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Newsletter: Spring 3 Friday 24th January 2025

Dear Parents,

It is so wonderful to be working with our community in so many aspects. For some time now we have been visiting Memory Café and this is a monthly highlight for our Year 6 children. We have extended our links now as we see just how beneficial they are to both the children and our older residents. Some of our year 4 and 5 children are visiting South Cary House and Highfield House on a monthly basis and this month they have been creating mood boards with their newly found friends. It is such a great way to develop confidence and empathy for our children and we are so lucky that our local residential homes are so welcoming to us. We also are forging links with The Newt and Higher Farm in readiness for our Cary in Bloom learning experience and we really hope that these links will be long lasting too.

Year 6 Tag Rugby

HUGE congratulations to our Tag Rugby players who represented the school at Ansford this week. They all played brilliantly and came second in the tournament missing the top place only on goal difference. Mr Prosser was so proud of the way you all played and your sportsmanship.

Jewellery and PE kit

Please can I remind you that children are not permitted to wear jewellery to school apart from stud earrings which must be removed for PE lessons. Staff will ask children to remove jewellery if it is worn.

I am saddened by the number of children who continually do not have PE kits in school. PE is a statutory school subject and all children must participate just like all other curriculum subjects. Please do contact the school if providing PE kit for your child is difficult as the PTFA do have some pre-loved kit.

OPAL working party

We would like a parent working party to join Zoe on Friday 14th February to "Spring Clean" our OPAL resources. They have become victim to the winter and we desperately need a clean up and sort out. We are proposing the afternoon from 1:30pm - it will not be a clean job so please bring wellies and old clothes (and gloves). The children really benefit hugely from OPAL and we would be really grateful for any help that can be offered (and jet washers!!!!) 😊

Parent Mail

Please can I ask that EVERYONE signs the Acceptable Use of IT agreement sent on Parent Mail this week so that your children can continue to use IT in school to support their learning. Please read through it with your child so that they are aware of the information and guidance before signing.

We have also sent out:

1. Consent forms for processing personal data
2. Annual parental consent forms for offsite activities

Please can we ask that these are read and signed off too. Reminders will come out BUT we must have these signed off for all children.

Thank you 😊

Year 4 Residential

All payments are set up on Parent Mail for Charterhouse and deadlines with reminders will be shared. If you want to view these or make a payment before the deadline, open Parent Mail, click payments then the shop icon. The EV5 (information sharing form which MUST be completed) has also been shared with you this week.



Bake off

A reminder that our annual Bake Off takes place next Friday - 31st January. Master Bakers from The Newt will be coming to judge the children's creations. This is one of the whole school home learning activities so we would love as many children as possible to take part. Cakes will be sold at the end of the day so please remember to bring cash donations. I am certain there will be some FABULOUS cakes baked and I am so looking forward to seeing them.

TINK online

Our TINK sessions are always very much enjoyed by parents. I am aware that not all parents can attend sessions during the day, so our PFSA is running this next course online and in the evening. I would encourage all parents to take part as everyone would find it useful at some point in their parenting journey.



Emotionally Intelligent Parenting
A six-session parenting program for parents

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop *emotional intelligence*. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Online

When: starting Tuesday 25th February 2025 7:30pm

Contact: Rachel Clements rachel.clements@msford.net



Things happening in our community



Key dates for your diary

- 27.2.25 TINK
- 28.1.25 Year 4 Ansford Team Building 1pm
- 29.1.25 Year 6 SAT meeting at 3:20pm
- 31.1.25 Bake off competition
- 3.2.25 TINK
- 10.2.25 Starfish class to Carymoor
- 10.2.25 TINK
- 13.2.25 PTFA Valentine's Disco
- 14.2.25 School closes
- 24.2.25 School opens
- 24.2.25 TINK
- 3.3.25 TINK
- 4.3.25 PTFA meeting 7:30pm
- 5.3.25 5/6 Hockey at Ansford
- 5.2.25 Memory Cafe
- 21.3.25 South Cary House
- 25.3.25 Highfield House
- 26.3.25 5/6 Netball at Ansford
- 31.3.25 Bikeability
- 1.4.25 Bikeability
- 2.4.25 Memory Cafe
- 3.4.25 Easter Bingo
- 4.4.25 Year 1/2 Easter performance
- 4.4.25 Easter Bonnet Parade
- 4.4.25 KS2 Easter Buggy Race
- 4.4.25 School closes



Starfish - Mason Beckley-Tovey
Sea Otter - Honey Warner
Turtle - Wren Gichie
Dolphin - Connor Higgins
Octopus - Lilia Fulton-Pike
Swordfish - George Healey
Jellyfish - Christen Kazingizi
Head teacher's award - Sofia Collins

Sarah Martin

Please remember to use this notification if your child is feeling under the weather when you bring them to school so we can keep an eye on them!

