

SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

Here we are at the end of Term 4. It has been a busy, productive and successful term, nicely rounded off by Julia Potkins, Road Safety Officer at RCC coming to school on Wednesday to present the school, but really our Year 6 Class, with the Inter School Junior Road Safety Quiz trophy.

The trophy has been in existence since 1979. SMSJ first won it in 1983 and this year is the fifth time we have won it in the last eight years. A big well done to Darcey and James, our Junior Road Safety Officers for encouraging and supporting the class in preparation for the quiz.



The children who had the ten highest scores received additional prizes of high-viz backpacks with goodies inside. Well done Year 6!

Unfortunately, on not such a positive note, Julia Potkins has also sent the information below through to schools. 'There have been complaints received by Rutland County Council from residents who live near schools in Rutland regarding parent/carer parking. This video shows the difficulties that can be experienced by the Fire Service on way to emergency situations where there is inconsiderate parking. This will hopefully make you more aware that although you may only park for a few minutes and consider this acceptable this can delay the emergency services with potentially life-threatening consequences.'

<https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/parents-urged-to-stop-putting-lives-at-risk-with-illegal-parking/>

We have had a neighbour complain a couple of times about not being able to safely reverse off their drive and swing round in the road due to cars parked on the pavement opposite at drop off time.



We have noticed that parents are parking in the staff car park again to drop off. Please don't, unless you are a blue badge holder. Staff are arriving from 7.50am – 8.30am and it is both dangerous and frustrating waiting for parents to move and manoeuvre out of the car park round the blind bend into the lane.

I'd like to say a huge 'thank you' to the PFA team and all of you, parents/guardians for the events you have been running and supporting this term to help fund the curriculum and extra-curricular activities we are able to offer to all the children. I don't need to tell you how tight money is, I'm sure! Your support is invaluable – so thank you again.



Today, as well as saying farewell to Jess and Joseph who are moving to new schools, we say a temporary farewell to Mr Flowers who is taking some shared maternity leave with his baby daughter, Felicity. I am certain that he will be back for visits and to enjoy the Year 6 end of year activities. We shall certainly miss him until he returns after the October break. The school will be so quiet!! Enjoy this special time, Mr F!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a very **Happy Easter** - the most important festival in our Christian calendar. We mark the anniversary of Jesus' resurrection and ascension into Heaven, knowing that Jesus did not come into the world to suffer and die; he came to bring God's message of unconditional love and forgiveness. Easter Sunday tells us that nothing can ever separate us from the love of God.



Whatever you are doing, wherever you are, I hope that you have a blessed time and manage to have some family time together and make some precious memories.



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the Easter Break

**Rudy Cutting
William Goodison
Harvey Bellamy
Hannah Dibble
Hailie Hartley
Uldis Svikis
Freddie Boulton**



Coming up

April

Mon 17th 1st Day Term 5

Mon 17th- Fri 21st

Year 6 Residential

Thur 20th FDN Farm Trip

Boccia Finals

Tue 25th Year 3/4 Hockey

Matches – UCC

Thur 27th Netball Away –

Leighfield

Well done to Archie and Blake who were part of the Rutland Cross Country team that came 3rd in the Leicestershire Cross Country Event