



Newsletter

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(First Edition)

Celebrations



This week some of our Year 5 and 6 girls played football against Randlay. They played excellently together and won 3:1. Well done to all the girls for a fantastic effort. We are very proud of you.



A massive Thank You to all who bought a cake at our bake sale last week or donated on line. We raised a wonderful £168.

Individual Photos

ALL children will have their school photos taken next Thursday morning.

Please remember to come in your school uniform that day (even if it is your PE day. Just trainers will be needed that day.)

There will be no sibling photos on offer this time as we are following Covid safety measures.



On Tuesday 13th October, Lily Taylor in year 4 will be cutting all her hair off and donating it to the Little Princess Trust. This wonderful charity provides wigs to children who have lost their own hair due to cancer and other conditions.

To show Lily how proud we are of her, we would like to invite all children and staff to come to school on that day with their own unique 'Funky Hair' style. Should you wish to make a donation to Lily's fundraiser, then please bring it with you on the day. Thank you for your support.



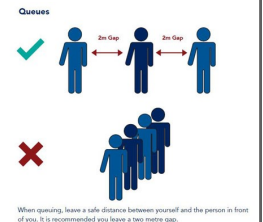
We have such wonderful, giving families in our community and this is just another example. I recently discovered that Mr and Mrs Smith have been raising money for the Lily Mae Foundation through collecting old stamps. We as a school have committed to saving our stamps for them and would like to invite you all to do the same. Just cut out the stamps from your used envelopes and pop them in our black letter box at the front of reception, or send them in with your child to give to their teacher. What a simple way to make a difference. Thank you.



Supporting Parents & Families after a Stillbirth, Neonatal Death, Miscarriage or Medical Termination

Social Distancing.

We would like to remind you that cases in Telford and Wrekin are still a concern for all. It is important that whilst waiting for the gates to open, parents remain socially distanced from each other. This is much better on the school premises, but remember whilst outside the school gates too.



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Black History Month

This month the children in school will be taking part in learning about prominent people in Black History. Part of this learning includes themed assemblies, class research, projects, a workshop in school and an art competition.



You do not need to do anything at home but should you wish to encourage something linked to Black History month as your home experience, then we would love to see what you come up with. Please share these and any other home experiences through the Class Dojo portfolio.

Mental Health Day

We are excited to announce that we have created a new Wellbeing Committee. The purpose of this is to further support and guide our school community in looking after our mental health and wellbeing.

On Friday 9th October it is World Mental Health Day. We will be inviting the children to wear something yellow with their school uniform on this day, e.g. a yellow t-shirt, a yellow dress, a yellow hairband, yellow socks, or maybe even a yellow hat. Children can wear all yellow, or a token 'yellow' item with their school uniform.

We are wearing yellow to show young people they are not alone with their mental health. We are kindly asking for **donations of £1** from each family. All money raised will go towards **Young Minds**, a charity for children who need vital support with mental health. It is important for us all to know that keeping mentally healthy is just as important as being physically healthy and this is a message we are keen to teach the children, particularly at this time.

We will be reminding the children that staying healthy, fit and well includes looking after our own mental health. They will be sharing top tips for: what to do if they get stuck with their learning, cheering themselves up, looking after a friend, how they have helped another pupil or, how they have been helped by someone. We will also talk to the children about it being 'okay to not feel okay' as long as they talk to someone about this so that we can help them. We will be signposting the people who can support children if they are feeling unhappy, worried or nervous about anything at any time.

Further information and support about mental health for Parents/Carers is available on the Young Minds Website: <http://youngminds.org.uk> and 0808-802-5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines). We also plan to have a Wellbeing page on the school website with external links for further information and support on the topics of wellbeing and mental health. If you are concerned about your child's mental health or your own mental health please make an appointment to visit your GP. There are people who can help, please ask!