

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking everyone who took part in the 'colour run' last Friday. This charity event was organised by our sixth form students who set up a coffee and cake morning for parents and organised the 'colour run'. These events are organised by sixth form as part of their enterprise studies and aim to support local charities. In the past they have supported McMillan Nurses and St. Luke's Hospice. This year sixth form chose to support Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

The total raised to date is £1,012. All money raised will be sent to Clatterbridge. Thank you again for your contributions and support. It makes a difference to the lives of people and families in time of need.

Last week we experienced a high number of absences from both pupils and staff due to illness. A minority of cases were confirmed as Covid-19, the majority seasonal colds. As a result, we have re-introduced some measures to reduce the risk of coughs and colds spreading. This involves simple measures such as regular hand washing, good airflow in teaching areas and message reminders 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'. Thankfully many pupils and staff returned fit and well this week. It is important that if your child is ill that you contact school to let us know so we can record the absence accurately.

Pupils receive and experience a broad and balanced curriculum at school to give them every opportunity to progress. We value the wider skills and knowledge pupils gain as well as the formal curriculum. Part of this wider curriculum involves teaching about 'On-line safety'. As well as lessons, assemblies highlight the amazing power of the internet but also the risks and dangers. In school, in addition to staff supervision, we have software that monitors pupil activity while accessing computers that sends an alert to school if activity may be of concern. School also asks families to ask questions:

**'How is my child supervised at home when accessing technology such as computers and smart devices?'**

**'How do we make sure our child is safe on-line?'**

It is difficult for school to manage this alone but we do have to manage the fall out, for example, if pupils are being unkind to each other on social media. The fall out interrupts learning in school and cause a great deal of upset. Supervision and education is therefore key.

Whilst school does not have a Parent Association. A Parent What's App group does exist. This was set up by Mrs Samantha Moss. Mrs Moss has asked me to share with you a message and contact details.



**Headteacher: Mr M. McCann**

*'Dear parents,*

*Our job is hard enough and as the saying goes, to raise a child you need a village. Over the past few months I have gathered parents with a view to supporting each other and sometimes just another voice to remind each other it's an inset day or coffee morning.*

*As we parents are split between Cheshire East and West there are many differences in the accessibility we can obtain for our children, and some activities / benefits that we don't even know about, however one of us will know and in sharing information in the group it will all help to make our job that tiny bit easier.*

*Presently there are 28 mummies in our WhatsApp group (daddies are very welcome we just don't have any yet) from all years at the school, alongside sharing information, we have been out socially, just been for coffee and most importantly chatted.*

*We would love you to join us and be part of this supportive group of like-minded parents.*

*Please message your name and child's name to [contactus@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:contactus@greenbank.cheshire.sch.uk)*

*Mrs Samantha Moss*

It looks like the weekend weather is going to brighten up - I hope you get the opportunity to enjoy it.

Stay safe,

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
**Head Teacher**



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