

Weekly Word

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To all Parents/Carers,

Some great learning going on this week in classes! FS2 (Reception) doing a bit of early morning yoga, children in Y3 counting the number of bones in the human body and children in Y6 being creative with natural materials outside! Barring a few rainy days we have been most fortunate with the weather so far this year, meaning the children have been able to go outside quite a lot. That said, even if it is cold and wet, we still plan to be out there getting plenty of fresh air.

Whilst on the topic of outdoors, using the field every day is taking its toll on children's shoes and our carpets – with lots and lots of mud everywhere! Before we suggest bringing in wellies (mainly because we don't have anywhere to store them currently!) could I please ask you to donate any old pairs of wellies that you might have. We secured a grant last year to purchase some wellies and we have bought a few extra too but any going spare would be much appreciated. The next challenge is to figure out where to put all 420 pairs!!

It has most likely not escaped your attention that there were two devastating fires in Derby schools last week, one at St Mary's and one at Ravensdale Infants. We were all shocked and saddened by these events and have reached out to both schools to offer our support. We can only imagine the hurt the school and their communities are suffering at the moment so your kind donations, beginning Monday, will be thoroughly well received. We will put a few trollies out by the gate and we are asking for new stationery (e.g. pens, pencils etc) for the children and hamper items (e.g. tea, coffee, biscuits) for the staff. Thank you in advance for your support. In case you missed it also, Bridge the Gap (our children's wellbeing partners) have set up a donations page:

https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-stmarys?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&fbclid=IwAR1YNvynyRcGaizbKU78IHUenOvdoahItA0a2LbYyjjQ4ANiBiAaETjEKf4

We were visited by the Fire Brigade yesterday in response to the fires and they were very positive about what we had in place. We also had an extra fire drill today which went well. For your information, even though we haven't been instructed to do so, we are looking into more CCTV cameras and more security lights. It is sad to have to put these additional measures in place but necessary given what has happened. If you have any concerns or worries about this or what has happened locally then feel free to drop me an email or give me a ring.

And finally, given the restrictions in school, Parent/Carer consultations after half term will be held via Microsoft Teams. We are currently in the process of discussing how this will work; with more information about booking a time slot and how the meetings will be conducted to follow. And...happy World Mental Health Day. This morning was a sea of yellow on the gate – so thank you for your support ☺

Take care and have a lovely weekend,

Mr I. Johnson