



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of 2023. We hope you had a lovely holiday.

Newsletters

We have an exciting term ahead. Your child's teacher has uploaded their class newsletter and this term learning objectives to their class webpage for you to read.

Online Safety

We are aware that many children will have received new devices, including smart watches for Christmas and we would like to remind you of the support available to ensure they use these devices safely.

Please take some time to look at our Safety tab on our website. This is full of advice for you as parents to keep your child safe online, including setting up a device safely.

We have once more been alerted to a couple of concerning incidents regarding pupils' use of WhatsApp. We remind you that WhatsApp requires a minimum age of 16. Should you as parents nevertheless allow your child to use it, it is very important that you support them to do safely and carefully supervise their use.

Online safety remains a key element of our PSHE curriculum and we encourage our children to immediately share any online concerns with their trusted adults at home and school. We ask them to not respond to anything that upsets them online but rather to take a screen shot and go straight to the adult they are with.

Cyber bullying incidents are taken seriously at MTSV. Any reports of cyber bullying on social media platforms by pupils are handled in accordance with our Anti-Bullying Policy.

PCSO Linda Bailey will be coming back into school to deliver a follow up Hate Crime and Anti Bullying presentation to Y5 & Y6 (date to be confirmed). She will also deliver an online safety presentation for all KS2 on 31.1.2023.

We will also be organising a parent online safety information evening, we will let you more details when they are confirmed.

Please talk to your child about their online behaviour and monitor what they are posting. Reminding them of the potential consequence of their online behaviour for themselves and others and that once they post something they are not able to take it back, this is their digital footprint and can cause reputational damage.

Let's continue to work together to keep our children safe and happy. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

Lunchtime Clubs

We have a number of child led and staff led lunchtime clubs on offer to the children throughout this term; arts & crafts, comic club, multiskills/games, dance, eco-warriors to name a few. As these take place during school time, there is no requirement to sign your child up –they will be invited to join the clubs during a registration time with their class teacher.

Afterschool Clubs

CEPD and Mad Science (second half term) are running after school clubs this term as well as teacher led after school clubs; Mrs Taylor will be running a lego club for Y1 & Y2 on Wednesdays and Mr Gough will be holding a board games club for Y3 & Y4. Details will be emailed directly to the relevant year groups to register your child.

Promoting outdoor learning



<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

The children's interest and curiosity for the natural world is certainly developing since the introduction of our new wildlife area. The Big Garden Birdwatch takes place from 27-29th January 2023. It is fun, free and for everyone. If you would like to register as a family to collect data, please sign up to take part. Although this is a home learning event, please record in your child's reading diary if your child has participated. We would be keen to know how many families took part.

Have a lovely weekend

Wendy Lyon and Julie Cox