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Long Lawford News...

A recurring theme of my newsletters to parents and carers is mutual respect and communication. We work very hard as a school to keep parents and carers informed and always encourage them to talk to us at their earliest opportunity if they are upset or confused about something. Very occasionally a parent or carer will decide not to do this and will instead resort to venting their frustrations on Facebook or other social networking sites. The governors of the school, in conjunction with the Local Authority, have drawn up and adopted a Social Networking policy for parents and carers of the school. I would strongly encourage parents and carers to read this policy which can be found on the policies page of our school website - www.longlawfordprimaryschool.com. In the meantime I would like to highlight the following sections:

'Although social networking sites may appear to be the quickest and easiest way to express frustrations or concerns about the School (and those associated with it), it is rarely appropriate to do so. Other channels, such as a private and confidential discussion with the School, or using the School's formal complaints process are much better suited to this.'

'The School considers the following examples to be inappropriate uses of social networking sites. (This list is non-exhaustive and intended to provide examples only):

- Making allegations about staff or pupils at the School/cyber-bullying;
- Making complaints about the School/staff at the School;
- Making defamatory statements about the School or staff at the School;
- Posting negative/offensive comments about specific pupils/staff at the School;
- Posting racist comments;
- Posting comments which threaten violence.

'The School will always try to deal with concerns raised by parents in a professional and appropriate manner and understands that parents may not always realise when they have used social networking sites inappropriately. Therefore, as a first step, the School will usually discuss the matter with the parent to try and resolve the matter and to ask that the relevant information be removed from the social networking site in question. (CONTINUED OVERLEAF)

STARS OF THE WEEK

<u>Star workers</u> Nour Louati, Azza Kigura, Kyro Hunt, George Allfree, Connor Clarke, Layla Ali, Kai Stafford, Hafsah Khares, Holly Wilkinson, Logan Ford, Wayne Nhidza, Laura Brand, Aidan Whitehead, Aram McCormack, Sophie-May Clarke, Abigail Green, Sarah Butler.



<u>Star people</u> Luke Lievesley-Martin, Zachary Sanders, Alex Conboy, Logan Bannerman, Sophia Batchelor, Maya Michalska, Bestly Azogu, Kaydee-Lea Gardner, William Brackenridge, Sophie Cook, Sophie A'Ness, Ruby O'Toole, Paige Bottrill, Bethany Guy, Khiye Noor, Kissima Jatta, Craig Muranganwa.

WELL DONE TO THEM ALL

If the parent refuses to do this and continues to use social networking sites in a manner the School considers inappropriate, the School will consider taking the following action:

- Take legal advice and/or legal action where the information posted is defamatory in any way or if the circumstances warrant this;
- Set out the School's concerns to you in writing, giving you a warning and requesting that the material in question is removed;
- Contact the Police where the School feels it appropriate for example, if it considers a crime (such as harassment) has been committed; or in cases where the posting has a racial element, is considered to be grossly obscene or is threatening violence;
- If the inappropriate comments have been made on a school website or online forum, the School may take action to block or restrict that individual's access to that website or forum;
- Contact the host/provider of the Social Networking site to complain about the content of the site and ask for removal of the information;
- Take other legal action against the individual.

<u>Young Voices</u> - A BIG well done to the school choir who took part in the Young Voices Concert at the Genting Arena, Birmingham yesterday. All the children had an amazing experience and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

<u>Pupil leadership</u> - Well done to Dylan Patterson and Emily Beaver who have been selected to act as Head boy and Head girl this term. Thank you to Nathan Gray and Megan Hewish for their work in these roles last term.

<u>Parent / teacher meetings</u> - Parent / teacher meetings will take place on Thursday, 11th February 2016, 2—6pm. These meetings will be for children in Foundation 2 (reception), Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Meetings for children in Year 6, Miss Smith's class, will take place during the day on Wednesday, 10th February, with meetings for children in Mrs Barton's class on Friday, 12th February. Letters for these meetings will be sent home shortly and I would strongly encourage parents / carers to make every effort to attend.

Class photographs - Class photographs will be taken on Friday, 12th February 2016.

<u>Head lice</u> - Unfortunately we have had 1 or 2 reports of head lice recently. To avoid the spread of head lice please check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat accordingly.

<u>IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICES</u> - In the event of cold, icy weather the school site manager will grit the main paths into the school. This restricts access to the school and means that we all have to be mindful of everyone using the pathways. Please take care and keep to these gritted paths during icy weather.

I would also remind parents/carers and children that bikes and scooters should not be ridden anywhere in the school grounds. As the school has grown there are many more people around at the beginning and end of the day and I would ask that everyone be considerate of others when on the school site. Thank you.

Unfortunately a number of parents / carers are using the school car park to drop children off at breakfast clubs. A reminder that parents / carers should not use the school car park. The school car park should only be used with prior permission from the school for purposes such as disabled access etc.

<u>This newsletter is going paperless!</u> - A reminder that after the half term break we will not be sending home a paper copy of this newsletter. A copy will be uploaded onto the school website: **longlawfordprimaryschool.com** and the **school app**.