

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Drop Off Point – please do not block the lane outside of gate opening times

We have had feedback from some of the neighbours close to the school, who report that the lane where the Drop Off Point is located is being blocked by waiting cars significantly earlier than the gate opening.

Please can we ask all those who use the Drop Off Point in the morning, not to park and block the lane outside of the gate opening time. The gate will not open until 8.30am.



Please can we ask the Year 5 and Year 6 parents who use the Drop Off Point for end of day pick up, not to park and block the lane outside of the gate opening time. The gate will not open until 3.10pm.

Thank you for your support with this. As you know, the Drop Off Point is essential to help manage the car traffic around the school site. We need to use it carefully in order to minimise disruption to our community.

Headlice

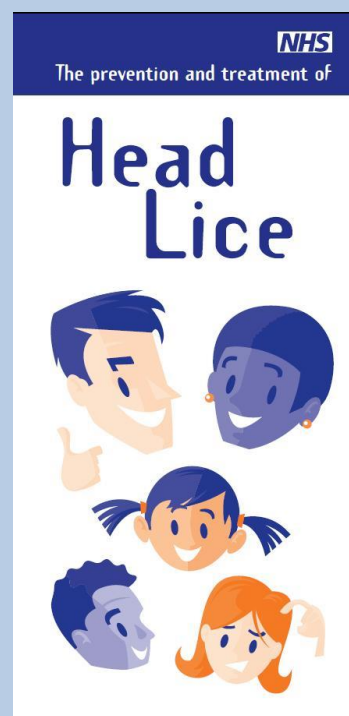
Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

Whilst lice can be nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

As there has been cases in school, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website at:
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/treatment.aspx>



Whole School Meals - Chip day moves to Thursday next week

As Thursday is our last day of term next week, Whole School Meals are moving Friday's fish fingers and chips day to Thursday.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday's menu remains unchanged.

"On Guard!" with Willow Class

This week, Mr Whelan introduced Willow Class to the sport of Fencing! The children had the opportunity to wear the protective equipment, including the jacket and mask, and to practice some basic positions such as On Guard and Advance. The children proved to be fantastic fencers, showing excellent balance and agility as they practiced in pairs.

The child-specific safety equipment we use is perfect for enabling our pupils to experience a wider range of sports, such as fencing and archery. Well done Willow Class!



Art & Craft club – stepping into Spring



This week, Art & Craft club headed outside to make the most of the early Spring weather. They scanned the school grounds for natural materials to make some wonderful collages. The children showed their creative side as they designed patterns that reflected our rural environment and celebrated the little bit of sunshine that we enjoyed earlier this week!



INSET DAYS

The remaining INSET days for Northbourne this academic year take place at the very end of July, on the 22nd and 23rd. These are after the pupils have finished for the summer.

There are no further school closure days planned for the rest of this academic year, beyond any unforeseen emergency closures.

Oak Class – Victorian Day

Today, Oak Class have attended Victorian school all day!

They started the day with handwriting practice and were then treated to some gruel for breakfast. They have learnt about William Morris and created their own designs based on his work and they investigated some unique Victorian inventions, courtesy of a collection from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

They have had to spend the whole day following Victorian school rules, the classroom was therefore very quiet, the children had to speak only when they were spoken to and everyone stood up when an adult entered the room. Unfortunately, the 'Dunce's Cap' had to be used for some children, but they learnt from their mistakes and it did not have to be used often.

The children entered into the spirit of Victorian Day wonderfully, they looked amazing in all their costumes and took on board all the rules and what was expected of them admirably! Miss Cooper rewarded them with some Victoria Sponge Cake - and a promise that school will return to normal on Monday!



**AND THE
WINNER IS...**

Learning Warrior
22nd March 2024

Willow – Rowan
Beech – Eden
Maple – Giana
Hazel – Elliott
Oak – Freddie
Head Boy Award – Archie D
Head Girl Award – Ronnie
Attendance Ted – Hazel
Punctuality Pup – Willow, Beech,
Maple, Hazel

