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News Sheet

Discussion topic: "Have the humility to learn from those around you." –

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PSHCE and RSHE Curriculum

John C. Maxwell

As part of our PSHCE curriculum we will shortly be covering our Safety and the Changing Body aspect of learning. Attached is a parent information letter which includes this in more detail. If you require any further information surrounding this topic please contact either myself or Mrs Brooke-Mawson.

Dates for your diary:-

Friday 9th February – 3pm - School closes for half term break

Monday 19th February – School reopens after February break

Wednesday 21st February – Y3 and Y4 swimming lessons commence for this academic year and continue until the end of the academic year

Friday 23rd February – Helping

Hands "Break the Uniform Rules"
day in exchange for donations of tombola prizes. Please see separate poster

School Attendance Matters

It is school's responsibility to publish attendance figures and promote attendance. Attendance from September to present:-

- Class 1 94.6%
- Class 2 95.8%
- Class 3 95.2%
- Class 4 95.4%
- Class 5 95.9%
- Overall 95.35%

These are below what we would like although I do know there have been a high number of bugs around over recent weeks and I hope that this will get back on track very soon. Whilst we realise illness is an unavoidable absence, our unauthorised absence rate stands at 1.05%. This is completely avoidable.

Please note the following:

- In order to help, please ensure routine dental or GP appointments are made outside of school time. Hospital appointments will be authorised with proof of appointment shown at the school office.
- School will ask for proof of medical intervention if there is extended or frequent absence. This is in order to meet our safeguarding duties.
- Requests for leave of absence (term time holidays) must be made prior to booking and absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.
- We have had instances of families taking children on leave of absence (term time holidays/planned absence) without prior request. This will be deemed unauthorised.
- School receives no funds from penalty notices we just want children to be attending school regularly to give them their best chance of learning.

"Let all that you do be done in love"