



## NEWSLETTER: 13th OCTOBER 2023

Dear Families

Thank you, so much, to all those who have been able to complete our safeguarding questionnaire. The survey is open until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

We would be extremely grateful if you could share your thoughts with us regarding this important area so we know what further work may be needed.

To date, we have received 48 responses. We would love to have a response from every family.

Please follow the link <https://forms.office.com/e/HAA9F9h5QA>

We will share a summary in due course.

One issue that has become apparent straightaway is, that whilst everyone recognises they can approach any member of staff with a concern, not everyone knows who the school designated leads for safeguarding are in school.

Every school will have senior staff who are designated safeguarding leads (DSLs). DSLs provide support to staff to carry out their safeguarding duties. DSLs have the authority to deal with incidents and concerns immediately when called upon and will liaise with appropriate safeguarding partners, such as children's social services or the police, who will handle the incident or concern as part of a multi-agency plan.

Safeguarding incidents are never only one person's responsibility to resolve, but the designated safeguarding lead person is the first point of contact when any incidents arise and should be involved throughout the entire process thereafter. To ensure someone is always available in school to deal with any safeguarding issues that arise, we have number of staff assigned to this role:

We have 4 DSLs:

- Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs J Burgess
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs L Ryan
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mr L Haveron
- Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs B Cowan



Mrs Burgess



Miss Ryan



Mr Haveron



Mrs Cowan

## **Safeguarding policies.**

We have a number of documents we use in school, to inform our training, processes and protocols, for example:

- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023
- St Joseph's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2023-2024
- Behaviour Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy

These policies are available on our website <https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/statutory-information/policies-related-documents/> If you would like a paper copy of any of the above policies, please let us know and we will arrange that for you.

We also have a number of BWCET policies, which we follow, for example:

- Code of Conduct
- Acceptable Use of IT systems
- Whistleblowing

Our policies, our practices and our staff enable us to operate within a strong safeguarding culture.

If you share any concerns with us, please be assured they will be dealt with in a confidential manner.

If there is something that is worrying you out of school hours, that you feel requires urgent attention, you can also make a direct referral to First Contact yourself 03000 267 979.

## **Pupils' Roles and Responsibilities**

Thank you to all of the children in Year 6 who applied for the position of Head Boy and Head Girl. There were lots of fantastic applications and it was very hard to choose. A decision had to be made, however, and the following children have been selected.

Congratulations to....

Head Boy – Oliver

Head Girl – India

Deputy Head Boy – Nico

Deputy Head Girl – Lily-Beau

It was a delight to hear all the applicants speak in a whole school assembly and to hear how proud our pupils are of our school. The feeling is mutual!

A huge thank you and well done to all pupils who applied for the role of School Council representatives. Two pupils from each class have been chosen by classmates.

Reception - Chester & Rosie

Year 1 – Ruby & Nathan

Year 2 – Noah & Brook

Year 3 – Harriet & Bradley

Year 4 – Martha & Coby

Year 5 – Penny & Sophia

Year 6 – Sophia & James

## **Trust Raffle**

Congratulations to the following people who won a prize in the trust raffle:

- Molly B – Amazon Voucher
- Rose – ASDA voucher
- Imogen – Squishy
- India B – Craft foil and pumpkin
- Teeannah – Recorder
- Lenny – Story book
- Sayuni – Colouring
- Isobel R – Rubbers
- Adam – Book & Pencils
- Sophia B – Science Book
- Lewis – Jigsaw
- Livi – books
- Grace – Spirograph set
- Romee - £10 book voucher

## **Fire Safety Talk**

The whole school had a visit from the fire crew at High Handenhold Fire Station to talk about fire safety. Our EYFS children had a look around the fire engine.

## **CAFOD Brighten Up Day**

It was lovely to see the children dressed in bright colours for CAFOD brighten up day. Voluntary donations to CAFOD family fast day can be made in the ARBOR shop.

## **New Starter Look Around**

Are you interested in sending your child to St Joseph's or know someone who is? We have an open day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2:15pm for parents to have a look around school before applying for their child's school place.

## **End of Term Disco**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October the children can come to school in non-uniform (no fancy dress) for an end of term disco.

A reminder that school closes to all pupils on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and re-opens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Our key priority in school is to promote good attendance and punctuality. This is because we want our pupils, in school, learning alongside classmates.

A figure of 90% means a child has missed an equivalent of 1 morning session of school every week.

A figure closer to 80% means a child has missed an equivalent to a day of school every week.

We understand, of course, there may be unavoidable and genuine reasons for absence. We do, however, want to work closely with families to ensure children are in school every day.

As a general reminder:

- Please make medical appointments outside of the school day or aim to minimise the amount of time your child will miss to attend the appointment;
- Only allow your child to stay at home in response to genuine illness;
- Do not take holidays during term time;
- Ensure your child arrives on time as lateness is recorded and will impact attendance figures.

If you have had an issue on a morning getting your child to school, we would always encourage you to contact us. We will help and it is always better to arrive later than not at all.

If your child seems unwell in the morning but appears much better by the afternoon, we encourage you to bring them in for the afternoon session.

We continue to stress, however, that pupils need to remain home for 48 hours after any incidents of vomiting or diarrhoea.

If there are any issues or concerns that are impacting school attendance, or punctuality, please contact the school office and an appointment will be made with one of the senior lead members of staff as advice and support can be given.

Our intention will always be to work with you, and support you, to ensure your child is able to attend.

**This week's attendance is 92.47 %**

**Our target is 97%**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year1</b>	<b>Year2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
91.03%	90%	91.33%	91.54%	95.71%	88.49%	92.61%	95.48%

## **Star of the Week**

The following children have received a Star of the Week certificate this Week:



Nursery	Harvey	For being such a lovely friend and having wonderful ideas during play.
Reception	Frankie	For showing confidence when sharing her ideas with others.
Year 1	Tejiri	For showing such a brilliant understanding of Judaism.
Year 2	Harley-Kate	For her amazing independent work on felt families.
Year 3	Leyland	For having a great attitude to learning and always trying his best in all that he does.
Year 4	Martha	For having a brilliant attitude to all she does.
Year 5	Max	For excellent effort in his reading.
Year 6	James	For some excellent work researching WWI.