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Flu Vaccine in School

If you would like your child to receive the Nasal Flu vaccine in school please follow this link to complete an online consent form;

<https://www.nhsimms.uk/FLU/information?Id=107095&Type=FLU>

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the **1st December 2021**. The link will close on **23rd November 2021**. If your child has already had the Nasal Flu vaccine since September 2021 please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link please telephone 0333 358 3397 (opt 2).

Parental controls on Netflix

We have recently become aware that some of our children are talking about the Netflix series Squid Game. The South Korean show features extreme violence, sexual content and suicide and is not suitable for primary aged children. Some children have been playing games, which appear to be related to the television show. However, this has not involved pupils harming each other or being injured in any way.

The advice external bodies would give would not be any different to advice we would give about any other TV or film not suitable for children: if they are not of the age to meet the certification, then they should not be watching that series/film.

Last year, Netflix launched an update to their parental controls, allowing families to make decisions about what content is right for them. Information on setting up parental controls on Netflix can be found here: <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/264>

If you wish to access further information about online safety, such as setting up parental controls and protecting young people on the internet, please visit www.internetmatters.org

Skip For Pudsey

On Friday 19th November – the children will take part in 'Skip for Pudsey', a nationwide sponsored skipathon. The challenge was for Westways as a school to reach 30,000 skips and for children to seek sponsorship for Children in Need. We smashed it! Official number of skips to be revealed next week.

There is still time to pay. Any sponsorship for Children in Need should be donated via Parent Pay on the link below.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=4038>



Lateness in the Autumn Term

School monitors lateness on a daily basis and it has become apparent that there has been an increase in the number of lates being recorded throughout the school. We would like to send a reminder that parents/guardians of children between the ages of 5 and 16 have a legal duty to ensure that they receive full-time education by punctual attendance at school. Ten minutes late every day becomes 33 hours over a year. Regularly missing the start of lessons can greatly impact on your child's learning and affect their concentration for the rest of that day. Good punctuality is a key skill for adult life and it is important for this to be shown from an early age.

Individual letters will be sent to families that have been late 5 or more times so far this year and they will be closely monitored by school.

Shopping for Festive Season? Support Friends of Westways at the same time!

Whatever it is you're shopping for (at whatever time of the year!) there are a couple of really easy ways you can help us raise money for Friends of Westways:

Amazon Smile: If you're shopping on Amazon, why not use Amazon Smile instead? It won't cost you anything but we'll get a percentage of what you spend. It's that easy! For more information, to sign up and shop go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk

Easyfundraising: Online shopping? Sign up at www.easyfundraising.org.uk to raise money when you shop online with a whole range of different retailers; you just need to remember to start shopping from the easyfundraising website first. It won't cost you anything and it's free to sign up plus, if you sign up before the end of November you could earn a £15 bonus donation for Friends of Westways too!

Westways Sports - Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics Success

This week our Y5/6 Athletics Team went to the Arches Sports Hall Athletics Heat 1. Each child took part in track and field events and the team won! This means the team will progress to the Arches Final in December. Well done Westways.

Please remember...

Do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of Covid-19 or are getting a test.

You should not send your child if they have any Covid-19 symptoms as follows:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. If you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. **Get a PCR test (not a lateral flow test)** to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. **Stay at home** and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.