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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who are wearing masks, following the one-way system and trying to socially distance. We know it is not easy, especially with lockdown at the moment but we all need to work together to try to keep each other safe.

Please remember that if you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Jenn McIlwaine on the playground or through the school office as she can arrange for food parcels or put you in touch with agencies to support you.

In school the children continue to work hard and enjoy being with their friends. School is different from last year but there is a routine and normality about it that the children are enjoying and it is remarkable how resilient they all are.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Children who walk home unaccompanied

We have been made aware that a small number of our Year 5 and 6 children who walk home unaccompanied have been playing a silly game where they try to hit each other on the back of the head. Please support us and remind your child about the importance of sensible behaviour as they are walking home.

We expect our children to follow the Knights Code at all times when walking home and in school uniform.

New Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to announce on behalf of the Governing Body that Mrs Natalie White was appointed as the new Deputy Head and SENCo just before half term.

Mrs White is Deputy Headteacher at Owslebury Primary School and brings lots of experience to the school. She will join Daniel Whitehouse, the new Headteacher, in January.

I plan to get them to introduce themselves in a future newsletter and look forward to working with them both over the next few weeks as they will be making some visits to the school as part of a structured handover.

Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that only healthy snacks are brought in at breaktime – fresh fruit, cereal bars (no nuts), dried fruit, vegetable sticks etc. Sweets, crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted. Packed lunches should not contain sweets or chocolate or fizzy drinks. Thank you.

Knights of the week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our 'Knights of The Week' for last week!

Antoni, Amelia, Lilly-Lorraine, Wyatt, Alexis, Leah, Tyler, Maria, Riley, Antonia, Isabelle, Malakai, Shakia and Charlie

E safety

With the dark nights and bad weather as well as lockdown children are spending an increased amount of time online, playing electronic games or watching TV. We are aware, through conversations with the children, that sometimes they are watching things or playing games that are not appropriate for their age. Parents should check what their children are playing or watching as we think that they may be sometimes be accessing a parent or older siblings material. The PEGI rating for games work in the same way as age restrictions for films – due to the extreme content which some more mature games contain. **15** and **18** games often contain graphic depictions of violence, extreme levels of swearing and sexualised behaviour not appropriate for children in our school. You may think that children are able to recognise these as ‘just a game’ but unfortunately we see them acting these games out in school in their play on occasions.

With increased access to the internet through a variety of devices it has become more and more important to discuss with children the dangers the internet could pose as well as the possibilities it can also open up. In school we teach the children about e-safety but it is important that this is reinforced at home.

Even with an awareness of the dangers the internet can pose children should always be supervised when using and accessing the internet. They should only play games that are deemed age appropriate and they should be supervised when using the internet and social media. Please remember that children must be 13 before they have a Facebook account, use Instagram or TikTok.

A useful website for parents is <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> . Here you will find a wealth of useful resources about how you can talk to your children about using the internet and ways in which you can keep them safe. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns – we are more than happy to help where we can.

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has any of the main symptoms or has tested positive the **whole family** must isolate for the required time.