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School Newsletter

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In this newsletter we are exploring two main areas:

The first section is written by Charlotte S and Stanley Y (our Feedback Councillors). Their job is to communicate with staff, children and parents/carers about what the school council are up to. We hope you find this latest update useful.

The second section of the newsletter is dedicated to safeguarding. Please see the reverse for this section.

School Council News

It has been a busy term for the school councillors! First off, the Golden Table will be reintroduced by the Rewards councillors, but this time it will be bigger and better! It will work by having the Superstar Students of that week been given a Golden Ticket that grants access to the Golden Table, in which students can sit with Mr Marsh and listen to music while eating their lunch. Also, the rewards councillors have been hard at work planning the end of year treat, in which children can spend their hard-earned dojo points from all year!



The eco councillors are keeping up the great work by awarding Eco Class of the week. They are also planning a litter picking poster to place in each class as well as sharing other key messages across school.



Recently, the iVengers have taken part, alongside many other schools across the nation, in Safer Internet Day. During the information-packed day, they visited all classes to deliver a short sketch about phishing scams. Some

children even had to answer questions about what they had learnt. They have also completed an assembly entitled 'The 4 Cs of Internet Safety' (Contact, Content, Commerce and Conduct). Children were taught that content is about what they see, contact is about who they communicate with, conduct is about how they behave online and commerce is understanding that many companies want to make money online.



The sports councillors have been very busy recently, organizing new play leader rotas and pairs, while still continuing with awards for the players and play leaders of the week. They have also carried out interviews with children following sports events so we can provide feedback about how good they were.

Next, the librarians have arranged sections in the bookshelf in each individual class and added a section for The Author of the Month, which will be altered regularly in order to introduce children to a wide variety of authors.



Finally, the fundraising councillors have been planning a "tough runner" to raise money for a cause to yet be determined. They are also planning on relaunching dress-down Fridays at the end of each term! The next date for Dress Down Friday is **FRIDAY 17th FEBRUARY**. Children are welcome to come in whatever clothes they like (within reason) and we ask for a £1 donation to school.

Overall, it has been a highly busy week for everyone!

Safeguarding Newsletter

It is everyone's responsibility!

I have no doubt you will agree, keeping your children safe should always be our first priority – and it is. I thought it would be helpful to outline some useful information in relation to safeguarding at Scarcliffe Primary School.

Who is responsible for Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility! Everyone who comes in to contact with children has a role to play. When carrying out our safeguarding duties, we always consider what is in the best interests of the child.

Every school has to have a designated safeguarding lead – at Scarcliffe, this is **Mr Marsh. Miss Baldwin** is our deputy designated safeguarding lead. We also have a link safeguarding governor – this is **Chris Mellard-Sibley** (who is also our chair of governors).

Types of Abuse

At school, all staff have to be aware of, and have training about, the four main categories of abuse:

- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse

We will share more information about specific types of abuse in future safeguarding newsletters.

Safeguarding training ensures staff understand that we have to maintain the attitude that 'it could happen here'. As a result, we have to be professionally curious and may have to liaise with parents and carers if we have concerns. The safeguarding leads also have a duty to escalate concerns to Starting Point (or in some cases, the Police) should the concerns meet particular thresholds.

Sharing and Storing Information

The school has a duty to share information when there are any safeguarding concerns. There is also a duty to keep records which relate to safeguarding work by the school, or partner agencies. These are kept securely, kept apart from the main pupil record and are only accessible to key members of staff. Copies of these records will be securely sent to any education provider to which the child transfers and a confirmation of receipt will be obtained.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident. This is part of an initiative called Stopping Domestic Abuse Together (SDAT).

As part of the Operation Encompass procedure, school receives a confidential email from the Police after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident

Teaching children about Safeguarding

We think it is crucial to teach children how to stay safe and clearly this is best done when lessons come from school and home! We teach safeguarding in a number of ways, including:

- Teaching about online safety – including weekly lessons through Project Evolve.
- A whole school 'Healthy Bodies; Healthy Minds' topic.
- Assemblies.
- PSHE and RSE curriculum.
- Engaging with the NSPCC to deliver PANTS sessions and Speak Out; Stay Safe lessons.
- By having clear rules and messages in school – particularly around kind hands and no means no.

We also have clear systems for children to report concerns to staff or their peers. All classes have Bubble Time (where children can request private 1:1 time with a member of staff) and worry boxes which are monitored by our trained Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Useful Safeguarding Acronyms

- **DSL** – Designated safeguarding lead
- **KCSiE** – Keeping Children Safe in Education
- **NSPCC** – National Society for the prevention of cruelty to children.
- **SDAT** – Stopping Domestic Abuse Together

What if you think a child is at risk?

If you suspect a child is being abused or is in danger of being abused, please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead, or any member of staff.

All incidents will be handled with care and sensitivity. It may sometimes be necessary to involve other agencies.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the Police immediately on 999.