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Dear Families

Welcome back and Happy New Year, although Christmas does seem a long time ago!  
With us returning back, UKHSA is reminding people that winter illnesses such as flu, COVID-19 and scarlet fever continue to circulate at high levels. Ways that we can limit the transmission of these diseases are as follows: -

- Regularly washing hands with soap and water.
- Following the catch it, bin it, kill it advise.
- Staying at home if you're feeling unwell.

## WATER SAFETY

In class we are going to be watching this water safety video from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue service, could I ask, that if you have time, could you watch the video with your child/children, as it does talk about the dangers of frosted over lakes etc.

[Water Safety - primary schools](#)



We're asking parents and carers to give their feedback on the Barnsley Music Hub service so they can improve next year!

Please take a few minutes to tell us your thoughts by filling out the survey at [BarnsleyMusicHub.com/surveys](https://BarnsleyMusicHub.com/surveys).



## UNIFORM

We are also going to be starting sending text to parents if we find children not wearing the correct uniform. We are going to be selling vintage clothing on Friday in the playground if you are in need of any uniform, before this starts.

## ENERGY DRINKS / HEALTHY SNACKS

Could I please also let children and parents know that we are not allowing energy drinks on site. Children can bring water in to school along with a healthy snack – **PLEASE ENSURE THIS IS A HEALTHY SNACK AND IT IS NOT FREE.**

## Child Safety and the Metaverse

Christmas has now come to a close and a new year has begun. As pupils and staff return to school, the annual playground inquisition will begin. Among their peer group young people will begin to discuss what they got for Christmas. For many the answer will almost certainly be 'a Fortnite battle pass, a new PC, a PlayStation 5 etc'. All devices which allow both unfettered access to the internet and expose children to voice chat, text chat and photo sharing with complete strangers. This year presents an acceleration of vulnerability window as, VR headsets, connected to Facebook's Metaverse have been released onto the marketplace. The Metaverse seeks to link users to the internet as a Virtual Entity through the use of Virtual Reality Headsets. This amplifies the danger children are exposed to online. To help you understand this new, fast changing issue the NSPCC has published a guide to both the Metaverse and VR headsets. To find out more please follow the link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2022/christmas-vr-safety-advice-for-parents-metaverse/>

As a new generation of young people arrive onto using multiplayer games and the internet in general this new year, it is more important than ever to make your pupils aware of how to stay safe online. The SWGfL has published a pamphlet on how to best keep safe whilst using online software and games. With advice on reporting and blocking, online socialization and the considerations on online gaming, the pamphlet can be a useful resource for any teaching staff, giving lessons on the topic. You can find a link to that resource below:

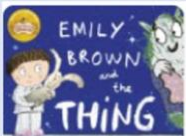
<https://swgfl.org.uk/assets/documents/online-safety-and-gaming.pdf>

## Playground Signage Fundraiser


Before Christmas we fundraised through Just giving which was not successful, and monies have been returned to those who kindly donated. We have now set up the fundraising towards new playground signage, to enhance the children's playground experience on our school comms payment system. We would appreciate your donations towards reaching our target to buy the new signs. Please make your donations on school comms.



## Reading baskets



Year 2  
Emily Brown and the Thing  
Cressida Cowell



Reading Basket Challenge

- Make a list of nice things to think of when trying to get to sleep.
- Take a photograph of what helps you get to sleep, e.g. a teddy, blanket, night light...
- Read the *THING* a story to help him get to sleep.

This week we are launching our new reading baskets, which we are all really excited about. If you read with your child and write in the diary three times in a week, they will be entered into the class reading basket raffle. The winning child gets to bring home a reading basket with props, a book and a lovely hot chocolate to drink. There is an exercise book that accompanies the basket, where children can complete tasks, write a book review or stick photos in. We would love it if you would tweet us a picture of you and your child reading and enjoying the book together.

@st\_tankersley

@NurseryPeters F1 (nursery)

@tankersleyrec FS2

@tankersleyspone Y1

@tankersleyspy2 Y2

@tankersleyspy3 Y3

@Class4Tsp Y4

@tankersleyspy5 Y5

@tankersleyspy6 Y6

Have a lovely weekend, I have attached some information about a more money in your pocket event, which is going ahead on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of January.

Mrs. Harrison  
Head Teacher

