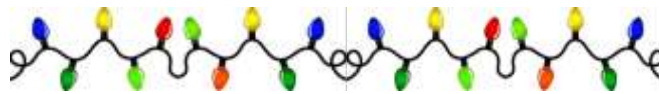


News from Fawcett – 4th December 2020



We hope that you are keeping well and making the most of the end of our second lockdown. Although we don't usually send out newsletters every week, the last few weeks have been fairly busy with lots of information to share so we hope these extra newsletters are helpful.

There are a few important updates for next week as we now approach Christmas and we hope that the children make the most of what we are able to offer in our slightly adapted Christmas. We wish to assure you that with everything that we are planning, we will be continue to ensure the integrity of the bubbles within school.

Surprise Room

All children who have submitted orders as part of the Surprise room will be able to bring these home towards the end of next week. Many thanks to our very supportive PTA for making this possible once again!

Flu Vaccinations

Please remember that all children from Reception to year 6, will be having their annual flu vaccinations on Monday 7th December.

Christmas Lunch Orders.

On Wednesday 9th December, all children at the school will be able to have a Christmas (hot) dinner with their classes. This includes children in Nursery and Reception. Class teachers will be asking children what they would like for Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 8th December so that they do not miss out. Please remind your children that they need to do this.

Christmas Cards

Due to COVID, we request that children not bring in cards to school which they normally bring for their friends. We understand that this is not ideal, but we would like to ensure that risks remain low by limiting what comes in and out of school.

Christmas Jumper Day!



We will be supporting Save the Children by participating in the Christmas Jumper Day. For a £1 donation to the charity, children may come into school wearing their Christmas jumper on Friday 11th December.

Term Dates/School Closure Dates

Flu Vaccinations YR- Y6
Monday 7th December

Christmas Lunch:
Wednesday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day:
Friday 11th December

Last day of Autumn Term:
Friday 18th December 2020

First day of Spring Term
Tuesday 5th January 2021

Spring Half Term
Monday 15th February 2021

Swimming Pool

Despite the rain, sleet and snow, our swimming pool is making excellent progress. We now have steps and new wall coverings and the changing rooms are beginning to take shape too. We look forward to offering swimming lessons as part of PE in the Spring term once the grand opening has taken place.





SAFER



SCHOOLS

December 2020

Christmas, but not quite as we know it, is just around the corner! Please enjoy reading our December newsletter which highlights key messages and advice for you and your family to remain safe during this exciting month of festive cheer!

Op Sceptre - week of action update:



Cambridgeshire police has taken part in a week of action to tackle knife crime with activity such as weapon sweeps, virtual school presentations and multiple arrests. As our newsletter highlighted last month - **Operation Sceptre** is a national initiative which aims to reduce the number of people carrying knives through targeted operational and educational activity.

Throughout the week, which ran from 9th to the 15th November, Cambridgeshire's activity included:

- Officers searched parks, school perimeters and green spaces in St Neots and Whittlesey for weapons.
- Virtual presentations were held across the county in schools and colleges as part of an ongoing education programme.
- Partnership work with Border Force to monitor and intercept knives and other offensive weapons purchased online and being brought into our county.
- Officers visited 14 addresses where UK Border Force had intercepted the sale of a knife and had notified the police. The visits enabled officers to inform recipients of these items about the risks and offences of carrying knives, and ensured they had not been sold to Under 18's or were received by people likely to use them irresponsibly and illegally.
- 9 people were arrested for knife related incidents and 3 knives seized as a result.
- 6 knives were handed into our police stations as part of a surrender scheme.
- Officers held a live online question and answer session on Facebook which attracted more than 350 views and some really good questions from the public.

Cambridgeshire's Knife Crime lead, Superintendent Robin Sissons said: **'Knife crime is one of the force priorities and our officers are committed to investing time and effort into tackling it to ensure our communities are safer and people are protected from serious harm. Our work to tackle knife crime and serious violence is not limited to this week of action and will continue throughout the year, acting on intelligence to arrest violent criminals and taking weapons off the streets.'**

Anyone who knows someone who carries a knife can report it here <https://bit.ly/3jUafTy> or anonymously, via Crimestoppers on 0800 555111 or <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Instagram: Do you and your family follow?

We are encouraging individuals, especially children and young people to sign up to Instagram and follow the Police locally and nationally. The Police UK page below has been designed especially for teenagers - a safe online space with reliable info, advice & weekly quizzes!



@cambscops



@yourpolice.uk



Action Fraud

National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040

This year, **Action Fraud** will highlight a different type of fraud, and will provide important protect advice, every week during December to prevent people from getting conned out of the Christmas they deserve, starting with online shopping and auction fraud. It is worth noting that anyone can become a victim of fraud and older children may be exposed to the risk of becoming victims as they navigate on-line shops to purchase gifts. Please share the information below with your family to ensure you protect yourself whilst enjoying your shopping experience on-line.

To protect yourself from falling victim to online shopping or auction fraud, remember the following:

Choosing where you shop: If you're making a purchase from a website or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. Look online for reviews of the website or person you're buying from. If you're purchasing an item from an online marketplace, you can view the seller's feedback history before going ahead with the purchase.

Payment method: Use a payment method that offers buyer protection, such as a credit card if you have one, as most major credit card providers will help you get your money back if the item is faulty or damaged, or if it never arrives.

Staying secure online: Use a strong, separate password for your email account. Criminals can use your email to access other online accounts, such as those you use for online shopping. You should also enable two-factor authentication (2FA), where possible, which gives your online account additional protection by double checking that you really are the person you claim to be, when logging in. For further information about how to stay secure online, visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk.

Watch out for phishing emails or texts: Some of the emails or texts you receive about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites. If you're unsure, don't use the link and visit the website directly instead. If you receive an email you're not quite sure about, you can report it by forwarding the email to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service at report@phishing.gov.uk. You can report suspicious texts you have received by forwarding the original message to 7726, which spells SPAM on your keypad.

When things go wrong: Anyone can fall victim to fraud. If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online at actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



Are you a Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic child, young person, parent or carer, affected by Covid-19? If so, you can speak to Barnardo's COVID-19 helpline or webchat for those 11+ about your worries, problems and stresses during this time. They can provide you with emotional support, practical advice and signpost you to other organisations who can provide further help.

Call them on **0800 1512605** or chat to them online. Visit <https://helpline.barnardos.org.uk/>

Parents & Carers forum

In the new year we are considering live, virtual Q&A sessions for parents and carers. At this time we would like to know the following?

- Would you be interested in participating?
- What concerns do have and what topics would you like support and advice on?

Please contact us to offer suggestions or confirm your interest via our e-mail Schools&CYP@cambs.pnn.police.uk