Friday 22nd January 2021

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Diary Dates

Remote learning offer

Thank you all for working so hard on the remote education with your child/children. We appreciate how difficult it is to juggle factors such as family life, work commitments and shared technology needed to be able to complete remote learning. Our remote learning offer is now on our website for you to view. Please click on this link to view our offer.

Ofsted have published a short guide on what is working well in remote education, which draws on findings from their interim visits, research and literature review. Our offer is based on the research that Ofsted have done as well as what we learned from the previous lockdown.

Three Wise Women

We hope you and your families enjoyed watching the nativity video over the Christmas break. So far we have raised £275 for the children's nominated charity, Shelter. A big thank you to everyone who has donated; if you would like to make a donation to the nativity collection our JustGiving page will stay open until the end of January.
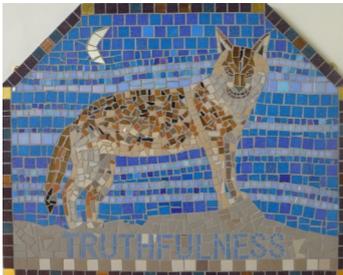
Big questions

This term we are focusing on the school value of Truthfulness; using our big questions to explore what truthfulness means and how it supports our personal, social and spiritual development. Our school website has a list the big questions for this term and a 'Home School Values' activities sheet that families can look at together to stimulate discussion and reflection.

Spring
09/02/21 - World Safer Internet Day
12/02/21 - last day of term
22/02/21 - first day of term
w/b 08/03/21 - British science week
01/04/21 - last day of term

Summer
19/04/21 - SDDay
20/04/21 - first day of term
28/05/21 - last day of term
07/06/21 - first day of term
23/07/21 - leavers service & last day of term

World Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 9th February is the 18th World Safer Internet Day. Celebrated globally in February each year it promotes the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young and aims to promote a national conversation. Teachers are planning a Safer Internet Day for their class tfor 9th February. With the vast majority of children currently learning remotely, online safety is more important than ever. In school we have strict content filtering that is continually updated, but every home will have a different internet setup, www.internetmatters.org.uk is a useful website to get practical information. It has guides on how to set up parental controls on any device and for most broadband and mobile networks; this includes setting time limits on different apps, safe searches and how to enable privacy settings.

School Term Dates 2022/23

Wiltshire Council is consulting on the proposed term dates 2022/23.. You can find out more at http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-term-date-calendar. The deadline for responses on the proposals is Friday 19th February 2021.

www.box.wilts.sch.uk

Resources to Support and Help Families During Lockdown

There are a number of online resources that provide ideas on how to talk through concerns with children. Please have a look at the links below for ideas.

- Triple P UK has a parenting area with information, tips, tools and strategies for parents and carers of children and young people as well as a facebook page.

- Care for the family has specific information for parents and carers of children with additional needs as well as generic parenting information as well as a facebook page.

Wiltshire's Family and Community Learning Team are providing a range of online courses for parents including help to support children with remote learning. Parents will need either a laptop, tablet or smart phone with Wi-Fi to log in online, some enrolment criteria does apply but the team will provide further details and talk through individual circumstances. To find out more please visit the website or contact the team via email at familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk

For support on other issues you can access On Your Mind website which provides free, safe and anonymous online support for young people. There is also a new advice page for Wiltshire parents and carers which includes practical strategies to support children with their mental health and wellbeing and also Oxford Health for further support on child mental health.

With national lockdown measures now in place, Wiltshire Council's Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is still available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays. The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area. Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it. You can get in touch with the hub via email at wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk or by calling 0300 003 4576. It's available from 9am-5pm Monday-Friday and 10am-4pm on Saturdays.