



Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

The term has flown by and here we are approaching December and Christmas! It has been lovely to welcome parents and carers into school over the last two weeks for our parents' evenings or to meet them through remote appointments. We hope you found the evenings useful, but remember, you are always welcome to contact us directly. If you have a concern, don't wait for parents' evenings to come around to talk to us!

As usual, school is busy and productive at the moment. Here are some important dates for your diary in the weeks to come.

Forthcoming events...

Parent/Carer Survey	Thursday 1 st December
Senior Citizens Party	Wednesday 7 th December
Praise Assemblies (Y5,6,7)	Thursday 8 th December
Year 6 Think Tank Trip	Friday 9 th December
Choir Performance – Codsall Village Hall	Saturday 10 th December
Carol Concert	Monday 12 th December
Christmas lunch/jumper day – all years	Wednesday 14 th December
Term ends at the normal time	Thursday 15 th December

Supporting 'The Well' foodbank

We believe that it's really important that our Codsall Citizens think of others, especially at a time like Christmas when they could get a bit preoccupied with what they are going to receive! So, for those of our community that feel that they can donate, we are collecting for the Well – a foodbank that serves the Wolverhampton area. Thank you to those who have already sent in food items. I know they will be received most gratefully and be distributed to homes where they will make a real difference. The deadline for donations in school is 9th December.

Annual Parent/Carer Survey

We value parent feedback because it helps us to keep moving forward and maintain a strong partnership between school and home. This is why we would always encourage you to contact us directly to discuss any concerns you have. Later this week, I'll be sending out a survey that I would be most grateful if you would complete – it only takes a few minutes and helps us a great deal in evaluating our practice.



Car Park - Keeping our Pupils Safe

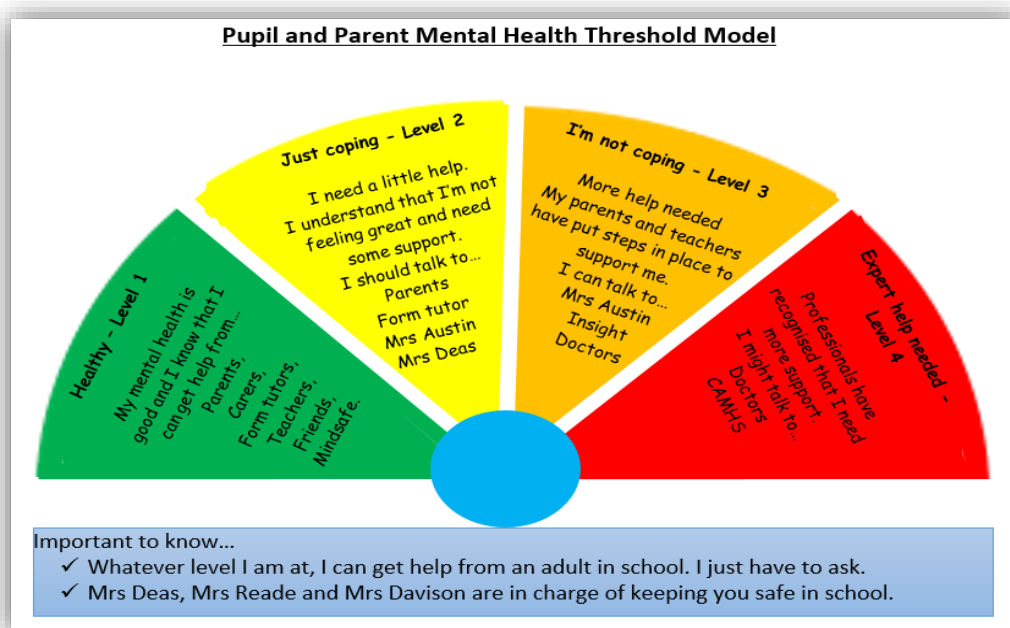
Our school car park feels safe because the vast majority of parents respect our request that you do not drive onto the car park between the times of 8.15-8.40am and 3.00-3.25pm. If you drive onto site at any other time, please drive slowly and park with consideration of others – the bend in our drive is the scene of many a near miss!

School Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 14th December 2022, our school Christmas lunch will be served. All children are most welcome to take Christmas lunch, providing the meal has been ordered in advance. The price of Christmas lunch this year will be £2.60 which includes a Christmas cracker. There will be no charge for children in receipt of free school meals. There will be a vegetarian option but no alternative menu. Remember to order by Friday 2nd December by paying separately into ParentPay rather than using the normal card system.

Looking after the Whole Child

We work hard to make sure that pupils in our school experience high quality teaching and learning, but school is about much more than that. Since COVID, we have been aware of more pupils struggling with navigating everyday life so we have put more provision into place: if the first line of support isn't enough (friends, parents/carers, teachers and form tutors), we have trained wellbeing TAs, Mrs Austin and Mrs Steventon and your child's Head of Year who are always willing to help and listen. This is a reminder of the structure we have in place for pupils who may need more support:



School Values

As you will know, we believe in the importance of developing our pupils as engaged individuals who contribute positively to the community: hence our school values – considerate, ambitious and proud. It's always a delight to meet our Values Stars and to hear the stories behind their nominations. I thought I'd share some of the 'bigger' contributions from our pupils that are happening this half term – there may well be more!



Codsall Citizens making us proud!

- 8ZY have carried out litter picking in the local area throughout November.
- Our school Champions and Sports Leaders are leading extra clubs for the younger pupils.
- Year 8 pupils are entering the Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas' Church.
- All of our pupils got thoroughly involved in Children in Need, raising nearly £700. Pupils particularly enjoyed the balloon volleyball set up by Year 8 Champions!
- Our Year 8 pupils are planning for the Senior Citizens Party – catering and entertainment!
- Our Fair Trade reps have been selling their wares to raise awareness about Fair Trade.
- Our choir are practicing for their performance at the Codsall Community Centre Christmas Fayre.
- Individual pupils have supported their friends or other pupils at a difficult time, or offered to help teachers sort out their classrooms.

Great work everyone!

Thanks very much for your continuing support. Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to help!

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Reade
Head of School