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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents,

This week, three of the special days or festivals which we have enjoyed learning about at this time of year, (Children's Mental Health Week, Chinese New Year and Safer Internet Day) all fell into the same week. As we are having regular RISE sessions (Resilience in Schools and Education) which focus on celebrating our achievements and therefore supporting our well-being, we have decided to spend more time thinking about internet safety. As a whole school and in classes, we reminded the children of some very simple rules of staying safe online e.g. not revealing personal details to anyone, not engaging with social media sites which are designed for much older children (TikTok, Instagram, WhatsApp etc) and to always report any inappropriate behaviour or material to an adult.

You may be interested in a free app that some parents at Sheering school use to keep track of the conversations your children are having online (not just texting) including the pictures they are sending and receiving; it is called Qustodio and I recommend that you have a quick look. Please let me know if you use anything similar and I can also pass this on to other parents.

#### **Happy Book**

In the Happy Book this week; Poppy thanked Amelie and Phoebe for seeing if she was ok; Amelie thanked Phoebe, Poppy, Belle, Lilly-Mai and Macy for letting her play with them; Phoebe thanked Laura, Catherine, Jessica, Amelie and Poppy for being good friends to her; Olivia would like to say a big thank you to Maisie for looking after her when she hurt her toe; Noah thanked Mrs Ashbee for helping him; Ray thanked Alfie, Lenny and Charlie for being funny friends; Alfie thanked Ray for making his day; Elsie thanked Minnie for making her day; Lenny thanked Ray, Alfie, and Lenny for playing with him; Lola thanked Poppy and Miss Goodman for finding her bag; I thanked the members of the PTFA for organising two TERRIFIC discos yesterday and I thanked the teachers for getting through a day of wet-play and the excitement of the disco yesterday!

#### **Achievement from Home and School**

**Home:** Mia was presented with the Learn to Swim Level 2.

**School:** Noah, Logan, Poppy, Lexi, Poppy, Fay, Sophia and Olivia were presented with their **Bronze Athletics Awards**; Sophia, Charlie, Olivia and Laura were presented with their **Silver Athletics awards**; a **Gold Athletics Award** was presented to Harry and Laura, Alfie, Noah, George and Leo have achieved their **Platinum Athletics Awards**. Our class **Spelling Shed Superstar** is Durrington class with 25,604,903 points and our **Top 20 Super Spellers** are Rory, Sophia, Laura, Leo, Olivia, Patrick, Lilly-Mai, George, Leia, Lenny, Teddy, Charlie, Logan, Isabelle Harry, Fay, Owen, Sylvia, Jessica and Mya. Our **Rockstar Superstars** this week are Charlie, Catherine, Jessica and Isabelle.

#### **Roll of Honour**

**Our Learning Heroes this week:** Children who have encouraged others to be brave.

**Copeland:** Poppy encouraged her classmates to be brave when they were discussing their worries.

**Durrington:** Maisie was so encouraging to Olivia when Olivia hurt her toe. Maisie was by her side helping her and telling her to be brave.

**Fitzwalter:** Alfie has really encouraged Elsie to participate in class discussions this week and helped her to find her brave.

**Quickbury:** Fay has encouraged Teagan to be brave in maths and to answer questions in class.

Well done children. You are all TERRIFIC!

#### **Birthdays**

This morning we sang the birthday song to Bethany (10), Lyra (8), Sonny (8), Teagan (11), Maisie (6) and Charlie (10).

#### **Star of the Week**

My Star of the Week is Thea for having the courage to try something new even when her friends were not taking part.

#### **Letters/Parentmail Home:**

Temporary changes to school lunches

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### **Dates**

***Please note these dates are subject to change if necessary.***

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February:** Non-pupil day

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** Half term

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February:** Leap for Leap Year! PTFA Sponsored bounce

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day (theme to be confirmed)

Mother's Day service in church

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent consultations 3:30-6:00

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent consultations 3:30-6:00

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Lorna Brittain  
Headteacher