



# Chorleywood Primary School

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## Head Teacher's



Dear Parents and Carers,

*It has been a busy and exciting half term and the staff and pupils have been working very hard. The School Council and Sports Committee have been generating lots of fantastic ideas.*

*The Sports Committee are currently looking at the PE kit. They are working with Beats to investigate how we can differentiate the tops so they are house specific. They are also planning a sports challenge along the lines of the reading challenge. This is to promote the national and school agenda of improving children's participation in physical activity. I wanted to thank the children for their mottos and logos, they were really fantastic. The Sports Committee were so impressed with them!*

*The School Council have been discussing the outcomes of the pupil survey, reviewing the reading challenge, revamping celebration assembly and discussing whether we need inside shoes in school to prevent all the mud coming in!*



## Safer Internet day

As Computing Leader, Mr Ryan organised Safer Internet Day in the school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February. All classes focused on a theme related to the eSafety aspect of the computing curriculum.



We live in an increasingly connected world and our children are involved with more technology and online communication than ever before. With the growing use of devices (such as tablets, mobile phones and game consoles) enabling children to connect easily with the wider world, it is really crucial that we understand how we as adults can keep them safe.

As a school we are still experiencing an increasing number of incidents related to our children being on social media or using You Tube channels. In the vast majority of cases, issues have arisen because children do not have the emotional maturity to understand the potential safety issues related to this exposure to the Internet. Online predators will target young children on social media and sites they enjoy. Please can we clarify with all parents that Instagram and Facebook are social media accounts which should not be used by children under the age of 13.

We regularly talk to the children about e-safety in line with our scheme of work (as is deemed appropriate to their age group). It is important the children know how to keep themselves safe online. We regularly send the e-safety newsletters we receive from the Local Authority. These can also be found on our website.

As part of our curriculum evening in November we held an evening session on e-safety delivered by the Local Authority. The session was very well received by those who attended.



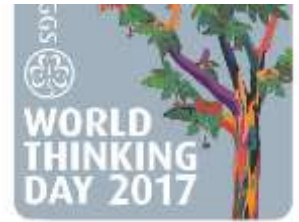
Don't forget parents evening!

### Parent Consultation Evenings

This term our consultation evenings will be running on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March. The online sign up system will be live from midday on 27<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure you log on as soon as possible to ensure you are able to obtain a time slot that is

convenient for you.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 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 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February in commemoration of this event.



### Pupil Survey

## **PUPIL VOICE SURVEY**

In December 2016 all the children undertook an online survey about the school, feeding back to us what we do well and what we can improve. We were really pleased with the positive feedback and all classes have discussed the results. Where we felt children were unclear about what to do in certain situations we have reminded them of who they can talk to and who will support them. Please see the attached results. The School Council, staff and governors have discussed the results and have actioned several things, for example e-safety in the Early Years and a series of assemblies to reinforce the aspects of the spiritual, moral, social and cultural curriculum.

### Home Learning Policy Working Group

Can I thank the parents who have been working with me to look at developing our policy. It has been very useful to receive their feedback and suggestions. The policy will be shared once it has been reviewed by the children and staff.

### Sad news

I am sorry to have to inform you that, Mrs Anne Harsley who was the Headteacher at Chorleywood Primary prior to Mr Finkin has sadly passed away. I know several of you attended Chorleywood Primary School and would have wanted to know.

Please ensure that you check the website regularly for all dates of upcoming events. Have a great half term and see you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

With very best wishes,

Mrs. Roberts  
Head Teacher

