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JULY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2017

#### **Dear Parents**

What a wonderful summer fair we had last Saturday! So many fun stalls and games and activities, delicious food and super performances. Many, many thanks to Ellie, Steph, Amanda and the army of helpers. We raised £2321.26, which is just tremendous!

It's hard to believe that it's 2 years since we launched our Values-based Education programme. The children now discuss different values, how they impact on their lives and how they can help us to be happier, yet when we started this they didn't even know what most of the values words meant, let alone be able to discuss them! So we have to vote again for the values we feel most important to focus on each month over the next 2 years. I've included current values in the list, as well as traditional Christian values and the British values as defined by the government. Please click on the parent survey (link on the home page of our website) and pick your top choices. Pupil leaders will agree the final list on Monday July 24th so we can publish them ahead of the holidays.

We've all enjoyed this week's Curriculum Week activities. The children have had a chance to apply their skills and knowledge in a more intense way and had lots of fun too.

Year 6 had a wonderful trip yesterday – they all slept on the way home, but thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Ruth Worswick





Year R - Franco for showing good manners and joining in.

Year 1 - **Jessica** for her perseverance during Purple Polish time.

Year 2 - **Brooke** for listening carefully and showing patience and respect.

Year 3/4 - **Joseph** for being so kind, friendly and helpful.

Year 5 - **Lucie** for working hard and contributing to all our learning.

Year 6 - **Rhys** for being so friendly and reliable and a star in our year 6 production.







#### SCHOOL NURSE COFFEE MORNING

We have our second school nurse coffee morning on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.30am. Due to the great turn out at our last morning, Hannah (our community nurse) has invited Gillian from MIND to come and talk to us. MIND support mental well-being and are a great source of help if your child might be anxious, have friendship worries, etc. Come along after drop off and Gillian will tell us what MIND can offer.

#### **DIARY DATES**

July 17th - 21st - Feeling Good Week

Monday July 17<sup>th</sup> - Year R trip to the beach

Monday July  $17^{th}$  - Year 6 performance at 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 trip to Pizza Express

Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup> - Dot Day, come dressed in dots

Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> - School Nurse coffee morning, with Gillian from MIND

Friday July 21st - Year 6 BBQ, rounders and camp

Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> - Back Up Sports Day

Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup> - Last day of term

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS** 

Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day

Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day

Wednesday September  $6^{th}$  - Children return to school

#### **BIZ SCHOOLS**

Year 6 will be selling smoothies and ice creams every lunch time next week. All forms are attached and need to come to the class teacher in a named envelope on the morning they wish to buy their smoothie/ice cream. Adults, feel free to add your own order for Sports Day!

#### **REPORTS**

There were a few queries this week regarding when reports would be coming home and whether there would be time for parents to follow up on them if need be. We are in the process of collating reports, end of year data and absence letters to come home next week. I am sure you will all be appreciative of the fact that I've been teaching full-time this half term, but have still been able to personally read every report and add my own comment for each child. Reports take teachers many hours to write and our staff take a lot of care to make sure they get them just right, while maintaining all other teaching responsibilities at the same time. Last year, we received only 18 acknowledgement slips throughout the whole school. That, coupled with the fact that we encourage ongoing dialogue through the school year if there are issues, suggests that a long response time is not needed.

If you would be happy to receive your report by email, please let your child's class teacher know and we'll organize that.

Other letters home this week

Y5&6 on line safety
Whole school Biz School

Whole school booster seats
Year 2 Pizza Trip

## Feeling Good Week next week!

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July 10<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Dear Parents** 

On Wednesday years 5 and 6 will be studying a unit of work based on *Play Like Share*, an animated series about online safety produced by Thinkuknow.

Thinkuknow is an award-winning education programme from the National Crime Agency's child protection command, CEOP. It aims to keep children safe from abuse, both online and off. Thinkuknow education resources are age-appropriate, non-scaremongering, and give children the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe online. They are used by over three and a half million children across the UK each year.

#### About Play Like Share

Play Like Share follows the adventures of Alfie, Ellie and Sam as they form a band and enter their school's Battle of the Bands contest, taking on the mean but 'cool' Popcorn Wizards as they go. The three friends learn that while the internet can help, they need to use it wisely and safely. The aim of the films is to help 8-10 year olds learn how to stay safe online. In particular, the films and activities teach them to spot the early signs of manipulative, pressurising and threatening behaviour by people they might meet online, and develops their confidence to respond safely and get help.

#### How you can get involved

You can watch a short trailer and all three brief episodes of *Play Like Share* at www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare.

It is a great idea for you to watch each episode with your child <u>after</u> they have viewed it in class (to avoid spoiling any surprises!) and to have conversations with them about the subjects covered. To help you do so, I attach the *Play Like Share* Parents and Carers Helpsheet, with:

- Ideas for starting conversations about online safety with your child
- Links to more advice and support on how to keep your child safe online
- Information about how to get help if you are worried about your child

You will also find plenty of advice and support about keeping your child safe online at the Thinkuknow **Parents and Carers Website:** <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents">www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents</a>.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like further information or if you have any concerns about your child and online safety. We look forward to sharing our learning with you during tomorrow'

Best wishes.

Ruth Worswick



# Smoothcreams





# Monday 17th to Friday 21st July

- 12.20 1.00pm
- · pre-order in the morning
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 12.50pm onwards
  - Ice creams cost £1, smoothies cost £1
- Flavours for ice cream: vanilla, chocolate, strawberry
  - Flavour for smoothies: mixed berry
    - In the Year 6 class room













Pre - Order Form		Pre - Order Form	
Hand in to your teacher in the morning		Hand in to your teacher in the morning	
Smoothie £1	Ice Creams £1	Smoothie £1	Ice Creams £1
Mixed berry $\square$	Chocolate	Mixed berry $\square$	Chocolate
	Strawberry 🔲		Strawberry 🔲
	Vanilla 🔲		Vanilla 🔲
	Sprinkles +10p		Sprinkles +10p
Day:	Name:	Day:	Name:
Total money included:		Total money included:	
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July 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Dear Parents

I am writing in response to a number of reports I've received this week that there are all kinds of rumours flying around the playground about our use of booster seats and safe travel in the mini bus.

When I joined the school I ordered a set of booster seats for the bus as this is considered good practice, but it is by no means necessary. The bus is fitted with adjustable seatbelts which make it safe for children aged 3 - 13 to use them without boosters, but the use of boosters for our younger children makes the fit of the lap belt more effective and prevents submarining.

To clarify this matter further we have discussed your request, our current practices and the law, with our Chartered Health & Safety Practitioner (Mr Ray West) who has advised the following:

"For minibuses, the law states that younger children must wear an *appropriate* child restraint *if* available – baby seat, child seat, booster seat or booster cushion etc. In correspondence, the Department for Transport, recognising the practical difficulties in fitting child seats in minibuses, has advised that 'appropriate' means that the restraint is appropriate for the minibus as well as appropriate for the age and weight of the child. The school would also be expected to undertake periodic/regular checks of any seats or cushions to ensure they are suitably maintained and safe for use.

With regard to the issue raised by the parent, it is offered that the school appears to have exercised reasonable judgement and implemented sensible, workable control measures which reflect typical practices across UK schools – and it is difficult to understand why any parent may not understand or appreciate that a school takes child transport safety very seriously indeed – this practice forms part of any school's basic duty of care regarding minibus safety, and the foundation of the argument presented by the parent, in this instance, is difficult to understand, especially when based upon the procedures being adhered to by the school on this occasion.

Of further note, particular to The Holme CE Primary School, I note that levels of health and safety legislative compliance are very high, and practices and procedures across the school, such as minibus safety, appear to be well considered, with reasonably practicable control measures implemented, as required under the Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999".

If you would prefer your child to travel in a car seat with a back and you have one which fits our minibus, then you are very welcome to bring it to school on trip days and Mr Rose will help you fit it and check it is safe.

Best wishes

**Ruth Worswick** 

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13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents,

Next Tuesday morning, July 18th 2017, Year 2 will visit Pizza Express in Alton as part of our Nutritional Well-Being Day activities. The children will learn about the importance of cooking with fresh ingredients and how to use herbs and vegetables. We will also make our own pizzas and bring them back to school for lunch.

The children will travel to Pizza Express by mini bus & private car, driven by Mr Rose and Mrs Mace. They will not need a packed lunch as we'll eat pizza when we get back to school. The children will just need their water bottles on that day.

There is no cost for the actual visit and pizzas, but we would ask for a donation of £2.20 toward the costs of the mini buses.

Please sign and send back the permission slip with your £2.20 by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Best wishes

Anthony Coutts

Year Two Visit to Pizza Express

I give permission for my child to go on the Pizza Express trip.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent of \_\_\_\_\_\_

Please use this space to update any medical details/allergies we should know about:



# Parents' and Carers' Helpsheet



Play Like Share is a series of three animated films for 8-10 year olds about staying safe online, produced by **Thinkuknow**, the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command's online safety education programme.

Watch the films at: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/playlikeshare

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# How you can use Play Like Share to help keep your child safe online

Watch *Play Like Share* with your child, and start a conversation about the internet and staying safe.

There are three episodes so you could do this over a few days.

Start with positives, finding out as much as you can about what your child does online and what it means to them.

#### You could:

- Ask your child to show you their favourite websites, apps and social media services and what they do on them. Listen and show interest. You could also encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app.
- Ask them if anything ever bothers or worries them about going online. You could use examples of events from the films and ask if they've ever heard of something similar happening. Talk in general about what children can do to stay safe online.
- Use examples from *Play Like Share* to start a conversation about online 'friends' or 'followers'. Ask them about who they chat to online, and whether they know and trust them 'in real life'.
- Talk about the importance of privacy settings and how they can help your child stay in control of what they share with others. Together, look at the privacy settings for the services they use, encourage them to only share things with people they know and trust in real life.
- Using examples from *Play Like Share*, talk to your child about what it might be appropriate or inappropriate to share online this includes photos, videos, comments and personal information.
- Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others. Remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something.
- Ensure your child understands that if anything ever happens online which worries or upsets them, they should always tell you.
- Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and non-judgemental support.
- Make online safety an on-going conversation in your house and involve the rest of the family in the conversation too.

# Further information:

- Thinkuknow's parents/carers website has practical information and advice to help keep your children safe online: <a href="www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents">www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents</a>
- Thinkuknow's 8-10 website has information for your child to help keep them safe online: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8 10

# If you or your child have any concerns:

- If you are concerned with about something that has happened to your child or another child online, you can report this directly to CEOP: <a href="https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre">www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre</a>
- The NSPCC helpline is available to any adult who has a concern about a child and would like to talk anonymously to trained professional:

  www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/nspcc-helpline or call on 0808 800 5000.
- Childline is a free, private and confidential service for any child who feels worried about anything and would like to talk to someone: <a href="www.childline.org.uk">www.childline.org.uk</a> or call on 0800 1111.

If you believe that any child is at immediate risk from harm, please call the police on 999 straight away.



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### Do you have more time to spare in September?



Many parents need help, friendship, support and practical help during those early years when children are young.

If you have parenting experience or have worked in a parenting role you could help others in your community.

Our next Volunteer Preparation course starts in September 2017.

Please contact the office to book a place or for more information.

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