

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to the Parent Forum representatives who met with me this week. The feedback from the start of the new academic year was really positive. These meetings run so that we can work effectively in partnerships to enable the best outcomes for our pupils. Minutes from the meeting are available on the school website.

Lyndsey Wood

GENERAL MESSAGES

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Tuesday 19th November 3.40pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 20th November 3.40pm – 6.30pm

NHS Flu Immunisation

Whole school flu immunisation will take place on Thursday 3rd October. We are unable to accept any late forms now as the flu immunisation stock has now been ordered.



Harvest Festival – Monday 7th October, 2.00pm, St Thomas's Church, Bradwell

Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Thomas's Church. As usual, we are asking children and our school community if they can give generously to Dengie Food Pantry. We have been asked to collect non-perishable food i.e. long-life milk, tinned fruit and vegetables, pasta sauces, tinned rice pudding and custard, jam, sugar **with a sell-by date after January 2020.**

In order to avoid spillages in the event of packets tearing, we have been asked that each gift is sent in a plastic carrier bag. We are, as ever, extremely grateful for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS



House Winners

House winners for the week ending 20th September 2019 are St John.



Attendance Winners Attendance Winners for the week ending 27th September 2019 = **Pandas = 98.14%**

Punctuality Winners

Punctuality winners for the week ending 27th September 2019 = Siberian Tigers = 1 Late

Stars of the Week



Our stars are awarded on Monday assemblies to children who have shown particular commitment to our school values during the week. To say thank you we ask them to come to the front in our assembly and they can sit on the bench that day.

Class	Name	Value(s)
Siberian Tigers	Keira Barker	Perseverance (For writing an excellent poem based on our topic).
Pandas	Amelie Roughley	Perseverance (For working hard in her writing on her non-chronological report)
Snow Leopards	Tilly Anderson	Perseverance (Improved handwriting)
Turtles	Joseph Lewis	Perseverance (Consistently trying hard during English)
Pangolins	Reggie Shad	Respect (Being respectful towards school property when clearing up at the end of the day)

LEARNING TIP

Reading Tip 3: Did you know?

If you read just **ONE** book a day to your child, they will have read **1825** books by their 5th birthday!

Every Day Counts

Every Book Counts



E-SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Streaming content and smart TVs

We like to think back to a time when the whole family gathered around the TV to watch something wholesome together. (In reality, many of us probably had a TV in our rooms, and spent many hours watching TV without much guidance from our parents.)

That being said, streaming content has shot up in popularity, and there are more TV shows and movies available at our fingertips than ever before, much of it not particularly appropriate for kids.

There are, however, some **great benefits of streaming services**. Many feature great, educational children's programming and documentaries. Most don't show any ads, meaning that your kids won't be bombarded with commercial messaging from all sides like they are when they watch regular TV. You can open up an entire world for your children with streaming content – the key is how you use it.

Most of the big streaming content providers have parental controls, some more robust than others. Netflix allows you to set up separate profiles for you and for your children.

Using these tools, you can **ensure that your kids only have access to age-appropriate content**. Because Netflix's children's menu features a different colour scheme than the regular menu, you can easily see whether your kids access the content permitted to them or not. However, this doesn't stop kids from moving over to your profile, so you still have to be vigilant.

iTunes and Apple TV allows parents to set rating levels for the content their children watch. By contrast, Amazon Prime features no parental controls, so the only thing to do is to logout of your account and not share the password.

All of these tools, however, do not replace having frequent conversations with your children about what they watch.

What you can do to **monitor TV time**



Limit the number of hours your child can watch per day.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids should spend no more than one hour per day on screens.



Talk to your child about the content they watch.

Studies show that children who talk to their parents about the content they watch are more likely to talk to them about other things too.



Use parental settings to lock content that is not age-appropriate.



Monitor what your child watches.

Children mimic what they see and hear. Violence, language, and sexual content should be monitored.



If your streaming service does not have parental controls, log out.



Watch TV with your kids. Make it a family events and pick something educational and fun.

Children who associate watching TV as family time are less likely to watch TV on their own out of boredom.

PUPIL'S ACHIEVEMENTS

I belong to a dance academy called TAPA. I started when I was 2 years old. I have just completed some exams and thought I would bring in some of my certificates. I have completed exams in Ballet, Tap, Modern and Drama. I have one more exam this year to complete and will update you all when I have completed them all!

By Levi Staines, Year 6, Siberian Tigers

