

HEADTEACHER COMMENT OF THE WEEK

It's lovely to see that attendance is slightly improving this week. Well done to 6HL for most improved this week. I enjoyed having my year six maths group yesterday after school. The group of children worked hard on informal and formal methods of calculation percentages.

It's been pleasing to see that children are following the social distance rules in school and continue to follow health & safety guidance. This was particularly noted this week by an external trust visitor.

All of our classrooms and office spaces are fully ventilated to ensure good air flow as a preventative measure.

The staggered starts and ends of the day seem to be working well, so thank you again for your co-operation.

It's fabulous to see so many of you have purchased tickets for our 'Magical Disney Christmas' with the virtual Elf. For those of you that haven't already please ensure you pay for your ticket to reserve a place as we do have a waiting list.

Mrs M Lathbury-Cox

Food Banks in the Walsall Area

The Lamp Foodbank, Brownhills Community Centre, Chester Rd North, Brownhills
The Rock foodbank, Lichfield House, 27-31 Lichfield Street, Walsall
All Saints Foodbank, All Saints Church Hall, Walsall Rd, Darlaston
Bridging the Gap, 79A Stafford St, Willenhall, Walsall
The Thomas Project, 196A Walsall Wood Rd, Aldridge, Walsall
Ablewell Advice, Ablewell Street, Walsall
Walsall North Foodbank, Pelsall Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Pelsall
Bloxwich & Blakenall – Trussells Trust, Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Rd, Blakenall, Walsall

Social Media

Can all parents please be vigilant when allowing their children to watch videos on social media i.e.: Instagram/Facebook/Tik Tok. There have been some upsetting videos circulating recently with references to young girls being kidnapped and tortured with a view to discourage children speaking to strangers online and the hidden dangers young people may face when doing so. The videos have been described as 'traumatising' so please speak to your children if they have any concerns about things they may have seen and let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.

PASTORAL NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

PROMOTING MENTAL WELL-BEING

Following lockdown and returning to school, we now have a recovery curriculum in place to support children coming back to school following COVID and the impact this has had on themselves and their families. Our school promotes mental well-being and we have a designated co-ordinator in school. We provide lessons and opportunities for children to talk about how they are feeling and we promote healthy lifestyles with our work on eating, exercise and online safety.

As a parent, you can also support the work of school by doing the following with your child:

- Talking and listening to your child. Having an open line of communication to listen to their worries and concerns.
- Explain that mental well-being is something that matters to everyone and they should not feel stigmatised if they need support.
- Promote healthy well-being by encouraging your child to take part in activities. In addition, fitness (including walking) and healthy eating can help them feel better.
- Everyone gets stressed! Help them with coping strategies such as getting to bed early and with organisation skills so they can plan ahead.
- Digital detoxes can be a way for your child to gain balance in their life and ensure that they don't spend too much time on social media.
 - Technology can also be used to help them with relaxation techniques. There are many apps available for tablets and smartphones which can help by using mood music and other techniques.

Finally, remember that you don't have all the answers and that there are some really useful websites available to support you:

Young Minds: <https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Mind: <https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Mental Health Foundation: <https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>

Heads Together: <https://www.headstogether.org.uk/>

CLASS ATTENDANCE

RLW 94.65%

RLT 90.5%

1CO 86.2%

1VG 97.65%

2LP 96.18%

2CG 96.6%

3PG 95.25%

3HF 95.86%

4WC 93.58%

4KR 97.62%

5PB 91.92%

5HT 90.93%

6HL 94.58%

6BH 92.04%

6RF 87.28%

Well done to **1VG** this week for achieving **97.65%**



Overall attendance

93.20%

Newsletter

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