



Dear Parents/Carers

WGS Newsletter (59) 20/07/2021

We have spoken with all students this morning about the tragic events of the weekend. The students have responded very well and staff will keep a close eye as we go about our day. We have support all set up from our counsellor and health nurse. I spoke with the family of the student involved last night. They were very touched by all the concern. I asked them about some fund raising that the family have started; they are very keen to raise money for a memorial. I would like us as a school to help with this so tomorrow we will have a non-uniform day. Students/families can make a donation of £1 or any amount they wish via ParentPay. Our student's favourite colour was yellow so if people want to wear some yellow that would be lovely. Some friends of the student are making yellow ribbons in school today to give out so please do not worry if your child has no yellow to wear. I know how difficult a non-uniform day at short notice can be! However, it is a lovely thing we can do before the end of term. There is a notice about this below.

The family of our student were very worried about the safety of large numbers of children going to Ducklington Lake to pay their respects. Our non-uniform day tomorrow would be a better way of people recognising what has happened. We will also remind students about water safety in our assembly tomorrow.

You will notice that we are not naming our student in these letters. This is to respect the privacy of the family. We have asked our students to do the same and not talk about this event on social media.

Summer Concert

As you are aware we were due to be holding our virtual concert this evening. We have now, however, made the decision to postpone the event in light of the tragic news within our school community.

The new date for the virtual event will be **Thursday 9th September 2021**. We look forward to sharing our work with you all.

Non-Uniform Day - Wednesday 21st July 2021

Tomorrow (Wednesday 21st July 2021) is a Non-Uniform Day to support the fundraising efforts for the family of the student who tragically died at the weekend. We ask that parents pay a suggested contribution of a £1 via ParentPay. It is a 'Wear Something Yellow if you Want to' day; we will have yellow ribbons to give out to students.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Shadbolt
Headteacher