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# Newsletter 8

## 1st March 2019

### Big Sing

In partnership with New Bewerley Children's Centre and In Harmony school is taking part in a big sing. The big sing is open to all pupils and parents who enjoy singing and making music. The event takes place in the school hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3:20 and will last approximately 40 minutes.

### Parents' Evening & World Book Day

Reminder – school closes at 2pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, this is also World Book Day.

### Governors

We currently have some governor vacancies. Governors support and question decisions concerning: budgets, curriculum, buildings, inclusion, safeguarding, welfare, etc. If any parents, or colleagues or relatives of parents, are interested in joining the governing body then contact school to arrange a meeting with me.

### Children's Property

Recently children have been bringing more of their own belongings to school. Please know we want children to enjoy school and understand that slime and toys can be fun to play with or swap at lunchtimes. However teachers and staff have made the decision to ban fidget slime because school cannot be held responsible if, during the school day, these objects get lost or disappear. Recently a lot of teaching time has been lost because of time spent resolving conflicts and issues surrounding children's property.

### Safeguarding Notice

Recently, internet challenges have been covered extensively in the news and the associated avatars have been popping up all over the internet.

In line with all online safety advice we would suggest that parents are encouraged to:

- Ensure they know what their children can access online
- Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know
- Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do
- Use parental controls to keep children safe

Among the most common signs to be watchful of include:

- Become very secretive, especially about what they are doing online
- Are spending a lot of time on the internet and social media
- Are switching screens on their device when approached
- Are withdrawn or angry after using the internet or sending text messages
- Have lots of new phone numbers or email addresses on their devices

### Driving & Parking

In last month's newsletter I reminded parents and carers about the importance of responsible driving and parking outside and near school. However, this has continued to be a problem and more and more parents are reporting incidents of speeding and driving on the pavements. We have always reported know offences of dangerous driving or parking illegally to the police or local authority. However if you wish to contact Leeds City Council with your concerns or with evidence of irresponsible driving or parking the email address is: [ParkingServices@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingServices@leeds.gov.uk)

### Remaining Training Days 2019

**Monday 22nd July 2019**

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