

Car parking and safer driving around school drop off and collection

Mr Garley and I have been working closely together with the PCSO Mr Simon Arthur and the Town Council to try and improve the safety for all our children coming to and from school. We have witnessed a number of very concerning incidents and have had reports of others over the past few weeks:

- Children running into the road in College Street, crossing between parked cars.
- A child was almost run over by a car after running out from between parked cars.
- Drivers parking on the crosshatch outside the Fire Station blocking access to the station.
- Parents parking on the zig-zag lines next to the zebra crossing.
- Parents stopping at the zebra crossing with their engine running and making their children get out of the car into the road.
- Parents stopping on the double yellow lines outside school causing traffic to back up.
- Parents parking on the path.
- Parents using the school approach road to drop off and then attempt to turn around during the busiest times of the day.
- Parent turning on the access road narrowly missing a child
- Parents reversing onto the pavements

We are very concerned that these near misses will one day be a tragic accident and therefore are looking at different ways to address these issues. There was also a road accident involving an older child in the town recently too.

We are talking to our children about these incidents and ways of preventing similar incidents in the future.

To us the solution is simple: use the car park in the town and walk children up to school. The walk takes five minutes and would mean children are getting exercise and fresh air before the start of the school day. To make this achievable all you would have to do is leave home 5 minutes earlier. It means a mind shift for some of us in putting the safety of children before the convenience of the car. We have talked to the children about getting dressed and ready quicker in the mornings too to help be out of the house a little earlier to support a full or partial walk to school.

Traffic wardens have been deployed by the Town Council and they will issue fines for those parked illegally on double yellow lines or dangerously.

Please help us to keep all our children and families safe by being considerate when driving and parking near school.



We will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Allen and Mrs Morton, two of our very experienced lunch time supervisors, after the Christmas holidays. They have both been with us for a number of years. We wish them well in their early retirement. We will miss them both very much.



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Events

6th December – PTA school disco for Year One and Two. Get your tickets now!

7th December – 2pm visit for parents with children starting September 2019.

14th December- Christmas lunch (Please order on line at <https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>) and Christmas Jumper Day. Donations received will go to **Save the Children**.

19th December 2pm- Nursery Christmas celebration in the main hall. Come and join us nursery parents.

20th December – Party Day. The children will have a magic show and can wear party clothes on the **last day of term**.

We have decided to do our **Food Bank collection in February** after talking with the foodbank organisers.

Christmas concerts in December

Our children will have the opportunity to perform in a Christmas production. Please continue to help them learn their words, encourage their dances and let them practise their songs as all that will help when they perform in front of an audience.

Tuesday 11th 9.30am Year 2

Wednesday 12th 2pm Year 2

Friday 14th 9.30am Year 1

Monday 17th 2pm Year 1

Tuesday 18th 2pm Reception

Wednesday 19th 9.30am Reception

Only two tickets per family are available for these events due to space in our hall. We also prefer that toddlers do not attend these events as it can distract the children from their performance. Please send your forms back as soon as possible. Tickets for next week will be sent out before Friday.

Class Assemblies next year

23rd January – Mrs Chapman and Mrs Askew- Elephants

31st January – Mrs Hall and Mrs Wright – Flamingos

14th February – Mrs Mason – Lemurs

21st March- Miss Garrett - Sloths

16th May- Mrs Hurley – Monkeys

22nd May -Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews - Tigers

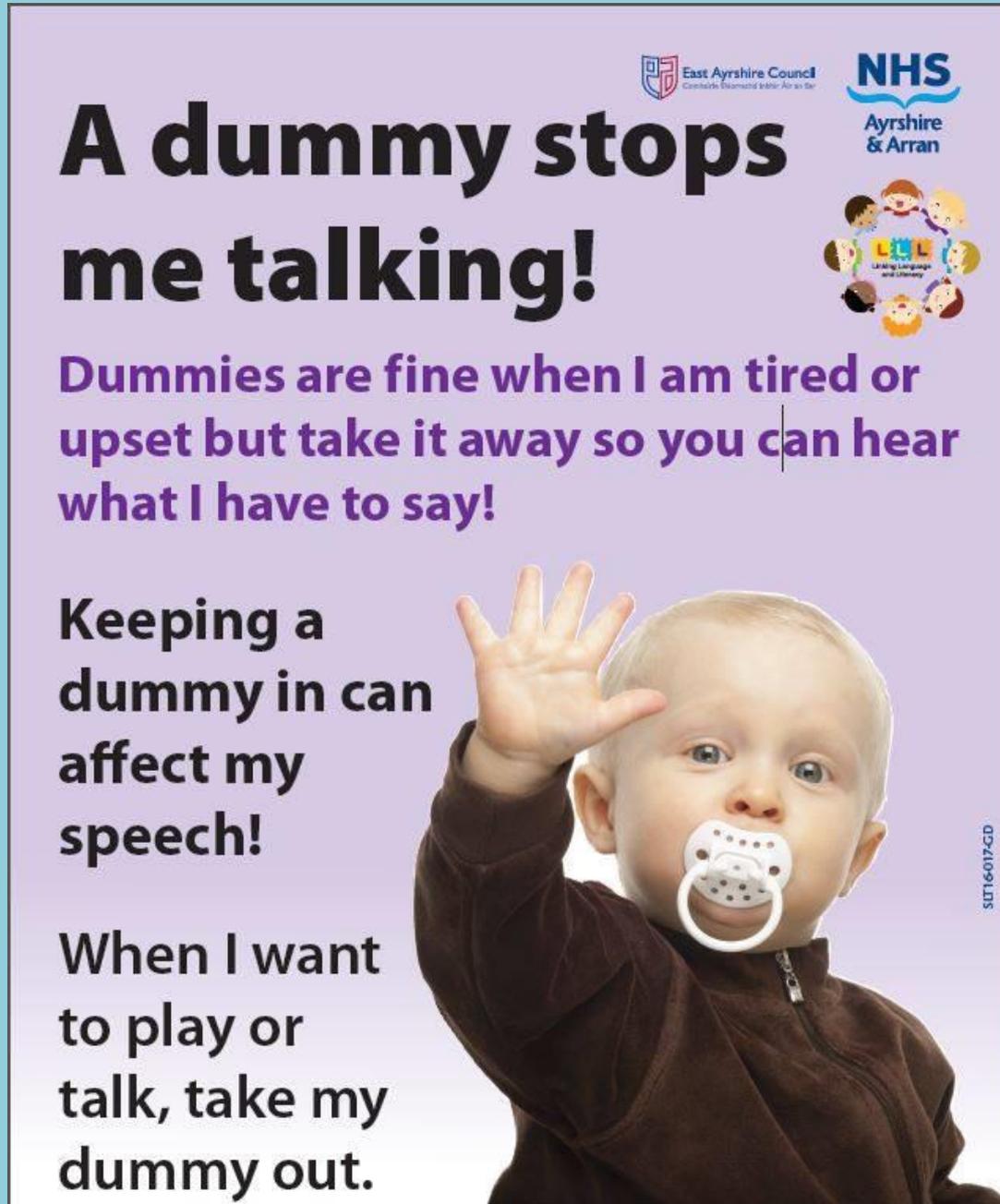
13th June – Mrs Bailey- Dolphins

18th July 9.15am -Year Two leavers assembly

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Think about the times your baby uses their dummy, if they are two or more it is probably time to say goodbye to it! We are finding with our youngest children the use of a dummy for long periods of time can impact on speech development and the development of their teeth.



A dummy stops me talking!

Dummies are fine when I am tired or upset but take it away so you can hear what I have to say!

Keeping a dummy in can affect my speech!

When I want to play or talk, take my dummy out.

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Miss Lees has had the opportunity to travel to Sweden with Mrs Moksa from IJS. They will be studying in Swedish schools and learning about developing both the well being of children and staff. Miss Lees will be leading training on her return. This is fully funded with European funding through the Erasmus plus programme.



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Times Tables Rock Stars is coming for Year Two. IJS use this regularly in Key Stage Two. We are keen to get logins for our children to use this at home for additional practise of their time tables in an engaging way.

The children in year two have had an assembly introducing TT Rock Stars to them. Once we have the logins we will send all the information home for parents to use with their child.

Christmas Craft Fayre

We had our first Christmas Craft Fayre, for a very long time. We had amazing support from the Lions Charity Group in Wellingborough, who arranged all the craft stalls and refreshments. Our PTA team then supported with a home for Father Christmas for the day. It was great to see him talking to the children at INIS. We also had Monty, our reading dog, who made a special guest appearance. Thank you everyone who came to support. It was a really lovely day! The PTA have been busy helping Father Christmas with presents for mums and dads this week too!



We have also been busy this term across the whole school learning about World War One. Come in and see our display in the library. The Choir loved singing in a Community event at the St Peter's Church and Year Two had a wonderful talk about local WW1 soldiers by Roy from the historical society.



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