

Dates for the diary

School re-opens for the New Year on the 8th of Jan.

17.1.24

Doctor bike in school.

22.1.24

Parent workshop, managing your child's anxieties.

Tankersley St Peter's

Head Teacher Newsletter 12.1.24

Dear Families

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope that you had a great break.

As we navigate the ever-evolving landscape of education in the digital age, it is imperative that we come together as a community to foster an environment of kindness and respect, not only within the walls of our school but also in the online spaces that our students inhabit.

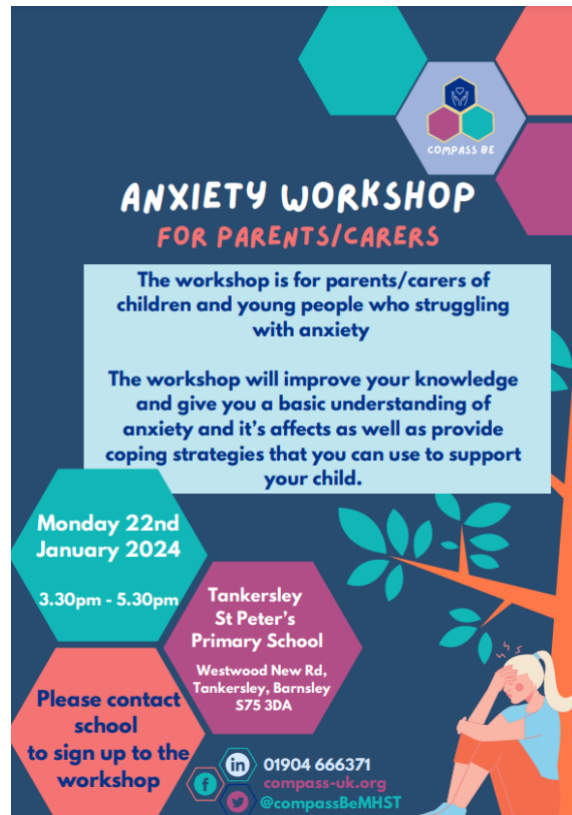
In recent times, we have witnessed the increasing influence of the online world on our children's lives. While the internet offers tremendous opportunities for learning and connection, it also presents challenges, including the potential for unkind behavior. Cyberbullying, negative comments, and other forms of online negativity can have a significant impact on a child's and teacher's well-being.



As partners in the education and development of our students, we must actively work towards creating a positive online culture. This endeavor requires the commitment of parents, educators, and the community at large. Today, I am reaching out to you with a heartfelt request to join us in promoting kindness online. If you do have any concerns or issues with school, please do contact me, I would rather help than hear/ see it on WhatsApp groups and other social media platforms.

In January we are running a workshop, just for parents, to support their children with anxieties. I have been asking for over a year for this workshop, as I see a lot of young people struggling with worries and anxieties, this has only increased with the covid pandemic. I hope you will be able to join us, it is free for parents, and I think it will be a great workshop. You sign up for it on school comms, as we need to know how

many people are attending to see if we need the hall or a classroom to accommodate everyone.



Dr Bike

Dr Bike, Wednesday 17th January

On **Wednesday 17th January, Tankersley St Peters** are having a 'Dr Bike Session'!

Any pupils that cycle to school will get a free health check for their bike.

So what does that involve?

- Every bike will be checked over to ensure that it is safe to ride
- Bikes will have tyres pumped up and chains lubed
- Nuts and bolts will be checked for tightness
- Brakes will be tightened and checked

But...

- We are not a bike shop! In some cases we might replace some parts. But with the time and resources we have, some things are not possible to fix

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like to register a bike please fill in this online form (which takes about 20 seconds!)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nMLEvGomCE-XW7FzKfLAdr9sU6VImFpIhAfWjYAlitVUMjdTVVNSN0hINUxMRzZTTFIVU4zOUIKTC4u>

We have already got an overflowing lost property box, if you would like us to name your child's clothing - my son Ben used to lose at least one item of clothing a week! Then send them to me and I have a sharpie, to write on their initials.

This week we had an assembly regarding healthy lunch boxes, this is part of the national curriculum. We taught the children about what could go into a healthy lunch box. When OFSTED came, one of the things that he picked up was that there was too much chocolate around in school. He told us that he didn't think we were promoting a healthy lifestyle!

The children are permitted to bring a healthy snack at break time – which could be a piece of fruit or a granola bar etc (no nuts please). We have seen children with sharing bags (large ones) of Doritos and king size Mars Bars – these are not healthy snacks. However, we understand that everything is in moderation, and we do have some picky eaters (my son included). We are not saying what you should and should not put in your lunch box – you are the parents and that is your choice. However, we are tasked with the job of educating the children about what makes a healthy lunch.

ATTENDANCE

The national attendance figure is 97%.

Weekly attendance figure	Sessions lost this week	Authorised absences	Unauthorised Absences
95.9%	76	48 sessions	28 sessions

Mrs. Harrison

