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Monday 6th February 2023

Dear Families,

This week in school is "Children's Mental Health Week", a lovely way to end this half term. Here are some of the activities that your children will be enjoying this week to focus on the theme of LET'S CONNECT...

Whole school launch assembly *Online Safety Day (Tue)* *Yoga and mindfulness*

Paper chain connections project

'Let's Connect' through art therapy

Parent 'Let's Connect' coffee morning

'Express yourself' dress up day!



Two of these I'd like to draw your attention to are our Coffee Morning and Express Yourself Day...

****Child mental health and wellbeing****
COFFEE MORNING

Come along for a cuppa and to look at different ways we can support our children's mental health
Thursday 9th February at 9am

Express Yourself

Dress Up Day

Come to school in **ANYTHING** that makes you feel **FABULOUS!** It could be a costume, it could be your favourite outfit or it could be your school uniform. Whatever makes **YOU** happy....

Friday 10th February

As we focus on the well-being of our children this week, I am reminded of this verse from Psalms 127:3
Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

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Attendance

The cold weather has been relatively kind to us this half term and hasn't caused too much illness amongst children or staff 😊. The national average for school attendance in primary schools is

93.5%. This term we have averaged 95% which is a HUGE IMPROVEMENT 🎉🎉🎉

Thank you to you all for bringing your children to school everyday.. *you can't teach an empty chair!*

Let's continue working together to keep moving closer to our school target of 97% attendance!

Public Health Information

We have had increased incidents in school recently of teachers reporting to our safeguarding team that children are smelling of cannabis/marijuana smoke when they come to school. While it is not our position to tell the adults in our community what to do, we do have a safeguarding duty of care to our children. While research into the impact of passive cannabis smoking is ongoing, an article recently published by Harvard University said..



Please create a smoke-free safe place for your children

"..there is evidence to suggest that when youth and young adults (whose brains are still developing) are exposed to passive-marijuana smoking, it may have permanent effects on executive function, memory, and even IQ"

Therefore, it is very important that our children are kept away from ANY use of marijuana.

★Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe★

Towards the end of this week, if you normally receive Free School Meal vouchers, you will be contacted by the office to come and collect your final lot of Winter Food Vouchers. However, as the Cost of Living crisis continues to affect our community, please don't hesitate to come and see us if you need any type of help or support. Our door is always open.

Mrs J Campbell

Headteacher

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