



Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

In this week's newsletter, classes are sharing some of their work based on Children's Mental Health week. Last Friday, Mrs Gillett (English leader) and I undertook a review of English across the school. We visited all classrooms and observed the children's learning in English. There were many highlights throughout the day, which included watching our reception children applying their phonics skills to write new words. We also spoke with and listened to some readers. It was pleasing to observe their positive attitudes towards reading and books.

A governor joined us in the afternoon for some pupil voice activities. It was a pleasure to hear the children's views about their learning in English.

It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February. Listed below are some tips for parents/carers to help you to support your child/children to stay safe and happy online. I have also attached a very useful poster with some guidance for the questions you can ask your child/children about their internet use.

1. Make space for regular conversations about life online

Talk openly and frequently about what you are doing online and encourage your child to do the same. Talk about the positive experiences you can have online, share what you have done when you have come across content you did not want to, and how you dealt with the situation.

2. Make space for enjoying and exploring the online world together!

Play games, watch videos, and express an interest in your child's online life. Celebrate all the opportunities that technology has to offer, and show them what a great space the internet can be when used responsibly.

3. Make space for working as a family to agree expectations for going online

Talk to your family about the role technology plays in your lives. Establish rules and expectations that encourage meaningful use of technology, in the same way you set boundaries in other areas of your children's lives. It is important to review these regularly and adapt them for each member of your family.

4. Make space for learning about the apps, games and websites your child is using

There are lots of tools and guides to support you with keeping your child safe on whatever apps, games and websites they are using. Research age ratings, privacy settings, and safety features (like the block and report button) so that you are best placed to help your child should anything go wrong.

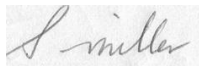
5. Make space for supporting and reassuring your child if things go wrong

Remind your child they can talk to you about anything. If something goes wrong, listen and respond with reassurance and kindness and stay calm. Work with your child to find solutions to the problem, perhaps by using the block and report tools or seeking advice from your child's school.

Watch the official video for parents/carers for Safer Internet day here on this link <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

I wish you and your family a safe and restful half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Miss Sandra Miller

Interim Headteacher

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL.....

Elm Class have had a brilliant time being creative this week (which is great for our mental health!) designing, making and evaluating model vehicles. We learnt some new technical vocabulary (wheels, axles, chassis) and methods for joining materials.



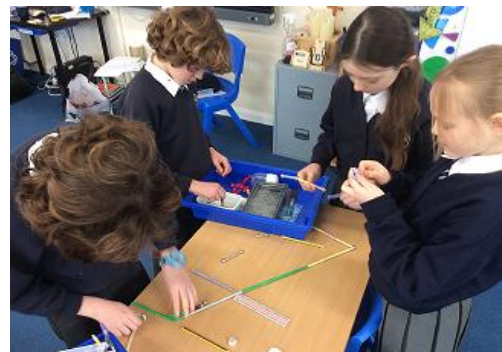
Oak Class report.....



This week in Oak Class, we have been embracing the changeable weather. We have loved the ice, the cold, the sun, the blue sky and the opportunity to learn in our local environment.

We made some wintery frames in Art and took them for a 'Frame It' walk. We had to spot things of beauty and things that show us the seasons are on the change. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon. Topped off with some physical development with walking, stomping, jumping and climbing.

Fir Class news.....



The theme of Children's Mental Health week was 'Let's connect' - so here's Fir class 'connecting' while they connect things!

CLUBS Term 4

Clubs will resume week commencing 20th February, there are still places available on Wednesday's KS2 Basketball and Thursday's KS1 Aerobics. Please book via the School Gateway app.

Please enrol for next term's Football Club (Wednesdays after school) using the following link <https://pezzaz-holiday-camps.class4kids.co.uk/> This club is open to Year 1 to Year 6 children.



Did you know that there are **175 days** per year when your child does not have to attend school? These days can be used to:

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Go on days out
- Attend routine appointments (where possible)

Requests for Leave in term time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

By law, only the head teacher can authorise your child's absence. It is important to keep the school informed if your child is going to be absent as soon as possible at the start of the day.

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, we will contact you. Please try to call us first and provide a reason for your child's absence.

If we are not informed of the reason for absence, then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Unauthorised absences will 'trigger' a School Attendance Meeting (SAM meeting). The purpose

Rewards this Week

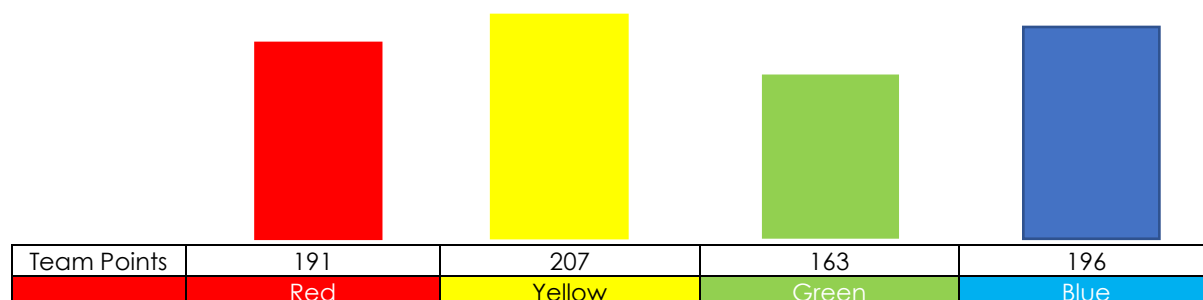
A Reminder about Team Points & Green Cards

- **Team Points** are awarded for a pupil's school work
- **Green Cards** are based on school values (this term's is commitment)

Each week's Team Point scores will be added to those of preceding weeks to make a cumulative score over the whole year.

Team Point Totals for this week:


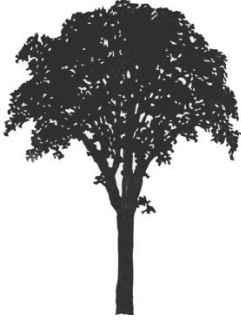


Well Done to everyone awarded a Team Point or Green Card, with particular **Congratulations to Yellow House the winners this week with an amazing 207 points.**



Team Point Running Totals for the Year so far

3222	3148	3181	3072
Red	Yellow	Green	Blue

Green Cards by Class

			
50	35	45	31
Oak	Elm	Fir	Ash

Congratulations to OAK Class who will have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th February. (Please can children wear clothing & footwear suitable for the school day.)

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Attendance figures for each class for the last week of last term (w/c 23rd January 2023):

Ash class – 91.0%

Fir class –93.2%

Elm class –91.0%

Oak class –90.0%

Congratulations to Fir Class who achieved the best attendance last week.

VACANCY

Butlers Cleaning Services
 Seeking a Cleaner at Coombe Bissett Primary School
 Five afternoons per week, 3 hours per day Term Time only
 plus 1 – 3 days Deep Clean per year

If you are interested or you know someone who may be

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