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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find enclosed the latest reminders, updates and information.

Maths Information Meeting

We hope those parents/carers who were able to attend the maths information evening found it worthwhile, we were pleased to see so many of you there on the evening. For those parents/carers who were unable to attend, the presentation slides can be found on the school website at [John Harrox Primary School - Parent Workshops](#)

Y3/4 Performances

We look forward to the forthcoming Key Stage 2 performances of 'Go for Gold' by the Dahl, Fine and King-Smith classes towards the end of this term. We are certain that some parents will soon become very familiar with the songs and the words! As usual, further details will follow detailing ticket arrangements nearer the time.

Comic Relief

We will be once again supporting Comic Relief on Friday 15th March. Details of the theme for the non-uniform day will follow shortly.

Flower Festival

Towards the end of this term many of the children will be actively involved in creating items for display in readiness for the Flower Festival in Moulton Church which begins on Friday 10th May until Monday 13th May. The theme for displays in the church this year will be 'Sporting Events'.

SAFEGUARDING

At The John Harrox Primary School, we recognise and take our responsibility seriously in regard to safeguarding children and having arrangements in place for promoting the welfare of children. To achieve this, we work with a range of agencies and follow the guidance and procedures outlined by the Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children's Partnership (LSCP). Our safeguarding policies can be found on the school website.

As a follow up to our questionnaire completed earlier in the year, I wanted to ensure parents knew who the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are for the school. Mrs. Amess and I are the school's designated safeguarding leads. Should you wish to discuss any safeguarding concerns regarding a child, we are available during normal school hours and can be contacted via the school office on 01406 370426.

Alternatively, the number for Lincolnshire Children's Services Customer Service Centre, for reporting concerns, is: 01522 782111.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

Hopefully you are aware of our parents' meetings that are arranged for Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2024.

An appointment system will operate which will enable parents to discuss their child's progress in private. Although we do try to keep to appointment times, this may not always be possible due to





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longer than anticipated discussion. Please do bear with us in this event and we apologise in advance.

Social Media

We have become aware of a number of instances where children have used social media inappropriately. As part of our computing curriculum we cover e-safety topics which includes the safe and appropriate use of social media. In summary we cover such things as:

- The age restrictions built into the user agreements of the social media platforms.
- The potential permanence of any post.
- Hurtful messages given virtually can be just as, if not more, harmful than when given verbally face to face.
- How employers may do background checks on social media.
- The importance of confidentiality in terms of sharing personal details.
- Other people may hide their true identity or make things up about themselves.

We have found that social media groups are often set up with the best of intentions, but situations can quickly get out of hand and upsetting, and offensive messages are sent. Please support us in our e-safety teaching by following the user agreement policies (age restrictions usually have minimum age of 13) and very closely monitoring your child's use of all technology equipment such as phones and games consoles.

We hope to be able to arrange a parent workshop delivered the NSPCC on e-safety later in the year which we hope you all will be able to join.

ATTENDANCE

In any school year children attend school for a total of 190 days. The Government and the school expect children of primary school age to have school attendance of 100%.

A persistent absent rate is recorded where a child's absence is 10% or more (90% or less attendance). Falling below this causes concern to both Educational Welfare and the school as this can have a dramatic effect upon a child's education. Attendance rates can be taken across any six week period of the academic year and do not need to be considered over the whole school year.

We monitor attendance closely and may also work directly with the local authority on attendance matters. As part of this monitoring process, we follow up on attendance which falls below 95% where these are unexplained or causing concern. Parents will often receive a letter and be asked to discuss reasons for their child's absences if attendance falls below the 95%. With this in mind, it is very important to avoid taking holidays during term time. Holiday absences will be unauthorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance for them. Unauthorised absence may lead to legal action and a fixed penalty notice being issued.

RAISING CONCERNS

Please let us know if you have any concerns regarding your child or other school matters at any time during the year. Do not hesitate to contact us. Often things heard on the playground get misinterpreted or only provide part of the information so please check with a member of school staff. We are committed to working with you to try and ensure concerns and minor irritations are resolved, and the facts are clarified as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

D. Pilsworth

