



Chorleywood Primary School

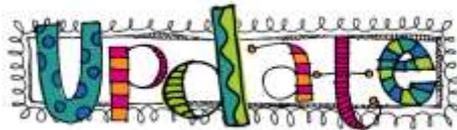
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Head Teacher's



Dear Parents and Carers,

I am planning to set up a Behaviour for Learning Working Group. The aim of this group will be to review the existing behaviour policy and work with the governors, staff and pupils to create a consistent whole school approach to behaviour for learning. Although this will involve a review of the management of pupil behaviour, the main focus of this piece of work will be a strategic approach to creating, promoting, developing and celebrating key behaviour for learning characteristics. If this is an area that you are particularly interested in and would like to be involved in some way please register your interest with the office. The proposed date for the first meeting is Friday 27th February at 9am. I do hope you can come along to discuss this area of school development in more detail.



Peer Mediation

We are very excited to tell you about a new project we will be introducing in the summer term called Peer Mediation. This is a programme highly respected by professionals and Ofsted. It will play a significant part in us obtaining outstanding for our behaviour for learning.



As you are no doubt aware, from time to time children may fall in and out of friendships or have disagreements. These issues can seem



unimportant to adults, but can cause anxiety for children. A significant amount of these incidents can be resolved easily, but realistically there is never enough time to deal with every issue in the way we would like to. As a school the children's emotional well-being is of paramount importance to us and we are constantly looking for ways to improve our practice. With this in mind, we will be introducing the Peer Playground Mediation Project. Research in other schools has seen on average a 70% drop in playground conflicts.



This project will be closely monitored by staff in relation to the quantity of incidents, the type of incidents and feedback from pupils about the effectiveness of the mediation.

The mediation is a process that involves facilitating the resolution of children's conflict by trained mediators. On Friday 6th February, Y6 were part of extensive training in the skills that are essential to conflict resolution. Teams of these children will be available during



lunchtimes on a rota basis. Children can approach them and request that they are supported to resolve their conflicts. There are very clear guidelines for the mediators about which situations are suitable for them to mediate; they will always have support from a member of staff if needed.

It is important to point out that children will always have the choice of whether to seek adult assistance or to go to the mediators. This project does not replace adult intervention, especially if the conflict is of a more serious nature.

The staff, pupils and I are very excited about the introduction of this project and we will keep you updated throughout the year.

Safer Internet day



As Computing Leader Mr Ryan organised Safer Internet Day in the school on Tuesday 10th February. All classes focused on a theme related to the e safety aspect of the computing curriculum. Mr Ryan will be setting a whole school half term homework task based on this work to create a whole school display.

Parent Consultation Evenings



Sign-up sheets will go up on Monday 2nd March at 3.15pm and will be positioned in the corridor by the trophy table as usual. The consultations are on Wednesday 11th March (5pm-8pm) and Thursday 12th March (4pm-6pm). We have invited Caterlink, our catering providers to run a taster session for parents. If you are unable to sign up yourself please arrange for another parent to book an appointment on your behalf.

22nd February 2015 is World Thinking Day.

This date was chosen as it was the birthday of Scouting and Guiding founder Robert Baden-Powell and of Olave Baden-Powell, his wife and World Chief Guide.



Children are welcome to wear their scouting/guiding uniforms on Monday 23rd of February in commemoration of this event.

Please ensure that you check the website regularly for all dates of upcoming events. Have a great half term and see you on Monday 23rd February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs. Roberts
Head Teacher