28 April 2021

Dear Charles Darwin Children, Mums, Dads and Carers,

**Big Pedal**

Wow! Our school community is doing incredibly well with the Big Pedal; as of today we are 136 nationally and 11th in the North West of England with a total of 3003 journeys made and an average of 75% taking part each day.  Well done you active lot!

**Picks ups**

**Please keep younger siblings next to you whilst waiting for older ones at the end of the school day. We have had a couple of incidences of youngsters “getting lost” when they have wandered off from parents as well as frequently having to ask children not to play near / touch staff cars. Thank you for your support with this**.

**After school clubs**

I am delighted to say that we are going to start to offer after school clubs once again. These will begin week beginning Monday 10 May as we are off for May Day next Monday and have staff training on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May after school, the clubs will run until half term Friday 28th May.

Government guidelines are that we still do not mix “bubbles” so sadly clubs cannot go ahead as they normally would and numbers will be limited but I am sure you will agree something is better than nothing! The only exception to this is Taekwondo which we are treating in the same way as Darwin’s Den; if you choose to have your child attend this you are acknowledging that if there is a suspected or confirmed case within that group your child will need to self-isolate.

**As numbers are likely to be limited we will make bookings available from 6pm today so that everyone has the same opportunity to book; if your child is unsuccessful we will prioritise them when we do our next round of clubs.**

Taekwondo on Mondays for Y1-6 this is the only club which has a fee of £3.00 per session, Taekwondo will run through to Monday 5th July, a total of 9 weeks = £27.00 to be paid by cash or cheque made payable to Mr G Smithies ~ pick up for this will be from Darwin St pedestrian gates at 4.15pm.

Each teacher will offer a club for **their year group** meaning children (except Y2 where circumstances do not allow this) will have two club opportunities.

**All clubs will take place after school and parents should pick up children promptly at 4pm from the same gate that they currently use.**

**Reception**

         Tuesday Construction Miss Tilley

         Wednesday Social Play Mrs Wood

**Y1**

         Tuesday Fun club (could be anything!) Miss Barrow

         Wednesday Colouring Mrs Holden

**Y2** ~ apologies these clubs are on the same day so children will have to choose; this is due to circumstances we cannot change

         Thursday Stories and Drama Mrs Ronald

         Thursday Mindfulness Mrs Ball

**Y3**

         Tuesday Multi Skills Miss Frommert

         Thursday Design and Make Mrs Kenyon

**Y4**

         Tuesday Fun club (could be anything!) Mrs Mowat

         Wednesday Fun club (could be anything!) Mrs Holmes

**Y5**

         Tuesday Cross Country running Miss Bowers

         Wednesday Music Mrs Harley

**Y6**

         Tuesday The child-led club (could be anything!)  Mr Solan

         Wednesday Sport / PE Miss Bilotta

**As happened in the Autumn term, remote STEM club will run for all year groups with activities being sent home for you to do with your child.**

Many thanks for your support

Adam Croft