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News

Year 6 children visited Crucial Crew this week.

This is always a fantastic trip, which educates children on social scenarios, dangers and crimes. Children spent time hearing from police, fire, ambulance, road safety, bus safety, anti-social behaviour ambassadors and youth offending workers.

The children were enthused and engaged throughout - making them safer and more educated on social issues.

Remember - World Book Day Next Week - Thursday 7th March

Bring a Book to Life

Due to the phenomenal success of last year, we are once again running a competition for all children in school. We would love to see how creative you can be at home and we want you to bring a book to life!

Using cereal boxes, shoeboxes and any other unused boxes, choose a favourite story and recreate it inside. We will have a range of prizes for the winners in 4 categories- EYFS, (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Y1/Y2), LKS2 (Y3/Y4) and UKS2 (Y5/Y6) All entries need to be brought into school on Thursday 7th ready for judging.

World Book Day Non-Uniform Day

Come dressed as a word to develop your vocabulary! This world book day we would love to see you dressed as a word! What new words can you teach your teachers and your friends? We can't wait to see your creativity!



Easter Challenge

Easter Egg Challenge. This year, our challenge will be 'You in an Eggshell'. We would like you to create an Easter themed egg design should be about anything that is about you or is important to you - this could be what you enjoy doing, about your family, your culture, what traditions are important to you, hobbies, your favourite clothes, places you like to visit, foods like you to eat. Your design should tell us something about 'You in an eggshell' - we can't wait to see your designs!



We will showcase these during the Parents' Evenings so all designs will need to be in school by the end of the day on Monday 25th March. Please remember to add your child's class and first name only to your design. We can't wait to see what you create! Prizes will be given to everyone who enters and special winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each year group. Have fun designing! One rule! The size can be no bigger than a base 30cm x 30cm - this is due to space displaying the designs. Keep looking out for ideas we will be posting for the next few weeks.

Please ask Miss Bouttell if you have any questions.

Parents' Evenings

Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March. The booking forms will be opened on Monday at 12pm. Please see below the dates your child's class teacher will be available for appointments.

Tuesday 26th March	Wednesday 27th March
Emerald Sapphire Rainbow	White - Miss Shaw Purple - Mr Smith Scarlet - Miss Bouttell
Crimson - Mrs Hodgson Violet - Mr Short Ruby - Miss Giddings Indigo - Miss Blundell Yellow - Miss Wales	Blue - Mr Butterfield Green - Mrs Hogarty Red - Miss Talbot Orange - Miss Henry

Miss Batten will be available to discuss any SEN needs on both evenings. Please ensure you see her after your appointment if your child has a SEN plan or you have any SEN questions.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance - 94.8%

Children with 100% - 397 (highest so far) 



Class Attendance this Week:

Rainbow	93.7%
Sapphire	98.6%
Emerald	96.9%
Purple	90.6%
White	94.4%
Scarlet	92.9%
Crimson	94.3%
Ruby	100%
Violet	93.2%
Blue	92.3%
Indigo	94%
Green	96%
Yellow	98.6%
Orange	96%
Red	91.3%

Ruby Class are the first class this year to achieve 100% attendance for a full week and have been awarded with a treat today – Well Done!



We have had parents asking recently about their child's attendance. Attendance data is recorded for the full academic year which runs September – July, we then send letters and invite you in for meetings based on this information if your child's attendance is being monitored. If you do receive a letter, it is important that you provide medical evidence to the main office when your child is absent.

Don't forget we are still running our Easter Attendance Incentive - make sure you are in school every Monday and Friday this half-term to win a prize and to be entered into a draw to win a bonus prize!



Please remember that the school gates open at 8:35am, we have a number of children being left unsupervised outside school and there are no staff there to monitor them. Just a reminder that breakfast club starts at 8:00am and children should not be left earlier than this.

Things you need to know

Please see important upcoming events below - should you require further information, please see your child's class teacher .

<p>Whole School</p> <p>Thursday - Choir after school</p> <p>Thursday - World Book Day</p> <p>Saturday 9th March - Rainbow Connections Choir@ Don Valley</p>	<p>Early Years</p> <p>PE Day - Friday</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>PE Day - Tuesday</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>PE Day - Monday</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>PE Day - Friday</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>PE Day - Thursday</p> <p>Ukelele - Wednesday</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>PE Day - Tuesday</p>

Choir

There are 2 choirs running in school.

Mrs Hemmingway runs a choir after school on a Thursday and, shortly, more places will open up for the choir.

Rainbow Connections (who are a company we employ to work with the children) cannot invite every child to attend their choir as they are restricted on numbers for competitions and, therefore, they audition the children and cannot accommodate every child in school.

Auditions are held throughout the year once competitions are complete and we have little control over the dates.

Rainbow Connections Choir have the following events upcoming -

9th March - Music for Youth at **Don Valley School** 9.30am - 1pm (Rainbow Connections choir and Trust Choir).

14th March - Robin Hood Festival at **Hill House School** (Trust choir only)

22nd March - Don Valley Festival at Sir Thomas Wharton (Rainbow Connections choir and Trust Choir).

Assemblies this Week

Picture News

In countries across Europe, tractors have been blocking city streets and motorways as farmers protest against certain European Union rules.

How can you make your voice heard?

Ask your child: How can you make your voice heard?

Safeguarding

This is our second week focusing on keeping safe online. Why not ask your child to tell you some of the things they could do to keep themselves safe? This will help them remember what they have learned alongside sharing the information with you.

Talk to your child: How do they keep themselves safe online?



Mobile Phones

Please can parents refrain from using mobile phones on drop off and collection - your children will be pleased to see you and the teachers may need to speak with you.

Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!

Please Help!

Donations are greatly Appreciated!

We are looking for donations of Easter eggs, sweets, craft packs or teddies to use as prizes for our attendance incentive. If you know of any small businesses that would be willing to donate anything, please let us know and we'll be happy to collect the donations and shout them out on our Central News. Thank you for your support.

Safeguarding

If you have a problem, or are worried about someone you know, it can be hard to know what to do or where to go to make the situation better. This link will give you the information about services and people that are there to help.

Need Help?



What3Words

What Three Words is an app which can give precise locations all over the world.

Therefore it would be useful in an emergency, for example if a child was lost or needed medical attention. The child or lost person would be able to share their 3 words so that their location could be found.

Find out more by clicking the picture.



Are your children vaccinated?

National Rise in Measles: Get Protected

As you may have seen in the news over recent weeks, there has been a surge in measles cases across the country.

Two doses of the MMR vaccination can offer protection from measles for life, so it is really important to make sure that you and your loved ones have received it, to protect yourself and others.

Anyone can check their own vaccination records via their GP, or the NHS app. If you have not been vaccinated, you can contact your GP to arrange a catch-up, for free, at any age. For more information click on the picture.



Report Crimes

Fearless is the dedicated youth service of the independent charity Crimestoppers. They give young people the power to report crime **100% anonymously**. It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 365 days a year. Click on the link to find out more.



Easter Hazards

What do grapes and mini eggs have in common?



Parents are being warned to remain vigilant this Easter over the dangers of Mini Eggs, which are sized equally to grapes and can pose a choking hazard for small children. Please ensure you monitor your child when they are eating mini eggs.

We will always advise parents to slice grapes into quarters to ensure easy and safe swallowing. When children are given grapes whole or mini eggs whole, they can become lodged and stop air passing into the lungs. This can cause a serious choking hazard. Look out for coughing, a difficulty breathing, signs of distress, grasping the throat and neck and lips turning blue.



What to do if a child is choking...

Ask them if they are choking and listen/look for signs and symptoms of choking.



Lean the child forward and ask them to cough to see if they can dislodge the object.



Lean the child over and complete 5 back slaps - you will need to hit hard to dislodge.



Complete 5 abdominal thrusts by putting your hands underneath the breast bone, and pull back and up.

If there is nobody with you to help, phone an ambulance immediately.



Repeat the slaps and thrusts in 5's until the ambulance arrives or the items are clear.

Always seek medical attention if choking has occurred.