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Weekly Newsletter



Coronavirus and the Winter Vomiting Bug

We have had some cases of vomiting and diarrhoea within school - primarily within the Early Years setting. We have sought advice and sent families a letter from the North East Protection Team with more information. They note that it is not uncommon for viruses that cause vomiting and diarrhoea to circulate around children at this time of year. This is often known as the "winter vomiting bug."

If your child develops diarrhoea and/or vomiting it is important that they stay off school for 48 hours from the last episode before returning to school. Families can contact their GP or NHS 111 if they need further advice or have concerns. More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-andvomiting/>

You may also be aware that we have had a few confirmed cases of Covid-19 within Year 1 and Year 5. We continue to follow guidance from Public Health North East and Northumberland County Council to minimise risks of infection spreading. Families of children who have been in close contact have been contacted separately and there is no need for anyone else to do anything. The other children can continue to attend school as normal.

We have implemented some additional measures within school to reduce risks as far as possible including revised drop-off and collection times for Year 1 children. We have been provided with air quality carbon dioxide monitors which are being placed around school so we can check that ventilation is sufficient everywhere to minimise covid risks.

Please be assured we continue to promote good hygiene throughout school and are doing everything we can to reduce any risks.

If your child shows any symptoms please arrange a PCR test and let us know the result as soon as possible.



Flu immunisations

The NHS Flu immunisation team has asked us to let parents/carers know there will be a drop-in session for any child who missed the nasal flu vaccine in school.

The session is on Saturday 4th December 2021 **from 10:00 – 15:00** at:

Hutton Health Suite, John Willie Sams Centre, Market Street, Dudley

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What parents and carers need to know about age inappropriate content

According to research carried out by the British Board of Film Classification, last year 60% of children had to talk to their parents after viewing something online





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that had left them feeling uncomfortable, scared or confused. Certain online activities drastically increase the chance of a child seeing upsetting content: joining social networks below the recommended age, using age-inappropriate games or apps; watching live streams; and participating in unmoderated chat groups. A 2021 report by Ofcom, however, found that only 30% of parents set up their children's devices to block inappropriate content.



The National Online safety team have provided a [#WakeUpWednesday](#) guide this week which explains, though, screening out unsuitable material is only part of the solution – and not a foolproof one, at that. Some material will eventually slip through the net, so trusted adults also need to feel confident of responding effectively if and when a child does stumble across content which is too adult for them to process by themselves. There is more information on our Facebook page or on the National Online safety website at:


<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/register/purchase?purchasing-type=Resource&purchasing-slug=age-inappropriate-content>

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 7 th December	Year 5/6 choir will be singing for residents of local care home, Hartford Court Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 8 th December	Remember Year 6 swimming has ended due to refurbishment of changing rooms at Concordia
Friday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (you don't need to buy anything specially). Please make sure clothes are suitable for playing outside and for doing PE
Wednesday 12 th January 2022	Reception Eye Tests. Letters with more information have been sent to parents this week

Menus

The menu for next week is shown below.

W/c Monday, 06 December 2021				
Monday 06	Tuesday 07	Wednesday 08	Thursday 09	Friday 10
Fish Cakes Pizza Wrap Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Mini Potato Waffles Baked Beans Pudding of the Day	Christmas Lunch Christmas Vegetarian Lunch Pudding of the Day 	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Quorn Fillet And Gravy Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Pudding of the Day	Minced Beef & Dumpling Vegemince & Dumplings Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Mixed Seasonal Salad Pudding of the Day	Fish Fingers Jacket Potato Choice Sandwich Choice Vegetable Bake Chips Baked Beans Pudding of the Day





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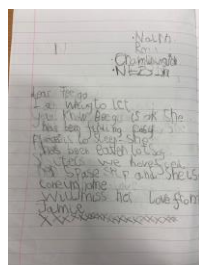
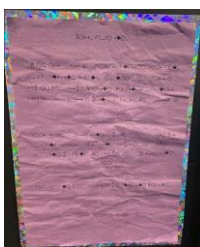
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Year 1 help their new friend

Year 1 found a mysterious spaceship in the forest area last week that had crash landed. The children explored the area looking for clues as to who it might be. Since then they have received some strange notes written in an alien language. When they were translated with the special 'alien translator' machine, we realised that they were from an alien who had lost their alien child, called Beegu. The children have loved finding Beegu in the classroom every day as she likes to move around finding comfy places to sleep. She has eaten all of Miss Spence's skittles! (They are her favourite sweets.)



The children have written letters, drawn pictures and designed special rockets to help Beegu get back home. The children will really miss having Beegu in the class but they are pleased that Beegu will get back home to her mum for Christmas.



Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week:

Finn T	Isla L	Anya B	Ayden H	Mollie M	Zac H
Preston M	Abbie O	Sophie J	Ava-Grace P		
Grace M	Emily W	Millie C	Harry M		

