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Headteacher's Newsletter – 21st March 2022

REMINDERS

Uniform

Please check that all uniform is named.
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Jewellery

The only jewellery children can wear in school is a watch/fitness counter if this does not interfere with learning and for anyone with pierced ears, small stud earrings.

Dogs

Please do not bring dogs into the school playground.

Fleeces and Coats

As you know, we now have school fleeces available for £16 from the office.

The idea of the fleeces is that they act as an additional layer to help keep children warm in school. (Covid cases are not going away and having the doors and windows open for ventilation is vital) Children still need a waterproof/showerproof coat to put on to go outside to play if it is wet.

Tea Towels

As you may know, The Friend's of St Paul's have created a tea towel using pictures the children drew. (All the children who were in school in the Friday before half term and/or Monday and Tuesday after half term, drew pictures of themselves). Tea towels will be sold in the playground at pick up time tomorrow (Tuesday 22nd March) and Thursday (24th) for £4 each. If you would like one but are not going to be picking up on Tuesday or Thursday you can send £4 cash in a named envelope from Wednesday morning and we can send a tea towel home with your child.

Mini-Bus Driver Needed

As you may know, we have 3 minibuses and drivers who help us by driving for our Waverley Abbey bus service and also for school visits, for example the book shop.

We really need an additional driver who we can call on if one of our drivers is off. If you, or you know anyone, is used to driving a large vehicle and has a D entitlement on their driving licence (has passed their driving test before 1st January 1997) and might be interested please let me know.

Mother's Day Assembly

Our Mother's Day Assembly is on Friday 25th at 2.15 and all mums are invited. The children will be showing some of their work and singing a special mother's day song.

The event will be outside on the playground at the back with access via the play area.

Ukraine

As the children attending St Paul's are very young, it is not appropriate that we cover this topic in school.

The information for parents has been provided by the local authority:-

Give them the basics and don't avoid the conversation – Listen to their worries and provide honest answers to their questions about what is going on, don't overcomplicate your responses and try to give details at an age-appropriate level. Don't avoid answering their questions about the situation as this could promote more anxiety, but keep to basic facts.

Ensure they feel supported and safe – It's important to help children understand the level of threat to them and their friends and family. Explain this is happening in Ukraine, a different country and show this if necessary using a globe or map.

Manage your own feelings - Try to deal with your own feelings of stress and distress in a way that it is managed as your children will be sensitive to your reactions.

Explain to your children that bad things can happen in the world but there is always some way we can help - Plan together how you might deal with this situation through fundraising or other actions to support the Ukrainian community.

Avoid exposure to a constant stream of news – Be mindful of whether you have the radio or TV on all day, as children will be absorbing news without us realising it. Try to build in 'breaks' from the news, for example, if you are picking up your children from school, turn off the radio or make sure it isn't on a news station to provide a break from the constant exposure to worrying rolling news cycles.

Watch where they are getting their news – We know that fake news is an issue, particularly on social media sites so be mindful of what your children are absorbing and where they are getting it. Ensure they understand that not everything they see on social media sites is true, and they know what reliable sources of news they can access.

Seek advice and support if you are concerned about your child – School staff and educational psychologists can offer specific advice and support if you feel that your child is becoming overly anxious and distressed. Providing support and reassurance and diverting their thoughts through engagement in pleasurable activities can help