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Dear Parents,



I'm sure that you will have seen the above banner on the railings alongside the unmade road off Wilworth Crescent. A survey in school has shown that 20% of Junior children have made changes to the way in which they travel to and from school: park and stride from the Knowles Arms, walking, car sharing, parking away from Wilworth Crescent.

Thank you to all those parents who have actively tried to reduce congestion and increase child safety. Even if these changes can only be applied two or three times a week, they will make a big difference. You might have noticed an increased Police/PCSO presence – monitoring parking and congestion, as our locality has been one of several in the borough to be recently targeted.

Despite all the efforts of school, parents, children and the local Constabulary, it seems that some drivers persist in parking discourteously across residents' drives, responding most disrespectfully when bystanders have questioned their actions. Nevertheless, these individuals are a minority and we thank all of you whose behavior and actions are exemplary.

Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology and mobile phones for children and young people. Safer Internet Day 2016 is on **Tuesday 9th February 2016**, with the theme 'Play your part for a better internet', offering the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a safer online world.



The UK Safer Internet Centre is a partnership of three leading charitable organisations: Childnet International, the South West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) and the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF). These organisations are committed to working to make a safer and better internet. The UK Safer Internet Centre is online at www.saferinternet.org.uk.

Throughout the week all classes in school will be discussing aspects of 'keeping safe' online. We encourage you to take the opportunity this week to talk about E-Safety at home. Advice and guidance is available on our website to help you support your child's/children's safe use of online technology and mobile phones.

Birthday Treats – Many parents wish to celebrate their child’s birthday by generously sending in birthday cakes or sweets to share around. Unfortunately, this kindly gesture causes complications in classes. Increasing numbers of children have allergies which exclude them from being able to accept cake and chocolates, other children are not permitted sweets with gelatine. There are also difficulties in cutting up and distributing 30 pieces of cake! As a compromise, we recommend that parents wishing to celebrate birthdays do not supply cakes or sweets, but mini gifts such as pencils or rubbers. One parent recently supplied pots of blowing bubbles! Thank you for your generosity. Nothing is ever simple.



Dates for Diaries:

Mon 8 th	Y5/Y6 Cross Country at QEGS, Harrison Sports Ground Ukulele Group 3.30 – 4.15 p.m. – ongoing Dance Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Tues 9 th	Infants’ Athletics – a.m. at QEGS, Harrison Sports Ground Netball Practice – Y5 and Y6 girls – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing
Wed 10 th	Tennis for Year 1 and Year 2 – ongoing to 6 th April Orchestra Practice 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. - ongoing Gymnastics at St. Bede’s
Thurs 11 th	Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing to 6 th April Netball League Match at BRIC, Ewood Park Choir Practice for Juniors – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing Maths Club – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing to 7 th April
Fri 12th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. – Half term holiday Absolute Multi-sports – last session
Mon 22 nd	School re-opens
Tues 23 rd	Elite Gym Squad – new children – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – ongoing to 5 th July
Mon 29 th	Bikeability (4 days to Thurs 3 rd March)
Tues 1 st March	Secondary places offered
Wed 2 nd	Dance Festival at King George’s Hall
Thurs 3 rd	World Book Day – Book Bonanza – details to follow Y3 and Y4 Trip to Halle for Youth at Bridgewater Hall, a.m. Full Governors Meeting followed by Admissions – 5.00 p.m.
Fri 4 th	Absolute Handball – 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. – 1 of 5 sessions
Thurs 10 th	Sing Together Concert
Wed 16 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs in School
Thurs 17 th	Individual and Family Group Photographs in school
Fri 18 th	Sport Relief – Sponsored Bounce – details to follow
Mon 21 st	Y5/Y6 Cross Country at QEGS, Harrison Sports Ground
Tues 22 nd	Governors’ Finance Meeting – 4.00 p.m. Friends’ Meeting – 7.00 p.m.
Thurs 24 th	Whole School Eucharist in School
Fri 25 th	School Closed for Good Friday
Mon 28 th	School Closed for Easter Monday
Tues 29 th	Easter Competition – details to follow
Thurs 31 st	Big Screen Cinema after school – Charlie Brown and Snoopy – details to follow
Tues 5 th April	Parents’ Evening – details to follow
Wed 6 th	Y5 Trip to Hothersall Lodge
Thurs 7 th	Parents’ Evening – details to follow
Fri 8 th	School closes at 3.30 p.m. – Easter holiday
Mon 25 th	School re-opens

Yours sincerely,
B. Haigh
Headteacher