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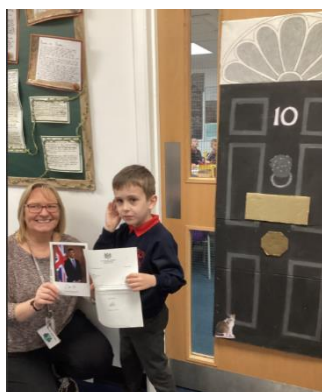
Wendy Byrne



Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A letter from Number 10



Year 3 are reading The Accidental Prime minister, this half term and so there have been lots of discussions and questions about our Prime minister Rishi Sunak. Harry was very interested to know if Mr Sunak had ever been on a big red double decker bus, so he decided to write to him directly and ask him just that. Harry was delighted to receive a response and a signed photograph on Wednesday, directly from Mr Sunak's communications unit, in Downing Street.

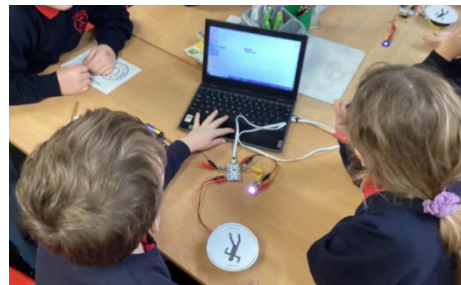
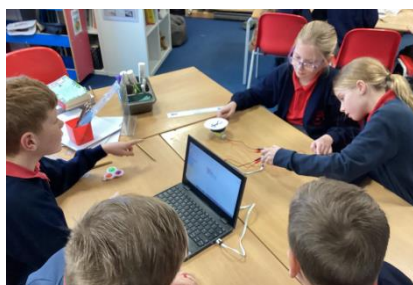
Year 3 Science

Year 3 have been finding out about friction in science. The children tested a car over different surfaces to see which created the most friction and the least friction.



Year 5 Computing

Year 5 have been using microcontrollers called 'crumbles', connecting them to other components and then programming them using a laptop. In this lesson, they made 'disco dancers'!



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NSPCC Campaign

You may have read in the media about the worrying increase in reported child abuse. The NSPCC have launched a campaign with the Home Office to tackle this and raise awareness of the helpline.

The NSPCC Helpline

The Helpline is a free advice line for any adult, including professionals, who has any concerns about a child.



Dedicated child protection specialists can give advice on a wide range of issues affecting children, as well as when child abuse is suspected. They also operate a dedicated Whistleblowing Helpline, which can be contacted for any concerns around child protection within the workplace, or other professional organisations.

They are encouraging any adult to use the Helpline to express any concerns they might have regarding a child, **even if they're not certain**. By doing this, everyone can play a part in helping keep children safe from abuse.

You can contact the our Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk or completing our report abuse online form.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, Don't delay – call the police on 999.

You can find out more information on the NSPCC website:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2024/2024-01-10-almost-87000-sexual-offences-against-children-were-recorded-by-police-in-the-past-year/>

Helping Our School Office

We have noticed that there are a lots of lunch boxes, water bottles, coats, etc being dropped off at the office, in the mornings, which the office staff then must deliver to classrooms. This means that vitally important attendance checks and dinner registers are not able to be completed to deadlines. Please can you help the office, complete these essential duties, by ensuring that you send you child into school each day, with everything they need so that you can avoid having to come into the office, at peak times, unless it's unavoidable.



If you do need to contact the main school office between their peak periods of **8.30am to 9am** please email the school instead, using chcontact@compassps.uk and then someone will be get back to you as soon as possible. At all other times, please call 01255 420603 and press option 4 to speak to someone. Thank you.

Football Success





Cann Hall

Ronnie ⚽⚽⚽⚽

George C ⚽⚽⚽⚽

George T ⚽

Dexter ⚽

9-1



St Osyth

Unfortunately, Mr AB had to miss the game, last week and what a game to miss!

Mr Smith stepped us as manager and led the boys to a fantastic 9-1 win. He said that they worked incredibly hard and that they fully deserved the win.

Ronnie and George C were clinical in front of goal and scored 7 of our 9 goals between them.

Mr Smith's text to Mr AB, after the match, revealing the result was very humble...




"Just call me Pep!"

Attendance Update

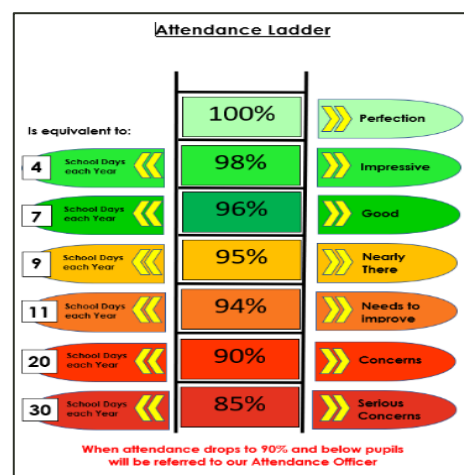
There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

Our overall attendance this week was **93.8%**. This is an improvement on the week before, so thank you for your support with attendance.

As mentioned before, lateness will also affect your child's attendance record so please ensure that they are in school with everything they need for the day, before the gates close at 8.40am, each day. This will also help the school office complete their crucial daily attendance checks and dinner registers, in good time.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. The [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) has further information.

We are aware that more children may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety than before the pandemic. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is



likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. DfE has published useful [guidance on mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance](#) and those who are experiencing persistent symptoms can be encouraged to access additional support.

NSPCC Number Day



Don't forget, we are going to support the NSPCC again this year, by taking part in **their NSPCC Number Day on Friday 2nd February**. For a minimum donation of £1, we are again asking the children to take up the challenge and 'Dress up for Digits'. The children can come to school wearing an outfit with a number on it. This can be a favourite sports top or cap. Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator, dice, playing card or even a dartboard!

TT Rockstars will also be running a times tables tournament on this day too, like last year. We will give you more information about this, nearer the time. But in the meantime, keep encouraging your child to log on to TT Rockstars everyday to help them develop their accuracy and instant recall of these important facts.



Are you interested in becoming a teacher? Do you have a degree?



If so, why not go along to one of the following drop-in coffee mornings to find out more.

They are being held between **10am-12noon** on **Saturday 20th January** @ Tendring Education Centre, Jaywick Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8BE and **Saturday 27th January** @ The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA.

Too Good to Go App



Some weeks ago, we mentioned the Too Good to Go App, which then gives the user access to various food outlets (supermarkets, shops and restaurants) who offer food at a very discounted price. The food is in date on the date of collection, but it has a shelf life of at least three days and many items can be frozen for later use. Stores are found by inputting your post-code and it gives you a list of offers and stores in your locality. For more information and to download the app please use this link [Join Our Food Waste Movement - Too Good To Go](#)

**LET'S FIGHT food
waste TOGETHER**

Upcoming dates for your diary

25.1.2024: Year 6 SATs Meeting for Parents and Carers

2.2.2024: NSPCC Number Day and Dress Up for Digits, and TT Rockstars Tournament

5.2.2024-9.2.2024: Children's Mental Health Week

6.2.2024: Safer Internet Day

12.2.2024: PTA Discos- Rec, Y1 & 2 15.10-16.10; Y3 & 4 16.20-17.20; Y5 & 6 17.30-18.30

17.2.2024-25.2.2024: Half Term

26.2.2024: Children Return to School

1.3.2024: Secondary School Offer Day

4.3.2024: PTA Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

7.3.2024: World Book Day

13.3.2024: Learning Conferences 4.00-7.00pm

14.3.2024: Learning Conferences 3.40-6.00pm

15.3.2024: Comic Relief

27.3.2024: Easter Service Assembly at School

29.3.2024-14.4.2024: Easter Holidays

15.4.2024: Children Return to School

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards



Sarah Crookes & Wendy Byrne