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Laptop Donations to our School — Thank You

Recently we have received two donations of laptops, which are currently being attached to our domain before being allocated to children at our school and I would like to publicly thank Paul Kelly (Isla's grandfather) and Ray and Juliet Jones for their generosity. We really do appreciate your efforts.

I have also been contacted by Amna Ahmed, from Winchester, who is in the process of raising money on our behalf through The Enham Trust, which you can find details of [here](#).



On a similar subject I would also like to thank Sainsbury's Lordshill for their donation to our school of a £50 Argos voucher. You may recall during celebration assembly last week I asked the children for ideas about how we might spend this. Thank you to everyone who replied to my request. I will update you soon.

Can we help Miss Tiley? Of course we can!

Miss Tiley is a member of our Learning Support Team, currently working in Year 6. I have agreed to publicise the following message on her behalf:

So who likes walking? I do, and over the years, I have walked some lovely places in this country: along the River Thames, over the Seven Sisters hills and even hiking up some (small) mountains! But I just don't wear my trainers for fun, I raise money for charities while I walk. This year I am walking a trail around Windsor while raising money for Dylan's Quest.

Dylan Vanhear attended our school. He loved playing sports, particularly football but in May 2015 he started to have problems with his legs and after investigation it was discovered that he had a tumour on his spine. Dylan spent almost a whole year in hospital after having surgery, and he realised that children his age did not have much to entertain themselves. He decided to raise money to buy things for the children's wards in the hospital. He was able to raise £10,000! Sadly, Dylan passed away in September 2016 just a week before his 13th birthday. His illness and passing has had a major effect on our school.

Dylan's family continue to raise money to support families of children with life threatening illnesses. This could provide them with vital financial relief where their lives have been turned upside down, or allow families to make lasting memories on days out.

As parents, we know that anyone can find themselves in the situation Dylan and his family faced and knowing that help is available can be the light in a very dark tunnel. If you can spare a few pennies to urge me on when I take on the walk, please donate [here](#) and think of me when I am eating up the miles in glorious sun (well I hope it will be sunny!).

Thank you very much for your support
Emma Tiley

It feels very strange as we reach another milestone in this crazy school year; we're half way through the year and it's February half term already. Unbelievable. I just wanted to say a huge thank you to every member of our school community for your support, understanding and hard work over the past 6 weeks. As ever, please try not to worry, look after yourselves and your children and give each other a hug whenever the opportunity arises. We **will** get through this together.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Test and Trace Service during the Half Term Break!

You may remember that I asked families to contact me with any positive test results during the Christmas holiday. Yesterday, I received guidance from the Department for Education that Headteachers have been asked to provide the same service during the upcoming half term break. If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, and subsequently undergoes a Covid-19 test, please email me directly and I will contact you back. I will then need to know the outcome of the test so I can call any close contacts from your child's class bubble. Thank you for your support with this.

Safer Internet Day 2021

On Tuesday all our children took part in Safer Internet Day. We are all aware, now more so than ever, that children have been spending more time using computers and the internet as part of home learning.

As a school we encourage the use of online tools to support teaching and learning and often discuss how wonderful the internet can be. However, our aim as a school is to create confident but responsible digital citizens. The theme of the day was to make connections between their use of the internet and their mental wellbeing. With this in mind, the children from each year group were learning about a different online risk and more importantly what to do about it. They created their own avatars, discussed their thoughts and feelings using emojis and finally created a vlog to give advice to children like them. As usual our children's learning outcomes were fantastic and everyone enjoyed the day.



Extreme Reading Challenge — Update

Thank you very much indeed to the 100 children and families who sent Extreme Reading Challenge photos to us over the past couple of weeks. There were lots of very imaginative ideas and it was very difficult to choose our 20 winners. Congratulations to everyone who took part and well done to our prize winners:



National Online Safety — Safe Remote Learning Accreditation

You may be aware that we are full members of National Online Safety, the group who provide a community approach to all matter of online safety and who provide the Wake Up Wednesday resources that we tweet.

I am now very pleased to be able to let you know that we have completed all the work and we have been accredited with the award. Our certificate is now proudly hanging in our front reception area. Thank you very much to everyone who has worked hard to achieve the award.



Updating your Contact details with us

Please do let our school office know if you have changed ANY aspects of your contact details. This week I have received calls from a number of parents who have told me they have not received their Free School Meal vouchers, only to find they were sent to an email address that is no longer used! As you can imagine, this makes receiving what is rightfully yours quite tricky.

