

Winter has come at last and we are all feeling the effects of the bitterly cold weather. Last week it was lovely to see Ide Hill covered in snow once more. The children were so excited and they enjoyed playing in the snow in the garden and on the field. As we all know, the weather in Ide Hill is particularly unique and although roads further away were clear, coming into the village was like driving into Narnia, so thank you for all your support in collecting children earlier.



This week there is further possible snow forecast for Wednesday and if this falls all afternoon and settles, we may need to consider closing early again to ensure that everyone can get home safely. We therefore ask please that you begin to think about organising a contingency plan in case of early closure on Wednesday or possible closure on Thursday if the site are deemed too dangerous to open or the roads are particularly bad.

Governor Elections

We are extremely lucky to have had 2 fantastic candidates come forward to nominate themselves to be our new parent Governor. As communicated in our letter to parents last week, the deadline for voting closes on **Thursday 18th January** so please do take the opportunity to cast your vote!

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary	
29th January	Young Voices at the O2
6th February	Elms Class Assembly at 2:30pm
9th February	Internet Safety Assembly / Workshops for the whole school £2 per child
9th February	End of Term 3

Learning Journeys

Last week you will have received your child's class learning journey for this term. The learning journey details the children's learning this term together with important information from their class teacher.

Safer Internet Day

On the 6th February the school will join thousands of children from across the UK to celebrate Safer Internet Day and to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all, and especially for children and young people. This year, in addition to safer internet activities in class, we will be visited by Open Learning who will be providing assemblies and workshops for the children, as follows:

E-Safety Wizards

The children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will learn how to stay safe online in a fun and interactive way through storytelling and drama. The children will learn what positive online behaviour looks like and will discuss how it might feel if someone was ever unkind online. They will learn what to do in a range of situations and who to speak to if they experience something that makes them feel worried.

One Good Choice

The children in year 3 and 4 will complete challenges empowering them to stay safe online and teaching them the difference between a 'belief', an 'opinion' and a 'fact'. They will analyse information to make a judgement about probable accuracy and discuss why it is important to make their own decisions regarding content. The children will meet characters along the way, hearing their stories as they learn how to can stay safe online through making One Good Choice.

Power to Choose E-Safety Workshop

The children in year 5 and 6 will learn how to make better online decisions and learn how to keep themselves safe. The workshops uses drama, and role-play to support children in learning how to stay safe online and respond to potential incidents e.g. bullying. This workshop teaches children how to positively manage tricky situations that children may face for example on group chats, and will teach them who to seek help from and how to self-manage situations.

A letter will be sent to all parents shortly and we will be asking for a donation of £2 per child.

Happy Birthday!	Benjamin Casper
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Saplings	Harley - For exploring how to make rhyming words using your phonics! You always have such a positive attitude to learning. Carter - For being such a kind and caring friend! You are such an asset to our class and the school.
Elms	Joshua - For working really hard on your writing recently and only putting capital letters where they are needed! Alfie - For working really hard on each writing step this week and for including consistent capital letters, full stops and for using 'and' to extend your sentences.
Beech	Rupert - For excellent geographical knowledge about the world's continents. Miley - For showing super resilience answering questions independently for reading comprehension.
Willows	Teddie - For his great work in maths using doubling of one set of times tables to work out another. Maddie - For using her problem-solving skills to work out a riddle.
Hazel	Mia - For her excellent ideas when using clues in an illustration to predict what was going to happen next in a story. Toby - For his amazing work ethic and for writing a fantastic setting description in English.
Ash	Freddie - for his daily cheery smile and his unwavering helpfulness and kindness around the school. Elliott - for his positive attitude, enthusiasm and insightful contributions to class discussions.
Oaks	Dhruv - for settling in to his new class so well Cora - for her excellent precision in art

Elms Class Assembly

This term, each class will be inviting parents into school for an event where the children can share their learning. Elms class have chosen to do this by holding a class assembly on the 6th February to showcase their learning across the curriculum. The children's assembly starts at 2:30 and Elms class parents are very welcome.

Online Safety Workshop for Parents

In addition to safer internet activities for children, we will be offering an online safety workshop for parents. This will look at topics including Online Games & PEGI Ratings, Parental Controls, Social Media, Online Behaviour, Communicating Online and how to create a Family Agreement. We will be sending out details of this workshop to all families in due course.