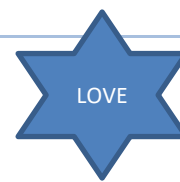




NEWSLETTER



'Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action'. (1 John 3:18)

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26th November, 2021



Ahov! Our greeting of the week this week is Ukrainian and our children continue to amaze me with their recall of different languages each morning. Language learning is such an important part of our curriculum and Key Stage Two also really enjoy their French lessons. I am very aware that we have many budding linguists in the younger years too so will be looking to increase their involvement in this area over the coming terms.

I have had the privilege of walking round our classrooms on many occasions this week and have seen some fantastic learning happening all over the school. Deene and Lilford have been busy preparing for their Christmas Nativity and have taken to performing like ducks to water! I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing their songs and I am sure that they cannot wait to share them with you all.

Lampport have been conducting some research on exotic animals as part of their English work and amazed me with some facts at the start of the week. Did you know that red pandas have excellent balance? I certainly didn't! In Rockingham, Ancient Greek democracy has been the focus in history and I walked in on a very heated debate about who should be allowed to vote. We may have some future politicians on our hands!

As you will be aware, an increase in our number of Covid cases last week required extra vigilance in order to try to limit the spread of the virus. I would very much like to thank you all for your help in this endeavour and continue to appeal to you to follow the government guidelines if any symptoms arise for your child or if someone in your household tests positive. With the safety and peace of mind of all of our school community at the forefront of our decision-making, we will be adapting our Christmas celebrations a little this year. Please see the separate letter attached to this Newsletter for more information.



Finally, thank you to all of you who took the time to complete our parental questionnaire. We were very pleased with our responses and will be sharing some findings and reflection points with you soon.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Birch

Thank you so much for your generosity.

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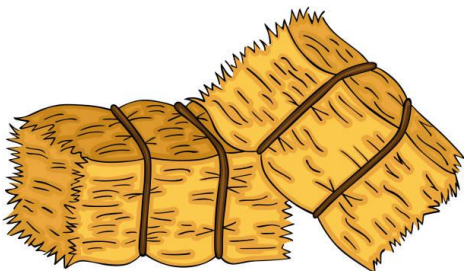
If you have completed the Consent Form online for your child to have their flu vaccinations, these will take place at school on Monday morning. If you haven't completed the Consent Form but would like your child to be vaccinated, we will be making available details of local Clinics where you can call in for this.

HEAD LICE

We have unfortunately had instances of head lice reported to us.

Please can you carefully check your child's hair this weekend and treat if necessary to eradicate this distressing condition.

Thank you.



WANTED

2 hay bales

(as soon as possible)

Please let us know if you can help.



The Stars of the Week



Deene Class



DEENE CLASS TRIP TO WEST LODGE RURAL CENTRE : CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

We are planning an exciting trip out for Deene Class to the West Lodge Rural Centre in Desborough for the Christmas experience on the 8th December. The children will spend the day at the farm and will get to see Santa and watch a live Nativity performance whilst there. Travel will be by school minibus and the children will be back at school in time for normal collection at 3 pm. They should wear school sweatshirts with joggers/trousers and trainers bringing a warm coat/hat/scarf etc suitable for a day outdoors.

We are asking for contributions of £15 to cover entrance and travel. Payments can be made on ParentPay. The children will be provided with a packed lunch on this day so please do not order a hot school meal.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CRYPTOCURRENCY

What is cryptocurrency?

Cryptocurrency is software enabling the exchange and storage of digital 'coins' representing financial value. To monitor who owns which coins, platforms save an online record of every transaction, called a 'ledger' or 'blockchain'. This is secured by cryptography: a set of methods for protecting sensitive information. Bitcoin, released in 2009, was the first cryptocurrency; other platforms have since launched such as Ethereum, Tezos and Filecoin. As cryptocurrency becomes a more established part of digital life, young people are bound to encounter it – so it's vital that trusted adults understand its risks, and how it can be explored and used safely.

COMPLEX TECHNOLOGY

Like any new software, cryptocurrency comes with bugs, flaws and limitations. Broadly, it hasn't yet evolved to be as user friendly as web browsing or social media. Using it safely means spending time learning about the complicated technology it uses. We would strongly suggest anyone considering getting involved in cryptocurrency should consult specialised tutorials to learn about it properly in advance.

WIDESPREAD EXAMPLES

Cryptocurrency software for smartphones is often free to download from app stores. Emails with links to cryptocurrency services can land in any inbox. Cryptocurrency is also advertised on search engines, on social media and in online games (for example to buy add-ons which help players level up). It can't be purchased easily without a credit card or bank account, but young people will still be exposed to cryptocurrency in various settings.

CHANCE OF SCAMS

Cryptocurrency provides another opportunity for scammers to extract personal data and money from unwary web users. Unlike credit card transactions or wire transfers, a bank can't reverse cryptocurrency transactions after a suspected fraud – making it an appealing channel for online extortion. These transactions do leave evidence in the blockchain, however, which means that cryptocurrency scammers can and do get caught.

BEING LOCKED OUT

If you forget your online banking password, you can reset it by proving your identity in another way. In the world of 'crypto', however, the private key to access your funds can't be reset. Cryptocurrency operates without intermediaries like banks – so no-one stores a copy of users' private keys. This has security benefits, but also presents the huge risk of permanently losing access to your account. Learn how to store private keys securely before purchasing any significant amounts of cryptocurrency.

RISKY INVESTMENT

Prices can be very volatile, so cryptocurrencies are considered high-risk investments. If you might need your savings soon, don't hold them in cryptocurrency as their value could drop suddenly and sharply. Sometimes, cryptocurrency may be a profitable investment – but note that any gains are taxable. You may even have to pay tax when exchanging one cryptocurrency for another if the currency you're exchanging is priced higher than it was when you bought it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

AVOID IF UNSURE

In the UK, cryptocurrency is considered risky, because users aren't well protected if something goes wrong. Most cryptocurrencies use software developed by decentralised communities, so there's no customer service and no support if your funds get stolen or you lose access to your mobile cryptocurrency wallet. Unless you understand cryptocurrency, it's probably best not to use it. After all, if you couldn't comprehend the highway code, it wouldn't be safe for you to drive.

CHECK CREDENTIALS

Buying cryptocurrency for the first time involves wiring funds from your bank to a cryptocurrency exchange – a business that converts your money into cryptocurrency. They can also store cryptocurrency for you, though this could present a security risk. Cryptocurrency businesses in the UK must now comply with money laundering regulations: the Financial Conduct Authority's website has a list of all businesses that are approved, and it's best to avoid dealing with any that aren't.

EXPECT EXPOSURE

If your child plays online games that involve some form of virtual currency, and has access to some kind of payment method, they may find themselves in a position to buy and use cryptocurrency. There's probably no immediate danger, but discussing the potential risks with them could be useful. If your child is old enough to understand the concepts of spending and saving or to grasp the basics of programming, then they're old enough to learn about cryptocurrency.

STAY CAUTIOUS, STAY INFORMED

Approach cryptocurrency with caution as well as curiosity. Don't click on links in unexpected emails referring to cryptocurrency and beware of promotions promising free cryptocurrency in exchange for personal information. Avoid mentioning on social media that you own cryptocurrency, as this can attract scammers. Stay informed of potential new risks and regulations by regularly checking specialised sources (such as CoinDesk).

Meet Our Expert

JP Vergne is an educator and associate professor at University College London's School of Management. His award-winning research on technology and organisation has been published in leading academic journals as well as in two books. JP is also a speaker and advises on startups. He tweets at @PirateOrg.



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(Well Done Tay!!)

In Our Community

church Services



1 st Sunday of Advent : 28 th November, 2021		
TIME	CHURCH	SERVICE
8.00 am	Irthlingborough	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Great Addington	Morning Prayer
9.15 am	Little Addington	Morning Prayer
10.30 am	Irthlingborough	Holy Communion (also webcast) https://www.facebook.com/stpetersirthingborough
10.45	Woodford	Holy Communion

PARENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Great Addington School PSA

Christmas Wreath Making

Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.30 pm

Great Addington Village Hall

£25.00 per person

Price includes everything you need to make your wreath plus a glass of mulled wine

Tickets available from Christine in the School Office

All profits raised will go towards Great Addington School PSA

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The PSA have 4 brand-new white logo polo shirts in size 7-8 available to purchase at the bargain price of £4.50 each.

If you would like one, please email Christine: bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk and send the money in in an envelope for the PSA.

Please send money in an envelope with request for tickets to the school office and tickets will be sent home.



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ABOUT US

At The Key Coaching Company, Rachel will work with you to identify your aims, and find out what makes you happy. Once your goals are aligned with your values, she can help you to set realistic and achievable targets to change your life for the better. All of our sessions are set outside so that you can experience the benefits of a beautiful restful space, using sights and sounds of nature to ground you and help you relax. Rachel has had many years experience of coaching in a professional and personal capacity, and uses a variety of methods to help you feel confident and at ease.

Coaching is also available remotely online if you prefer and in case of inclement weather.

OUR SERVICES

Our coaching services are completely bespoke to you. We can work with your agenda and at your pace. We listen and we unpick your goals and create a programme that fits with your life goals.



Christmas Festivities at GA



In light of national guidance and the current and potential situation with Covid cases at the school, we have been reviewing our arrangements for the Christmas festivities this year.

As you are aware, we have many traditions and activities which we all look forward to in the run up to Christmas and we want to be as inclusive as possible to parents and also to ensure that the children do not miss out on any of the normal Christmas festivities. We cannot, however, arrange anything which could potentially put anybody in any form of danger, especially at such a special time of the year and we would not want anything held at school to impact on your family plans etc.

I therefore give below a breakdown of how we feel we can enjoy some of the special traditions with you – with a twist!!

Deene & Lilford Class Nativity Performances	The children have already begun to rehearse for their Nativity performances. The children will perform their Nativity and it will be filmed so that it can be shared with you. We will also be inviting you into the school playground on Wednesday 15th December from drop-off (starting at 9 am) where you can watch highlights from the Nativity, including some songs while you enjoy “breakfast” and a cup of coffee. You will be asked to wear masks and to socially distance, as much as possible from each other during this time. The filmed version of the Nativity will be sent to you later on that day.
Key Stage 2 Carol Service	Parents will be invited to come along to the school playground on Wednesday 15th December at 2 pm for a 2.15 pm start to listen to, and join in with some Christmas Carols. We hope to provide some simple refreshments and hope that the weather will be kind and lend itself to some seasonal singing! Parents will be asked to wear a mask and maintain as much social distance as possible during this event to further protect everyone.

We hope that you will appreciate our approach with regard to the Christmas events to help ensure that we can all then enjoy a happy and healthy Christmas period with our families.

With Best Wishes

Emily Birch, Headteacher

