



## Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Newsletter – w/e 21st April 2023

Welcome to Term 5 of the school year. We hope you all had a restful break and ready for the last 2 terms.

Mr Fitter and Mrs Goddon, Headteachers

### Attendance this week

Whole school attendance this week 95.4 %

Best attendance this week:

Heron Class 100 % and

Raven Class 98.8 %

### Online safety

Technology is at the very centre of all our lives today - especially our children's. Learning how to use technology wisely is an essential skill for life and learning in the 21st century. However at a time when there is increased access to numerous different technology platforms, many children are at a greater risk of online grooming, cyber bullying and exposure to inappropriate or illegal content online.

Wouldham All Saints believe that both the school and parents/carers need to work in partnership in order to safeguard children from harm online.

Wouldham All Saints believe that promoting online safety plays a critical role in protecting our pupils online and as a result pupils are taught about how to stay safe and how to behave appropriately online. Wouldham All Saints have extensive security measures in place which keep children safe whilst using technology in the school and their usage is monitored to help safeguard them from potential dangers or unsuitable materials.

Parents/carers have a highly important role to play in keeping children safe online. There are many ways parents/carers can help minimise the risks associated with children being online and increase parents/carers awareness of online safety. The list below provides ideas to help parents/carers keep children safe online:

#### Age appropriate

Only give your child access to devices, websites, apps, games and social media sites that are age appropriate. Access the PEGI guidance (<https://pegi.info/page/pegi-age-ratings>) on age ratings to inform your choices when buying games for your child, or deciding whether the games they are playing are appropriate, by following the age-ratings assigned to each game. Read each game's advice for parents and play the game yourself to help you understand what it involves.

Common Sense Media offer a trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books and music which can be found using the following link <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>.

#### National Online Safety - A parent's guide to Age Rating

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides>

#### BOOT FAIR INITIATIVE

We have been informed of the Snodland Craft and Food Market; a community project supporting local crafters, small businesses and services held at Snodland Community Centre.

Due to the current cost-of-living crisis the organisers are organising an indoor boot fair for children's items. This would bring quality used items at affordable prices to parents in our communities, whilst allowing our local parents to make some money from the children's items they no longer need.

The event is

Kids Kit and Caboodle

14th May 2023

1.30pm-4pm (1 hour before and after for setup and clearing)

Snodland Community Centre, Paddlesworth Road, Snodland, ME6 5DP

Stalls £10 per 6ft table for used items.

Kate Farrow contact :07726 403 377

## HOLMESDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL TOURS

Mr Downey, Head of School, would like to invite Year 5 parents and students to come and have a look round The Holmesdale School on Monday 15th May at 9am.

If any parents would like to book on a school tour, please ask them to email [ths\\_office@swale.at](mailto:ths_office@swale.at) so that a space can be reserved.

We look forward to welcoming all visitors to our school.

## Worship

During worship this week, we were introduced to our exciting new value for the term, 'Friendship'. Throughout the week we have explored what friendship is and we were encouraged by our words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs in the bible, that reminded us that 'there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother' (Proverbs chapter 18, verse 24) – this friend is Jesus! Memory verse of the week: 'Encourage one another and build each other up' – 1 Thessalonians chapter 5, verse 11.



## Supporting Wellbeing

Action for children provides advice and support to parents and children for their mental health and well-being.

Topics include anxiety, sleep, emotional regulation, separation and many other areas.

<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing/>

If you feel like you are struggling with your mood more than normal we always advise you to talk to you GP for support.

If you need somebody to talk to, Samaritans offer a free listening service 24/7 by calling 116 123



## DATES FOR TERM 5

PTA meeting (all welcome)	Monday 24th April at 9.00 am
Year 6 attending Safety in Action	Wednesday 26th April
Year 5 at Holmesdale	Thursday 27th April (children to come to school here and we will transport)
SEN parents group	Wednesday 3rd May
Polling day (school closed)	Thursday 4th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May
Dove Class school trip	Thursday 11th May (Yew tree farm)
Kingfisher class trip	Friday 12th May (Hall Place)
SEN parents group	Wednesday 17th May
Wagtail class trip	Friday 19th May
Show N Share	Wednesday 24th May 3.15 pm
Wren Class school trip	Thursday 25th May (Yew tree farm)
Last day of term	Friday 26th May
Half term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Term 6	Monday 5th June