



## Key Dates

- School Closes 15.2.19
- Y4 Titanic Workshop  
28.1.19
- T6 Mayans Workshop  
30.1.19
- Y2 London's Burning  
Workshop  
31.1.19 & 1.2.19
- Year 6 After School Boosters  
Monday & Thursday  
3:05pm – 4:15pm
- Half Term Holidays  
18th February - 22nd February
- School Opens Spring 2  
25.2.18  
School Closes For Easter

### Winter Weather

In the last week the temperature has dropped significantly with the likelihood of snow and ice, please can we remind parents to ensure they send their child to school with appropriate outerwear such as warm waterproof coats, gloves and hats etc. If children walk to school in wellington boots or similar, please ensure they have the suitable footwear to change into once they arrive into school. In the unlikely event that the school should need to close due to snow, parents and carers will be informed as soon as possible and kept up to date via text, our website and our Facebook page. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date at the school office so that communication is not affected.



### Winter PE Kit

With the change in weather please can you ensure that your child is suitably equipped with appropriate PE kit for both indoors and outdoors PE sessions. Children are required to bring in their PE kit on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. Our outdoor PE kit consists of black jogging bottoms, black tracksuit top and trainers or black pumps. Please ensure that all items are clearly named.



### Toys

A polite reminder that children are not permitted to bring toys or personal possessions to school. Recently we have had a number of items coming into school. When toys and personal possessions are brought into school it can cause upset when items are lost or damaged.



### NSPCC Year 5 and 6 Workshop

The NSPCC visited Upper Key Stage Two this week to deliver a series of workshops centred around their new campaign, "Speak out Stay Safe." Following a recent assembly, which introduced different types of abuse, the session allowed the children in Year 5 and 6 to explore what is meant by the terms in greater depth. Taking part in engaging activities and discussions, the children looked at different scenarios applicable to real life and decided whether they were ok or not. The children showed a strong awareness surrounding these issues and were keen to share their thoughts in a mature way. Afterwards, the children felt secure in the knowledge that there are places, people and hobbies that make them feel both safe and happy as well as understanding that if they are not okay, it is vital to **Speak out!**



### Christmas Hamper

As we still have an unclaimed Christmas Hamper, we have decided to give every child who achieves 100 % attendance in school next week a raffle ticket for the opportunity to win the hamper.

### **Social Skills Assembly Theme: Resilience**

This week our assembly theme was focussed on the British Value of resilience. During the session they discussed how resilience can be described as many things such as bouncing back after difficult times, dealing with challenges you are faced with and still having a positive outlook. We shared how it is important to give things a go and to always try our very best. Being resilient is about being strong on the inside and being able to cope with what life throws at you and to remain positive. In classes, the children devised their own top tips for resilience.



Top Tips for Resilience:

- Be Thankful
- Work Hard
- Ask for Help
- Keep Trying
- Believe in Yourself
- Stay Calm
- Laugh!

## **Resilience**



### **Family Line**

This week Family Action have launched Family Line - A National Freephone helpline for people in need of someone to talk to. Family Action is committed to supporting families who encounter difficult and challenging times. They understand that there are times when problems can seem too overwhelming to manage. Family Action works to tackle some of the most complex and difficult issues facing families today – including financial hardship, mental health problems, social isolation, new parenthood and relationship difficulties. These issues can have a huge impact on the stability of family life, and will have a significant impact on the health, wellbeing and development of all family members. The line will be open every weekday evening from 6pm to 10pm and weekends 10 am until 1 pm. Its launch follows research suggesting one third of people in families want someone to talk to about their problems as social isolation grows.



Contact Details - Telephone: 0808 802 0222 - Text message: 07537 404 282 or email [familyline@familyaction.org.uk](mailto:familyline@familyaction.org.uk)

### **Year 6 SATS Boosters**

This week saw the launch of our Year 6 SATs Mathematics and English Booster sessions. It was fantastic to see so many children demonstrating excellent attitudes and commitment to their learning. The booster sessions provide a relaxed environment for the children to be able to work in small groups alongside members of staff to focus on key areas they desire. There are various websites with educational games that may be helpful for your child in preparation for the upcoming SATs.



- KS2 Bitesize - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/index.shtml> (for Maths, Literacy and Science)  
Topmarks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths>  
Woodlands Junior - <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk> (Woodlands Maths Zone is great for Math's)  
EMaths - <http://www.emaths.co.uk/KS2SAT.htm> (practice Maths and Literacy papers)  
<http://www.satsguide.co.uk/>