

UPTON ST JAMES C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Claire Prynne

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas holiday although it all seems like a long time ago now...only 336 days until Christmas 2019!

Attendance

I said (grumpily) in a previous letter that attendance news will now be on the website - I have just checked and it is. You could check it every day with your early morning cup of tea before you bring the children to school on time! Our SEAL theme this half term is *Going for Goals* and my goal this half term is for whole school attendance and lates to be consistently on target, or better than that. Goals should be ambitious but achievable with hard work so I think that's a realistic goal. As a gold rights respecting school, we have a responsibility to ensure the children's right to education (UNCRC Article 28) is respected - which it isn't if they are not there.

Trim Trail

School Councillors came to see me yesterday to say they were concerned that some children's right to be safe (UNCRC Article 19) was not being respected as they were using the Trim Trail unsupervised in the morning before school even though it was frosty. The School Council would like to remind you again that children who are not supervised by parents in the playground before the school doors open in the morning cannot use the Trim Trail.

Nits

We seem to have an outbreak of nits again. Please check your children's hair regularly. There are leaflets (with a pretty border of cartoon nits) available in the foyer giving advice on how to destroy nits, which is a pleasurable pastime and very rewarding.

Online Safety Update

It has come to our attention that children within the Torbay area are receiving video calls from an unknown person called Lokita440 through their Instagram accounts. Due to this being an unknown number, children are answering the video call but this actually has turned out to be a very inappropriate video and accompanying pictures. Children under the age of 13 should not have Instagram accounts. Under UNCRC Article 17, children and young people have the right to access mass media and to protection from material that may harm their well-being, so if you are aware your child has access to Instagram please be aware of the current safety concern.

Also, we would like you to invite you to attend an Online Safety afternoon on Friday 8th February. We are taking part in Safer Internet Day and will have lots of activities for you to take part in with your children. A letter with more information on this will be sent out soon.

Rights Respecting Superstars

One child since my last newsletter has gone the extra mile in respecting rights. This is Alfie S. for showing kindness and patience while respecting other children's right to learn (UNCRC 28). Thank you, Alfie!

Bake Sale

Years 5 and 6 held a Bake Sale before Christmas and raised £146 which they are donating to the PTA. The sale was their idea and they all worked really hard to make it a success and respect children's right to an education (UNCRC Article 28). Thank you!

Big Battery Hunt

We are taking part in the UK's biggest school battery recycling programme and respecting the right to a clean environment (UNCRC Article 24) - there is an introductory assembly this Monday 28th January at 9am and you are welcome to attend and find out more - we look forward to seeing you there!

Best wishes

Claire Prynne