

# York Road Junior School and Language Unit (Star Centre)

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## Newsletter

## Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010

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### **Dear Families**

This has been the last week of preparation before our year 6 pupils take their SATs next week. We wish them the very best of luck. Years 3, 4 and 5 will do their tests the following week so that we can give you the results in the annual report.

### **Friends of York Road School**

It was lovely to see so many Mums on Wednesday at the Friends meeting. Everyone was very enthusiastic about planning activities for our children to enjoy. Dates arranged so far are :-

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> July 6.30p.m.** Annual General Meeting – all parents welcome.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – school disco

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 leavers party.

Your year group representatives will be asking for people to help organize and run these events. Please think about how you can help. Thank you.

### **Attendance**

HOORAY! We have met our target of 95% this week and exceeded it by 0.2%! Well Done Everyone.

Saxons, Vikings, Falcons, Kestrels, Oak, Nile, Thames, Sun and Mars all exceeded 95% this week. Which one will win the trophy on Monday?

### **Punctuality**

I wish I was as pleased about this! Unfortunately there are a number of children

who come late to school on a regular basis. This is upsetting for your child and prevents them from starting their learning on time. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school before 8.50a.m. every day.

### **Class Assembly**

Y4 Falcons class presented their assembly to the children this morning and will present it for parents on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 9a.m.

### **E-Safety**

I am aware that many of our children are using Facebook and other social networking sites, although the minimum age for their use is 13. I have also been told of children who have received upsetting emails or phone text messages, which amount to cyber bullying. Please monitor how your child uses the internet and their mobile phone so that they are protected from cyber bullying. I have copied the advice from Kent Council for your information. We shall be reminding the children about e-safety but please reinforce the message at home.

With best wishes

*P.A.C. Haynes*

Mrs P.A.C. Haynes  
Advisory Headteacher

## **Internet Safety Advice from KCC.**

- Make sure all online profiles are set to private or friends only
- Do not share any personal information online e.g. school, full name, contact details etc
- Think very carefully about photos and comments shared online –once it's been posted you can't remove it and remember than anyone could possibly see it
- Use an internet nickname rather than your full name and why not use a cartoon picture (avatar) or your profile picture – never post pictures of yourself or your friends in school uniform
- Make sure you only use social networking sites to speak to people you know in the real world
- Never arrange to meet someone you've met online without making it safe by taking an adult with you and always meet in a public place during the day
- If someone says something online that makes you feel scared, worried or uncomfortable then make sure you report it to the website and/or the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk) for more information on how to keep safe online

### **Useful advice for parents/carers:**

- Know how your children are using the internet and discuss rules and boundaries for safe use and behaviour much like you would in the real world
- Make sure your children understand that people can lie about who they are online

- Make sure your children know how to protect themselves online such as setting profiles to private, only adding real-life friends and not sharing any personal information (including photos in school uniform)
- Wherever possible locate the computer in a family room and supervise its use, only allow children to use webcams with adult supervision
- Be aware that games consoles and mobile phones can also allow children to access the internet
- If anything happens online that makes you or your child feel worried, scared or uncomfortable then report it to the website/service provider and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- Visit [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) for more information on how to keep your children safe online

### Useful websites:

- [www.kent.gov.uk/esafety](http://www.kent.gov.uk/esafety)
- [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)
- [www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?esafety](http://www.kenttrustweb.org.uk?esafety)