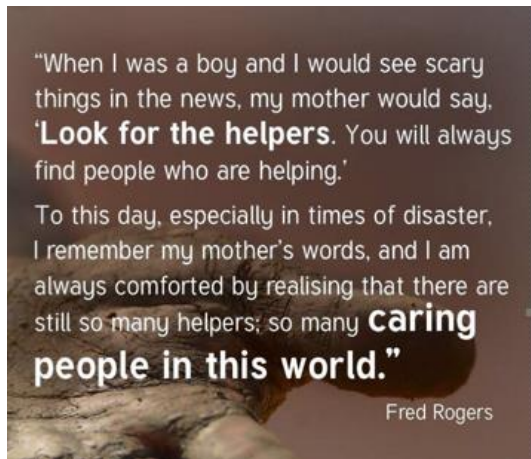
## Messages from the Mrs Druce Safety of our children

This morning, when a parent was dropping off for Sunrise, their child almost got run over by another parent who was driving too fast. They didn't stop to see if everyone was ok so we can only presume they did not realise how close they came to injuring a child. Please, please slow down and take care, even if this means you are a few minutes late, we would prefer you to park legally and drive safely.

## Talking to children about recent events

Following the recent tragic events in Manchester and London alongside some children watching the One Love Concert on Sunday, we are aware that some children will be aware of terrorism but equally some children will not. I believe in protecting children's innocence for as long as possible and respecting your individual opinions and beliefs about whether or not to share the news with your children. Therefore, we have not been taking part in the minute's silence or having assemblies/lessons on the complex issues. If children mention anything related to the abhorrent events or terrorism, we have focussed on talking about people that help and people that keep us safe e.g the police.

Please feel free to come and chat to me at the East or West if you have any further questions.



# TERRORISM

## HOW TO TALK TO CHILDREN

Dr. Steve Berkowitz is a child trauma psychologist. In episode 193 of Every Classroom Matters, he shares six important points about talking with kids about terrorism.

- Children under six should not watch the news. They often fear what they're seeing is new. They often think that it is happening all over again.
- Help kids learn to check sources and understand how quickly false rumors spread on social media.
- Help kids know that it is the adult's job to keep them safe. That you take that job seriously.
- Adults must be careful not to project their anxiety onto the kids.
- Help older kids talk about how this event will impact their future. Listen to their concerns about the future.
- Look for signs of trauma such as sleep changes, isolation, and other changes in behavior. Get children help when they need it.

Every Classroom Matters  
Suggested Resource: The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

## Security and Access for Peter Pan Event

To ensure the safety of our children and security of our school at the PTA Theatre Event on Friday, the following access arrangements will be in place.

- 4.30pm – 5.30pm Access via East or West Gates
- After 5.30pm East Gate will be locked and access will be via West Gate only.
- After 5.45pm Access will only be possible via the West Gate and anyone needing access will need to telephone **07874 046602**

Anyone wishing to leave the school before the end of the performance will need to find Mrs Lee, Mrs Glaister, or Miss Swann who will open the West Gate only. They will be based near the West Gate. At the end of the performance, you may exit by either East or West Gate.

Whilst we appreciate this might not meet everyone's exacting needs, we are very lucky that members of the school's leadership team support PTA events and help to keep people and the school building safe.

The toilets in the West Wing, just outside the Studio, will be available for use on the evening.

## Messages from the Office

### School Lunches

The menu for this week is as follows.

- Tuesday – organic Cumberland pork sausages with mashed potato and gravy or Vegetarian sausage with mashed potato and gravy, Cabbage and peas and fresh fruit salad with crème fresh
- Wednesday – Mediterranean or cheesy pasta bake, sweetcorn/baked beans and wholemeal shortbread corner and fresh orange wedges (This is normally on Monday)
- Thursday – Roast chicken with sage and onion stuffing roast potatoes and gravy or Quorn fillet with sage and onion stuffing with gravy, sliced carrots and broccoli florets, fruit yoghurt selection
- Friday – Jumbo cod fish fingers served with country style potatoes or cheese and tomato whirl, baked beans and chocolate brownie and vanilla crème fresh

### M&S Your School Uniform

All uniform for that appears on the Your School Uniform website will be reduced by 20% from 6 June to 4 July 2017.

### Coming up soon:

June		
Monday 5.6.17	All day	INSET / Staff Training – school closed to children
Tuesday 6.6.17	8.40am	School opens for children
Tuesday 6.6.17	-	Y2 –Y6 Homework passports sent home
Tuesday 6.6.17	Morning	Zoolab to visit YR at school
Tuesday 6.6.17 – Wednesday 7.6.16	-	3L Residential Visit - Golden Hinde
Wednesday 7.6.17	11.40pm – 12.50pm	RV and RD's Parents' lunch visit
Wednesday 7.6.17	2.30pm	Y6 PGL residential visit information meeting for parents
Thursday 8.6.17 – Friday 9.6.17	-	3S Residential Visit - Golden Hinde
Friday 9.6.17	6.00pm	PTA Outdoor theatre event – Peter Pan
Thursday 8.6.16	12.00pm – 12.50pm	Y2 Parents' lunch visit
w/b 12.6.17	-	Y1 Phonics Screening Check
Monday 12.6.17 – Wednesday 14.6.17	-	Y4 Residential Visit - High Ashurst
Monday 12.6.17	12.20pm – 1.10pm	Y6 Parents' lunch visit
Tuesday 13.6.17	12.20pm – 1.10pm	Y3 Parents' lunch visit

