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Newsletter No 5 January 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the new decade and the children are all enjoying their learning. Year 5 have already taken part in some exciting activities at Standon Bowers and thirty three of our children have represented the school at the Young Voices concert at the Resorts World Arena in Birmingham. Year 4 and 5 enjoyed their day with Rhythmical Mike and wrote some great rap songs which you may have seen on our twitter account (@WilliamShrews).

As the term goes on, there will be lots more to enjoy. We are looking forward to Science week which commences on Monday 2nd March. During this week all of the children will enjoy a special demonstration from a visiting Scientist and we will have a non-uniform day to raise money for this on Monday 2nd March. Year 1 are also looking forward to a visit to Tamworth Castle. We are also pleased that we have increased the number of opportunities for our children to learn how to play musical instruments. Please see information about this later on in the newsletter.

This term and for the rest of the year, we are having a big focus on Reading. We are delighted that AFWS have donated £200 per class to spend on improving the book corners to make them engaging to the pupils. We will also be aiming to stock each year group with the 50 recommended books for their ages and will start this using the money raised at our recent book fairs. If you would like to know what these books are, please follow the following link www.booksfortopics.com and then click on the Key Stage booklist tab and then on the appropriate year group for your child. Thank you to the parents who have been in as 'secret readers' to share their favourite stories with the children. The children have been very excited about this.

Mrs Curtis

eSafety Week

The week commencing 10th February is eSafety week. We will be teaching the children about keeping safe online and there will be special assemblies on this theme. Please reinforce these important messages at home as well and make sure you know which websites your children are using. If you need help with setting parental controls you can contact us at school for advice.



Safety message

Please try to ensure that you keep the pavement outside the junior gate clear so that children and parents can pass without having to walk round onto the road.

Also, please be aware that children are not allowed on the train and the boat on the infant playground after school.



Attendance at school

We are pleased with the good levels of attendance in school so far this year. Thank you for your co-operation with this and especially to the many families who do not take their children on holiday in term time. This is very beneficial to your child's progress in school. We will be sending percentage attendance letters to all parents again later this term.

All term time holidays are now unauthorised but it is particularly important to avoid taking children out of school between 27th April and 26th June as this is when the annual tests are taken.

Please remember to ring school by 9.30am when your child is ill or email the office

absence@williamshrewsbury.staffs.sch.uk



Spare PE/Games Kit/ Pump bags

Do you have spare PE kit or pump bags that your child has grown out of or no longer needs? We often need some spares as children regularly forget to bring their kit in and we don't want anyone to miss these important lessons! Thank you.

Children's Safety

A few concerns have recently been raised by parents and the children at their Health and Safety Committee:

- We regularly remind your children about road safety please could you reinforce these messages with your children as we are still having some dangerous behaviours reported.
- Please take care when you are pulling out of side roads or the Priory Centre. As there have been a few near misses between cars and pedestrians.
- We recommend that you do not allow your children access to apps for older children, such as WhatsApp and TikTok (recommended age 16). Should you decide to let your children use these apps, please ensure that you monitor their conversations very carefully as they can lead to safeguarding issues.

Music at William Shrewsbury

We are delighted to let you know that we are now providing lots of opportunities to play a wide range of musical instruments.



Monday - piano, electric guitar

Tuesday - violin

Thursday - drums

Friday - trumpet, trombone, flute, clarinet, saxophone, ukulele



Hot House Music School are running some exciting after school clubs on a Friday.

3.30-4.15pm - Ukulele Band

4.45-5.45pm - Choir

6.00 - 7.00pm Band

School Lunches

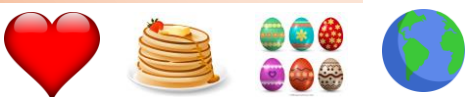
Please put these dates in your diaries for our very popular school lunches:

Valentines Lunch - 14th February

Pancake Day - 25th February

Easter Lunch - 1st April

Round the World Lunch - 7th May



Nursery Applications

Nursery application forms for September 2020 are now available on our [website](#). You can also collect a pack from the office. Please hand your application in at the school office.

The closing date for applications is **Friday**

6th March.