



School News

Ready, Respectful and Safe

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Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 5th February was **Safer Internet Day**, when schools all over the UK concentrate on Online Safety.

At our school we try to end every computing lesson every day with a short focus on this very important area.

The children from year 5 and **Alex the Computing Curriculum Adviser**, gave a presentation to parents, and to the children from years 3 and 4. The informative presentation concluded with five films, scripted, shot and edited by themselves, illustrating the importance of safe internet behaviour.



Year 6 have contributed to this celebration by creating a series of Powerpoints about different aspects of online safety, and these are currently playing on our digital displays in the school entrance, and the playground.

Thought of the Week

Graham our vicar, led the whole school assembly on Wednesday at St Stephen's church. He linked our gospel reading from **Luke** with a story about **Saint Teresa of Avila**.

Saint Teresa lived over 500 years ago. She founded an order (a religious group) called the **Discalced Carmelites**. The word **Discalced** comes from Latin, meaning "**without shoes**". The nuns in the order did not wear any shoes so Graham led the entire assembly – without wearing any shoes!



At the end of our assembly, Faith read this Prayer written by Saint Teresa:

**Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to
do good,
Yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has not body now but yours.**



"I can do all things through HIM who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13
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Curriculum Meeting

Thank you for attending the whole **school curriculum presentation with Mrs Dyer** and your child's **year group curriculum meeting with your child's class teacher** last week.

Both meetings gave parents and carers the opportunity to discuss and learn more about the national curriculum.

The national curriculum provides pupils with an introduction to the essential knowledge they need to be educated citizens. It introduces pupils to the best that has been thought and said, and helps engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.

At the curriculum presentation, Mrs Dyer asked:

What would you like to know about the school curriculum?

These were the responses from parents:

- How do you choose what to actually teach per subject? Is that reflective of the make-up of the school?
- How often do you review the curriculum?
- What are the teaching methods and styles used in Maths?
- Are there any practical lessons that are child led and adult led?
- Does the school explain to the children, the boundaries on the internet?
- Does the school have extra Maths or English clubs after schools?
- How can we connect the Maths or RE to new world technology?
- Are SATs essential for year 2 as they are so young at this stage?
- Do the children know the target of their lesson?
- Which clubs are free?
- Can we have more free clubs or activities?
- I would like to know the learning outcomes before the pupils are taught the lesson.

We will be responding to the parents' questions in the forthcoming newsletters throughout this spring term.

Mrs Dyer also asked:

What would you like your child/ children to learn?

These were the responses from parents:

- More books for reading at home
- Free breakfast club for all children.
- Relationships education
- The safer use of the internet
- French as well as Spanish
- Music classes
- Opportunities for more trips
- More phonics
- For year 2 children to have two days of PE
- More English and Science homework
- More English and Maths
- Science in general
- RE and understanding their faith and the faiths of others
- The Ten Commandments
- Reading
- Stem, Business Skills, Environmental issues, Coding, Social skills, Music, Languages, Politics, Geography, various history from across the world
- More homework
- More lessons about Science
- Art
- History
- Geography


During the meeting, parents and carers saw the **school's curriculum design** for every subject in every year group. Parents and carers learnt how educational visits and visitors enrich the children's understanding of a topic.

They also found out that in years 4, 5 and 6, there are **pupils who are curriculum advisers**. The curriculum advisers work alongside teaching staff and contribute to the design of the curriculum.

We appreciated your time and contribution and hope that you enjoyed both sessions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY : SPRING 2019

Highlighted dates are when parents are invited into the school

Dates	Events
February 2019	
Thursday 14th 	St Valentine's Day 9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 15th	9.15am: Pullman Class (Year 6) Assembly
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February	
Monday 25th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 27th	9am: Religious Education coffee morning for parents & carers
March 2019	
Friday 1st	St David's Day 9.15am: Blackman Class (Yr 5) Assembly
BOOK WEEK Monday 4th – Friday 8th March	
Tuesday 5th	Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 6th	Ash Wednesday
Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 8th	9.15am: Fine Class (Year 2) Assembly
Friday 15th	RED NOSE DAY 9.15am: Donaldson Class (Year 1) Assembly

Dates	Events
March 2019 (continued)	
Tuesday 19th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers Proms for Praise at the Royal Albert Hall
Friday 22nd	9.15am: Colfer Class (Year 4) Assembly
Monday 25th	9am: Friends of Burdett-Coutts summer fair planning meeting
Wednesday 27th	11am, Mother's Day service at St Stephen's Church – parents and carers welcome.
Thursday 28th	9am: Ready, Respectful and Safe – Behaviour focus coffee morning for parents & carers
Friday 29th	9.15am: Jeffers Class (Reception) Assembly
Sunday 31st CLOCKS GO FORWARD!	Mothering Sunday service at St Stephen's church. All families welcome
April 2019	
Friday 5th	9.15am: Morpurgo Class (Year 6) Assembly Last Day of the Spring Term SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm
EASTER HOLIDAYS Monday 8th – Monday 22nd April. The summer term begins on Tuesday 23rd April 2019	