

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: Welcome to the Spring Term**

A Happy New Year to you all!

Despite the prolonged awful weather, we have had a great start back from the Christmas break. The children have settled in quickly to their routines, and it has been lovely to see them engaging in their new topics.

**School Developments**

For this term we have expanded our Personal Development offer. We have set up a partnership with 'Flavours', Cookery School who will be running weekly sessions at their kitchen in Southbourne for Key Stage 3 children and for our AIM Catering group. Flavours will be integrating our topic planning into their recipes. We can look forward to the children returning with some exciting new dishes and bakes for you to try at home. The Barn children will be having 'Bush Craft' sessions each week from the 'Fresh Air Club'. There will be an opportunity for the children to experience survival and wilderness living skills, axe proficiency, charcoal making, animal tracking, foraging and primitive skills and crafts. Parents and Carers are welcome to join in any of the sessions. Please contact either Dave Parry or Andy Fulker, our Heads of school, if this is something you would like to accompany your young person in. [dave@thestableschool.co.uk](mailto:dave@thestableschool.co.uk) [andy.fulker@thestableschool.co.uk](mailto:andy.fulker@thestableschool.co.uk)

**Motional**

Your young person will continue with their daily Motional sessions. Each child has two Motional sessions a day on their timetable, at the start of the morning and the afternoon. Motional is an online tool that we use to monitor the emotional well-being of our children and prepare them for engaging in learning. Your young person has their own individual Motional profile, created by the staff who work closely with them. From this profile the class team plan and develop strategies and activities for your child to participate in that will enhance their feeling of well-being. If you would like more information about Motional, then please email Nicola Doherty [nicola@thestableschool.co.uk](mailto:nicola@thestableschool.co.uk).

**Student Voice**

One of our Year 9 students has been working hard to create an action plan about how The Stable School can best develop student voice. He has organised elections for the young people to decide who will be on the newly named 'Student Hub'. The Hub will meet monthly to plan and run initiatives that the young people feel are important to them.

**Curriculum**

Over the coming term, as part of our drive to continually develop and improve our curriculum we will be focusing on a different curriculum subject each week. This will involve a learning walk of lessons, staff meeting to share their curriculum knowledge and a student voice with representatives from each year group to talk about their learning in a particular subject. We will then use feedback from the students and staff in curriculum planning going forward.

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### **Relationships and Behaviour Policy**

Over the last two terms Dan and Katie Vincent, staff and children have worked collaboratively to produce a revised Stable School Relationships and Behaviour Policy. Please find attached to this email a copy of the policy. Take your time to read it and please do email or phone me if you have any questions or would like to feedback any thoughts in relation to the content.

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### **Mobile phones**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations and policy relating to the student use of mobile phones in school. We have a duty of care to all, that we ensure everyone is safe in school. Mobile phones will be collected in and stored in a class safe by 9.00am each morning. Phones will be returned at 3.00pm each day. Year 11 will be allowed their phones between 12-12.30. If your child doesn't hand their phone in, then a phone call home will be made, and your child will not be allowed to bring their phone into school the following day. I would like to thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding your child by adhering to our mobile phone policy. Please see the website or ask if you require a copy of this policy.

### **Inset days**

Please note we our Inset day this term is on **February 20<sup>th</sup> 2023**. The Stable School will be closed to all children on these days to enable the staff to attend school development training.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to sharing with you reflections from what I know will be a great and very fruitful Spring term.

With Best Wishes

*Beth*

Headteacher