



Churchtown Chatter

Imagine... Believe... Achieve

Newsletter 18



We hope everyone has had a super half term and enjoyed some time as a family !

We have another reasonably short half term and a rather interrupted couple of weeks during Easter and then the spring break. We have lots to try to fit in and so its full steam ahead ! Check out the website calendar or this newsletter for what is coming up.



As part of our duty we need to raise parental awareness of PREVENT.

What is the Prevent strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes.

The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and other causes. Because extremism can take many forms, including political and religious extremism, some of these may be a bigger threat in our area than others.

How does the Prevent strategy apply to schools?

From July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views the same way we protect them from drugs or violence. Importantly, we can provide a safe place for pupils to discuss these issues so they better understand how to protect themselves.

Schools have been required to promote British values since 2014, and do so through many aspects of the curriculum.

British values include:

- Democracy
- The rule of law
- Individual liberty and mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

What does this mean in practice?

Many of the things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society also contribute to the Prevent strategy.

These include:

- Exploring other cultures and religions and promoting diversity.
- Challenging prejudices and racist comments.
- Developing critical thinking skills and a strong, positive self-identity
- Promoting the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils, as well as British values such as democracy.
- Addressing Bullying.

The Prevent strategy is not just about discussing extremism itself, which may not be appropriate for younger children. It is also about teaching children values such as tolerance and mutual respect.

KEY TERMS

Extremism – vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values such as democracy, the rule of law and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

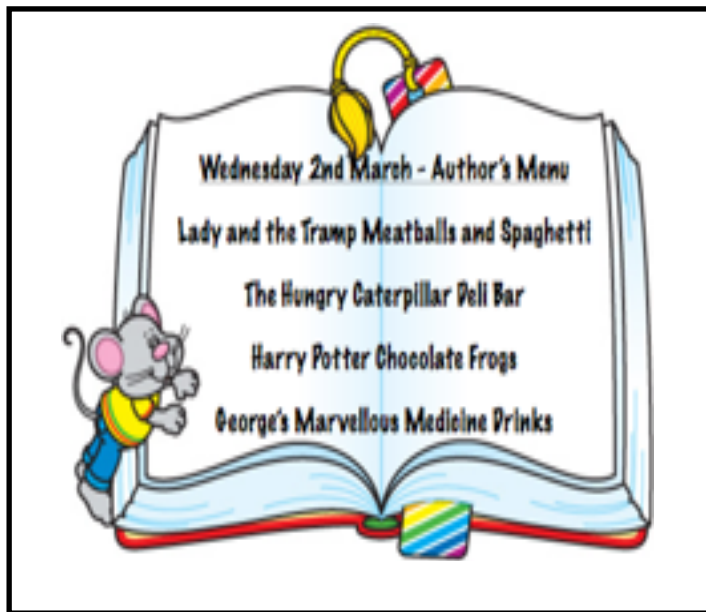
Ideology – a set of beliefs


Terrorism – a violent action against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause

Radicalisation – the process by which a person comes to support extremism and terrorism

Where to go for more information

The Prevent Strategy now forms part of our safeguarding policy , which can be found on the school website. If you have any questions or concerns about the Prevent strategy and what it means for your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 

Tues 1st March	2C & 2LC - Trip to Martin Mere
Tues 1st March	6.00pm Talk 4 Writing Workshop - Old Hall
Wed 2nd March	2H & 2AE - Trip to Martin Mere
Wed 2nd March	Authors Theme Meal day
Thurs 3rd March	World Book Day - Pyjama Day
Wk Bg 14th March	Parents Evening Week More details to follow
Thurs 17th March	1.30 - 3.15 - School Forum
Fri 18th March	Easter Farmers Market
Tues 22nd March	2.00 - Y3 Performance - 3D & 3L
Wed 23rd March	2.00 - Y3 Performance - 3MW & 3A
Wed 23rd March	PTA - Easter Bingo
Fri 25th March	Good Friday - School Closed
Mon 28th March	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tues 29th March	PTA - Spring Discos
Wed 30th March	Reception Height & Weight Screening
Fri 1st April	School finishes at 2pm for Easter Holidays
Mon 18th April	INSET DAY - school closed
Tues 19th April	Back to School
Wk Bg: 16th May	Charity Week
Thur 19th May	Best of British Choir concert

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Friday 8th July	Y6 Performance at The Atkinson
Friday 8th July	Y6 After Show Party
Monday 18th July	Y6 Trip - Visits TBC
Wednesday 20th July	1.30 pm - Y6 Leavers Service at St Cuthberts Church Please note change of date and time
Wednesday 20th July	7 - 8.15pm - Y6 Disco - School

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Thank you for your support
We raised a fabulous £731

On Friday 12th February thousands of children across Southport, including ourselves held a mufti day in a huge show of support for people who are homeless. Southport Foodbank manager John Sullivan said:

“All we have to say really is a big thank you for the support. We really need people’s support and help at the food bank because it is a necessity we appreciate everyone’s continuing support.”

For more details about Southport Foodbank visit their website here: southport.foodbank.org.uk

