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## What's Happening in May?

- Don't forget it's Bank Holiday weekend and school will be closed this Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May.
- On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May school is being used as a Polling Station. Voting will take place in the Year 2 classroom. Pre-School and Reception will continue to use their own classrooms as these can be secured from the public.
- Year 1 and 2 will be using the hall as their base on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Please drop Y1 and 2 children off at the hall from 8.30am. They will be distanced at each end of the hall and, if fine weather, can spend some time in Cuerden Valley.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> May EYFS children who normally have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch.
- Breakfast Club on 6<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 and 2 can be dropped off as normal at the hall. EYFS children will have Breakfast Club in the reception classroom and can be dropped off there from 7.50pm. Afterschool Club will be as normal for everyone.

## Safe Parking and Dropping Off



This morning you might have noticed a Civil Enforcement Officer monitoring Back Lane. He asked me to remind you all that stopping to drop off your children, anywhere along the yellow zigzags, is a fineable offence. He will issue on the spot fines of £100. More importantly, we need to keep children safe. I explained to him the congestion faced in the morning and said that I have requested a meeting regarding the car parking situation. Meanwhile, the safest option for dropping older children off who do not need escorting onto the school site, is to drop them in the carpark, by the pathway to the crossing. Then you can drive straight through. I would like to thank all parents who drive considerately at drop off/pick up times. It is understandably busy and we appreciate everyone's patience.

## PTFA Meeting

Change of time - We are still holding our AGM meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May but now at 4.30pm. This is an ideal time to join, even if you can only spare an hour or two occasionally. The support of the PTFA makes a huge difference to the life of the school. Send me an email for a Teams call invite. Please join us if you can, from the comfort of your own home!



## Crossing Patrol Needed

If you know anyone who might be interested please pass on this information. The hours of the crossing are 0825 to 0855 and 1525 to 1555 weekdays during term time. Pay is £9.50 an hour for 7.5 hours a week, annualised.

Uniform and training will be provided. The applicant will need to pass DBS clearance and satisfy medical suitability for the role. For more information, or a general discussion, call Terry Watters the Area Organiser on 07831309578.

## Parents' Evening Attendance

Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual Parents' Evening. It is so important that school and home work together to support every child's development, academically, socially and emotionally. If you missed your appointment, or didn't manage to make one, please email the class teacher, or ring the office, and we can arrange a phone call discussion for you.



## Baptism in Year 1

Year 1 have been finding out all about baptism. They decided to get their baby doll, Lily Esme, baptised. They chose parents and godparents and carried Lily Esme, in her beautiful Christening gown, up to the hall where Reverend Venables was waiting. He told them a little bit about Baptism and what it means to become part of the church family. Reverend Venables poured water into the font (that he had brought specially from church) so that he could use it to baptise our doll. The children said special promises to help Lily Esme in her life as a Christian in God's family. There were special promises for Parents, godparents and the congregation. Everyone clapped to celebrate Lily Esme joining God's family.



## MindUp

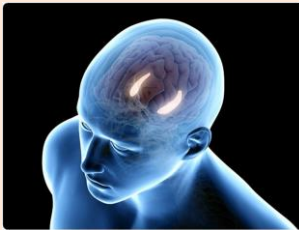
This week we have been practising Mindful Breathing, or 'deep belly' breathing. This calms our bodies to help us get ready to focus on our learning.

Mindful breathing can also calm down our reactions so we can behave more reflectively in tricky or difficult situations eg. To avoid arguments with friends or siblings, or to give us courage to try new things.

Ask your children if they can remember what each of these parts of our limbic system can do ...



Amygdala  
(uh-MIG-dullah)



Hippocampus



Pre-frontal Cortex  
(PFC for short)

## Enter the Heroes Stamp Design Competition

Don't forget to enter the stamp design competition. An entry form was sent home to each child earlier this week. A great opportunity to have your art work recognised nationally!



## Holiday Clubs

We are running holiday clubs for Years 1 to 6 at half term and in the summer.  
Half term dates are 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May.  
We have a few spaces left. Phone the office for further details.

