

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents

We have had a busy week preparing for the two Talent Shows which involved 130 children! A great evening was enjoyed last night and tonight. I hope the children enjoyed watching the dress rehearsals today and yesterday. If you came tonight, hope you enjoyed it as much as the staff did! We have such a lot of talented children, it's a privilege to watch them shine on stage. Photos will be posted on the website over the weekend.

**Maths Shed** – Mrs Hindle has contacted Maths Shed regarding the issues that have been raised and is waiting to hear from them. In the meantime, apologies for the difficulties being encountered. If you have any specific problems, please send the following details to the school office for the attention of Mrs Hindle: your child's name, class and username and the type of device they are using. Also, send a screenshot of any questions that seem to have an incorrect answer. She will forward them onto Maths Shed.

**Next week marks Children's Mental Health Week** (5-11<sup>th</sup> February). As a school we will be supporting a campaign called **Miles for Smiles** (run by Haven House Children's Hospice and England's Captain Harry Kane). The children will walk a mile a day over the course of this week to support and encourage the nation to get walking whilst fundraising for the charity. Being active is a brilliant way to support our mental health. If anyone would like to support this initiative, any donations to Haven House would be greatly appreciated to continue their work in helping families and children in need. <https://www.havenhouse.org.uk>

**Online Safety** – It is safer internet day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. I have found an interesting (if hard-hitting) video for parents which you may find thought provoking and useful to watch. It's 15 minutes long and would be particularly beneficial for parents of older children. The central messages are, "Do you know what your child is doing online?" and "You wouldn't let them cross the road unsupervised, so why do you let them go on the internet unsupervised?" Click here to watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTIk>

**Parents' Evening** – I have received 100 responses with 76% preferring a face-to-face meeting, 11% wanting online and the remainder having no preference. I will close this consultation on Monday, so please respond if you haven't already. <https://forms.gle/M1S52DVun4eVhYT99>

**Missing micro-scooter** – Unfortunately this is still missing! It went missing on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan from inside the first part of the bike shed (2<sup>nd</sup> bike stand). Please check your child has the correct scooter! Thank you!

#### **Diary Dates**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Deadline for registering interest in "Last One Standing" football competition

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** – Deadline for responding to the consultation about parents' evening.

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm** – Year 6 parents' meeting regarding residential trip to Hilltop & a consultation about Sex Education

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards  
Kate Baptiste  
Headteacher