

13th January 2022

Welcome

Another week has passed and we're not quite sure where the weeks are going! As always, the children are working hard and are demonstrating excellent behaviours for learning.

Vicki Masters

Unable to take part in PE lessons?

If your child has a valid reason to be excused from physical activity, please send a note or DoJo message to your child's teacher. Without official notification, children are and will be expected to take part in PE lessons.



IMPORTANT - REPORTING YOU CHILD'S ABSENCE

If your child is unable to attend School because they are unwell, please ensure you call the absence line on 01327 705785 and Press Option 1.

Please clearly state your Child's Name, Class and the reason for their absence.

The phone line is open 24 hours a day.

If we have not heard from you by 9.00am, and we are unaware of your child's absence, we will call all of your contact numbers until we are able to speak to someone.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



REMINDER:

The government announced an extra bank holiday this year to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch. To reflect this, schools will be open for 189 days instead of 190 days. As the extra bank holiday falls in the May half term week, we have decided that our additional day off will be Monday 24th January 2022; school will therefore be closed to pupils and staff on this day.

Please continue to wear facemasks on the School premises, this includes outside, corridors and the Atrium. Please ensure you wear your exemption badge if you are exempt. We also politely remind you, that only one person should be in the atrium at at any time.

Thank you.

Worried about a child?

What to do if you are concerned about a child's safety or welfare.

Due to the transformation of the former Northamptonshire Councils into the two new Unitaries of West Northants and North Northants, there has been some changes in regards to emails and phone numbers in use by the Partnership.

Documents including policy, procedures and guidance contained within the NSCP webiste are currently being updated to reflect the changes below.



Report a Concern

If it is an emergency and you think that a child may be in immediate danger please contact the emergency services directly by calling 999. If you need to contact us urgently during the evening, at night or at the weekend, please phone our out-of-hours team on 01604 626 938.

If you have a concern about a child or young person, you can contact MASH on the following number:

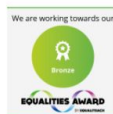
0300 126 7000

This is the MASH contact number for both West and North Northants. The MASH covers all of Northamptonshire but the contact line is hosted through West Northants Council so you will hear a West Northants message when you ring-keep on the line and choose Option 1 then Option 1 again and you will get through to the MASH.

You can also report a concern online via Northamptonshire Childrens Trust's website: <https://www.nctrust.co.uk/help-and-protection-for-children/Pages/report-a-concern.aspx>



Dream Believe Achieve



If you are currently struggling with household bills - we would like to make you aware of some help that may be available to you from West Northamptonshire Council:

Household Support Fund:

We are providing financial support to households struggling with the cost of living over the winter period, including vulnerable households with or without children. Support includes:

- **Household hardship vouchers:** Vouchers to buy food, essentials, and support household budgets to pay essential bills. If your application is successful, you will receive a voucher based on the size of your household. The vouchers may be exchanged for use in a variety of supermarkets

Winter fuel bank: Emergency £40 top-up vouchers for pre-payment energy meters. You can also contact your energy supplier for additional support in the event of severe hardship. We can grant a maximum of three vouchers, per household over the winter period

Remember, this is not emergency funding, you can access emergency food sources via food banks, your community partners and social services.

Apply:

Household Hardship Voucher and Winter Fuel Bank Vouchers

You will need to provide evidence of hardship with your application form and our team will assess your circumstances against our eligibility criteria. We can take up to 5 working days to assess applications and issue vouchers. Fuel vouchers will be prioritised where possible.

Applications will be accepted until 31 March 2022.

<https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/household-support-fund>

Northamptonshire Police Blue Butterfly Scheme



Do you ever get that butterfly feeling and know something just isn't right? Well it happens to a lot of us, but how do we handle this? Someone young or vulnerable may find this difficult to deal with and so the Blue Butterfly scheme has evolved to look at ways to help.

Northamptonshire Police are working with schools and groups to discuss bullying and violence and how that butterfly feeling often happens when we know things are not right, be that something said at school or at home.

Through a simple presentation and discussion, usually by a Police Community Support Officer, we explore ways of handling bullying, violence and anything that causes upset and how we can find solutions to release that feeling and move on with our lives.

'Bertie' the Blue Butterfly, the mascot for the scheme, is becoming recognised by those that have already received a presentation and so far has provided children with confidence to speak to a trusted adult or appointed person that is wearing the recognisable friendly butterfly badge.



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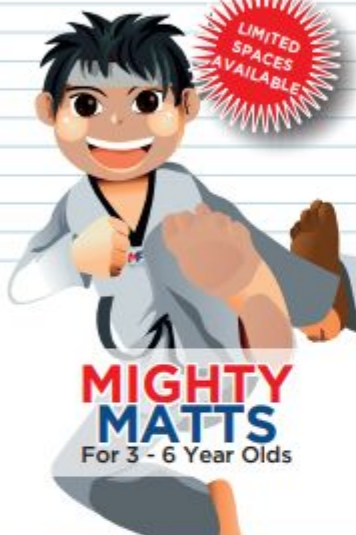
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