

27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents

I've been missing from school for quite a few days unwell and pleased to be feeling better now. I had my first full day back in school yesterday and have enjoyed catching up with some of what has been happening in school. The choir's performance at the 02 sounded amazing. Photos and video clips will be uploaded onto the website soon. Today I'm at Raglan Primary School doing a peer review with some other Headteachers. We will be hosting a peer review ourselves in March, which is a really useful process to go through when you're looking at ways to improve and develop as a school.

**A Star is Born!** – I was thrilled to hear that Lindsey, Ms Phillips and Mrs Tottle-Nugent sorted all the auditions out and we have two great shows to look forward to next week. Make sure your child is practising their whole act and not just the one minute they did for the audition.

**Breakfast and After School Club charges** – The Governors met for a finance meeting on Tuesday evening and reviewed the charges for these clubs. Despite the huge increase in energy bills and the increased cost of food, the governors want to fully support working families as best they can and have therefore decided to keep the charges the same, ie £5.50 for breakfast club and £12 for after school club. These will be reviewed again this time next year and any price increases made at that time would be to take effect from September 2024. If your child goes to after school club and also takes part in an additional school-run club that we have been charging for, (ie gardening/forest on Mondays, netball on Tuesdays with Miss Dalton) from after half term, the fee will only be £2 per session per child and not £5. We need to make a charge to pay the salaries of staff running these clubs outside of their paid contracted hours.

### **Assemblies**

On Monday Mrs Tottle-Nugent led a whole school assembly about being kind. She read the story "Kind" by Axel Scheffler which reminded the children that small acts of kindness make a big difference and cost nothing! On Tuesday Mrs Duffy read the story 'Worries' from the Mr Men and Little Miss collection to the infant children. She discussed how feeling worried can describe lots of different feelings from being tired, upset or a bit shaky, to frustrated, on edge or a bit sick. We talked about how it is ok to feel worried, it is normal, and everyone has different worries. Through the book the children heard of different ways to help themselves; these included taking deep breathes, being outside in nature, getting exercise, talking to someone, writing down our worries and having a happiness box. Mrs Duffy also spoke about how doing your favourite activity can make you feel positive and stop you from feeling worried too. On Wednesday the whole school were treated to a performance by the choir. The children in the choir performed some of the songs they had sung at the Young Voices concert at the 02 last Friday night. Everyone was very impressed!

**Online safety session for parents** – Keeping your child safe while they are online is essential. The online session last night was attended by 102 parents. The trainer, Leo said it was the largest number he had spoken to from a primary school – so a gold star to those who came! As soon as I receive the slides, I will share these with parents. For more information immediately, you can go to [www.kidsonlineworld.com](http://www.kidsonlineworld.com) or [www.ecplimited.com](http://www.ecplimited.com) which has blogs and podcasts for parents. Leo said that you need to think of using the internet in the same way as you treat crossing a road. You would never let a child cross a road unsupervised without lots of hand holding, talking, teaching and support first.

### **Diary Dates**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February** – School closed to all children. The Year 5 music concert which was due to take place that morning will be rescheduled

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** – "A Star is Born" for Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3. The dress rehearsal to the school will be in the morning so the children need to come to school dressed ready! The evening show starts at 7pm and children need to be in school by 6.45pm.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** - "A Star is Born" for Years 4, 5 and 6. The same as for Thursday's show.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 9.15am** – 6Y Class assembly – parents invited into school

### **Advance Notice of maths workshops:**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 7pm** – Maths workshop for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 in school

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 7pm** – Maths workshop for parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards  
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