

Safeguarding Children

Attached to this newsletter you will find our school's safeguarding leaflet, which we give to visitors. It very clearly states our commitment to keeping children safe and outlines what all staff and visitors should do if they are concerned about a child's welfare. Please take time to read this important document.

Next Tuesday, 7th February is national Safer Internet Day and we will be marking this in a variety of ways. The children will have assemblies in key stages, they will have specific, age-related lessons to learn how to stay safe when using the internet and they will complete a survey to help us to better understand children's use of the internet. Following the day, we will be sending home a copy of Digital Parenting magazine for each family. This is packed full of really useful tips to help parents keep children safe online.

Sporting Achievement

Two teams took part in a basketball tournament at the start of the month, representing the school brilliantly. The recent Key Stage 2 cross country event at King Arthur's School was also a resounding success for our school. The children did extremely well individually and as part of their teams. A special mention goes to Ethan who came first place in his race and to Milly who came second place in her race. Well done children.

World Book Day

On 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day and asking all the staff and children to come to school dressed as their favourite book characters. We look

forward to seeing everyone's costumes!

New Website

Very soon we will be launching our new school website. Look out for more details..!

PTFA Mufti Day

On Friday 10th February, we are holding a mufti day to raise money for our Easter Bingo event. The children are asked to bring a £1 each. We thank you in advance.

School Cleaner Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a new School Cleaner to work alongside our Caretaker Mr Haine. If you are interested in this position, or know of any friends of the school who may be interested, please come to the office for details of the post. Closing date is 17th February and interviews are due to take place during the week commencing 27th February 2017. We here at Milborne Port Primary are committed to safeguarding children and expect all staff to share in this commitment.

School Uniform

The vast majority of children come to school dressed in the correct, smart uniform. However, we have noticed a number of children wearing variations of our uniform. We would like to draw your attention to the school uniform page of our website for details and in particular we would like to point out that leggings and skinny jeans are not permitted. We would also like to remind parents that hair bands and ties should be plain and simple. Accessories such as bows and flowers are not permitted. We thank

you for your cooperation with this matter.

Packed Lunches

It is our policy to ask children to take their packed lunch wrappers home with them each day, rather than throw them away at school. This is so that parents can see exactly what children have eaten. We will be reminding the children about this next week.

To assist with the storage of children's packed lunches and to avoid an unnecessary litter problem within the school grounds, we would like to encourage children who have a packed lunch, to bring their food in a sealed lunchbox, rather than a plastic bag. Thank you.

KEY DATES:

- 2nd and 3rd February: Year 4 to Leeson House
- 7th February: Safer Internet Day
- 8th February: Crackmore Class INSPIRE workshop
- 10th February: Mufti Day
- **11th – 19th February: Half term**
- 24th February: Look and Share, Crackmore Class cake sale and Mid-term reports home
- Week beg. 27th February: Fairtrade activities
- 27th and 28th February: Parents' Evenings
- 2nd March: World Book Day – dressing up!
- Week beg. 13th March: Travelling Book Fayre in school
- 17th March: Comic Relief
- **20th March: INSET Day**