

## Parent Communication 16.05.25

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I can't quite believe that we only have one week left until the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> school term – which also means only one term left until the summer holidays!

### End of term celebration assembly

As we do at the end of every term, we will be having our end of term assembly on the last Friday of the term – **23<sup>rd</sup> May**.

This term we are, however, looking to make a few changes. We are doing this as a result of the assemblies getting increasingly popular and us having more and more to celebrate!

Therefore, this term we are going to try splitting the primary and secondary assemblies. This will work in the following way:

We will be running a '**cold cafe**' (cold drinks rather than hot this time) before the assemblies from 13.15, for anyone who wants to join us. If, however you just want to join us for the assembly, please arrive 5 minutes before the scheduled start time.

The **primary assembly** will start a bit earlier than usual at **13.30**, where primary parents/ carers will be welcome to join us. We expect this to finish by **13.55** at the latest. If you have come to celebrate with us and would like to take your child with you at that point, you are welcome to do so, as long as you have let your child's class teacher know, who will be present at the assembly. For all other children, they will go home in the usual way at 2.30pm

The **secondary assembly** will start at **13.55** where secondary parents will be welcome to join us. We expect this to finish by **14.25** ready for the end of day, in order to be on time for taxis. If you have come to celebrate with us and would like to take your child with you at that point, you are welcome to do so, as long as you have let your child's class teacher (Inspire) or tutor (rest of secondary) know, who will be present at the assembly. For all other children they will go home in the usual way at 14.30.

We hope that you will be able to join us, and we look forward to sharing the successes of term 5.

## Important Update: Apps That Can Hide or Disguise Other Apps on Student Devices

We hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out to bring an important issue to your attention regarding mobile device use among students.

It has recently come to our attention that there are mobile applications available that allow users—particularly young people—to **hide other apps, messages, images, and activity** on their phones. These apps can appear harmless, often disguised as calculators or utility tools, but they serve as “**vault**” apps designed to **conceal content**.

### What are Vault or Hidden Apps?

These apps allow users to:

- Hide photos, videos, or messages
- Disguise the presence of social media or messaging apps
- Password-protect content to avoid detection

### Common Examples of These Apps Include:

- **Calculator# / Calculator% / Calculator Vault** – Appear as basic calculators but hide private files or apps.
- **Vault – Hide Pics & Videos, App Lock** – Allows hiding apps and locking access behind a passcode.
- **Hide It Pro** – Disguised as an audio manager but hides photos, videos, and other apps.
- **App Hider** – Lets users hide apps or clone apps (e.g., multiple social media accounts).
- **Private Photo Vault** – Specifically used to hide photo and video content.
- **GalleryVault** – Hides media and supports encrypted backups.

### Why This Matters

These apps can be used to:

- **Bypass screen time controls or content restrictions**
- **Engage in risky or inappropriate communication**
- **Access social media platforms or content undetected**

We encourage all parents and carers to:

- **Regularly monitor your child's device and apps – check their app store**
- Look for duplicate apps or apps that may appear unnecessary (e.g., multiple calculator or file manager apps)
- Discuss digital safety, privacy, and appropriate use of technology with your child

We are committed to ensuring a safe and healthy learning environment, both in and out of school. If you have any questions or concerns or need support reviewing your child's device, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

### **Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher/Tutor Nominees**

This week's Ready, Respectful, Safe Teacher and Tutor Nominees are:

Angelfish – Joe

Turtle – Jamie John

Starfish – Shayne

Penguin – Thomas

Dolphin – Lewis

Shark - Mark

7A - Tommy

8A - Carson

9A - Belle

9B - James

9C - Eljo

10/11A – Lucas

Well done to all those students who have made it another great week, particularly those students identified above.

### **SMSC Dates**

Here are the key SMSC dates coming up in May:

- **May 12th–18th** – Mental Health Awareness Week
- **May 21st** – Cultural Diversity Day

### Other key dates

**20<sup>th</sup> May** – Interviews at Sparsholt for Y10s

**21<sup>st</sup> May** – Primary (flying safe) careers event

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** – End of Term Celebration – inc. PTA Parent Cold Cafe

**9<sup>th</sup> June** – Shark, Turtle, Starfish trip to Dorchester Museum/Art Gallery & Tutankhamun exhibition.

**18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Silver DoE expedition

**27<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 11 Leavers Day

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Days

**w/b: 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Transition days for new pupils

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - End of term celebration assembly

**23<sup>rd</sup> July** - Last day of term