



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Arthur

Morrell

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Henry

Pascoe

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Ruben

Srinivasan

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Kai

Mercer

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Nell

Barden

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Brandon

Baker

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Rex

Porter

'Oscar'- Jessica Roberts Y6

Best Manners Award-Megan

Moger & Henry Pascoe

KURLING TEAM SUCCESS!

Congratulations to Mrs Mills and the Kurling Team who came 3rd in the area competition this week!



Some of the other teams were very experienced Kurlers so we had our work cut out! After a very tense first half, the LSM Kurlers got into the swing of the competition and by the end of the tournament; they were scoring some exceptionally high scores. Seth, Nell, Josh and Tom should be very proud of their excellent teamwork. Thank you to the parents for transport and to Cam Jones for helping with scoring.

FIT AND HEALTHY ON THE FARM

Ruby Class and their parents had a wonderful outing this week to Bore Place as part of our link project 'Healthy Families'.

Family Challenge

We hope that everyone received their Healthy Families Challenge sheet with last week's newsletter and that lots of you will have a go at completing it. Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 Health Ambassadors will be holding discussions with every class about the snacks that they are bringing to school and the types of food that they have in their lunchboxes. The Health Ambassadors discovered some really, interesting and sometimes worrying information about the amount of sugar and fat that too many children are eating.

Don't forget that all pupils in Year R, 1 and 2 get a free piece of fruit or veg from the government every day at school, so parents really don't need to send in any additional snacks.

YEAR 5 ASSEMBLY

Many thanks to parents who were able to attend the Year 5 assembly this week, which was a magnificent celebration of Year 5 learning about Christopher Columbus in drama, music, art and song!

Our next Class assembly is next Wednesday 13th February at 9.05am led by Year 4. Parents are warmly invited to join us.

NSPCC FUNDRAISING

Today the NSPCC visited our school and delivered their Speak out. Stay safe. Assembly. During the assembly and additional workshops for Year 5 & 6 pupils, the NSPCC shared information with our pupils about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they ever have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

As a charity, they can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. That's why we're raising money to help the NSPCC's work in schools, with our 'Helping Out to Help Others weekend'. Participation is purely voluntary but if you are able to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could give your child permission to take part by signing the sponsor form and return the sponsored event form and money raised to school by next Thursday 14th Feb. If you have, more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one form.

Today you will also receive:

Every Pupil ~ Mid-Year Interim Reports

TALKING PANTS WITH YOUR CHILDREN

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe - and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - without using scary words or even mentioning sex. The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone.

You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website:

nspcc.org.uk/parents

ONLINE SAFETY DAY

Safer Internet Day took place on Tuesday 5th February. This year the theme is 'Together for a better internet'.

There are some great resources, which parents can access to support the work of the school in keeping children safe and responsible online. CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) has launched two new parents and carers presentations - one for primary and one for secondary. Both presentations are between 30-40 minutes long and cover topics including; live streaming, gaming, sexual exploration online, and how parents can support their child to be safer online. These presentations can be found on the Thinkuknow website and have teaching notes to help parents follow them at home.

'Play Like Share' is a series of three animated films for 8-10 Yr olds about staying safe online, also produced by Thinkuknow, the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command's online safety education programme.

Parents can watch the films with their children at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare

'Play Like Share' follows the adventures of Alfie, Ellie and Sam as they form a band and enter their school's Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but 'cool' Popcorn Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely. The aim of the films is to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films and activities teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help. Watch Play Like Share with your child, and start a conversation about the internet and staying safe.

There are three episodes so you could do this over a few days. Start with positives, finding out as much as you can about what your child does online and what it means to them. You could:

- Ask your child to show you their favourite websites, apps and social media services and what they do on them. Listen and show interest. You could also encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.
- Ask them if anything ever bothers or worries them about going online. You could use examples of events from the films and ask if they've ever heard of something similar happening.

- Use examples from Play Like Share to start a conversation about online 'friends' or 'followers'. Ask them about whom they chat to online, and whether they know and trust them 'in real life'.
- Talk about the importance of privacy settings and how they can help your child stay in control of what they share with others. Together, look at the privacy settings for the services they use, encourage them to only share things with people they know and trust in real life.
- Using examples from Play Like Share, talk to your child about what it might be appropriate or inappropriate to share online - this includes photos, videos, comments and personal information.
- Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others. Remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something.
- Ensure your child understands that if anything ever happens online which worries or upsets them, they should always tell you.
- Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and non-judgemental support.
- Make online safety an on-going conversation in your house and involve the rest of the family in the conversation too. Watch Play Like Share with your child, and start a conversation about the internet and staying safe.

BETHANY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Bethany School have an open morning this weekend, Sat 9th Feb - last weekend's open day was postponed due to heavy snowfall.

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19

Thursday	3 rd January 2019	Start of Term 3
Saturday & Sunday	9 th & 10 th February	NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. Sponsorship Weekend
Monday	11 th February	Parent Consultations - 3-5.30pm
Tuesday	12 th February	Parent Consultations - 8-9.20am
Tuesday	12 th February	PTA Second hand Uniform Sale - Drop Off & Pick UP
Wednesday	13 th February	Parent Consultations - 8-8.50am
Wednesday	13 th February	Year 4 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	14 th February	PTA Film Evening - 5-6.30pm
Friday	15 th February	End of Term - 3.20pm
Monday	25 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26 th February	Start Term 4
Wednesday	27 th February -Every Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 4 Forest School
Friday	1 st March	Class Photographs
Friday	1 st - 8 th March	Year 6 Bikeability Training
Wednesday	6 th March	Ash Wednesday Service - 2pm School Hall
Wednesday	13 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	14 th March	Year 1 & 2 Outing Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday	20 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	21 st March	Year 3 & 4 Outing Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday	27 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Friday	29 th March	Mothering Sunday Breakfast
Wednesday	3 rd April	Year R Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Second hand Uniform Sale - Drop Off & Pick UP
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Easter Disco - 5pm
Friday	5 th April	9.30am Easter Service at St Mary's Church