



Recreation Road Infant School Newsletter – Jan 2020



Building strong foundations for a lifelong love of learning

Comfort Project – thank you

Thank you for the support you gave to the Comfort Project. Mrs Cushion, our School of Sanctuary Project lead, attended an event on Saturday and saw families gratefully receive our donations of clothing. The children's dressing-up clothes were particularly treasured. Madi Meadows (mum to Lola and Dylan) did all of the sorting and in the end we were able to support 4 different refugee charities.

Reminder - we're a nut (and kiwi fruit) free school

Some children who attend our school have severe allergies. Please help us to safeguard them by not bringing products containing nuts, peanuts or kiwi fruit into school. Please also make sure that any cakes donated to PTA Cake Sales are nut, peanut and kiwi fruit free. Thank you.

Toilet Refurbishment work

Norfolk County Council has found some last-minute funding to renovate the children's toilets near to Robins, Owls and Chaffinches. The work will start during the half term break and is likely to take a few weeks to complete. The timing could be better, but we have been told that the funding will be lost if work is not started before the end of March. This opportunity is too good to miss, and the new toilets will be much, much nicer than the old ones!

Stranger Danger

You will have already received an email explaining the content of the Stranger Danger sessions that took place in school this week. Please can you remind family members who may not have read our email message that, whilst waving is fine, we are actively discouraging children from talking to adults over the playground fence.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

In schools, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the person who has lead responsibility for child protection issues. In our school, Mr Bunting is the DSL and there are now three Deputy DSLs: Miss Brock, Ms Manrique and Mrs Winterbone. If you wish to discuss any safeguarding matters, the DSL and Deputy DSLs are available through the school office.

BBC Resources

The BBC has created some fantastic web resources to help parents and carers develop their children's communication skills. If you want to find out more, please visit www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people.

Alternatives to sweets for birthdays

In a previous newsletter, we asked parents to suggest some alternatives to giving out sweets for pupils' birthdays. Thanks to those of you who responded. One interesting suggestion (which we appreciate may be more expensive overall) was to donate a new copy of a much-loved picture book to the class library, thereby benefiting classmates but also subsequent classes. If some of you would like to do this instead of buying sweets, then we would certainly welcome your book donations.

Charities Week – commencing next Monday

Next week will be our in-school charities week and this year, donations will be shared equally between our PTA and a charity called New Routes. New Routes supports refugees and asylum seekers locally, as well as promoting cross-cultural integration. A representative from New Routes will be leading our Year 1 and 2 assemblies on Monday to tell the children about how their fundraising will help others.