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Head lice!

We have recent reports of Head lice in your child's class.

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU CHECK YOUR CHILD **DAILY**. Head lice can be prevented with fast treatment and consistent vigilance.

Morning and night combing and immediate treatment if anything is found with the whole family then being treated.

Please remember that you can access advice from the Health visitor/School Nurse/Internet free of charge. All treatments are available from the Chemists. Our school website has a section of advice in parents' zone - keeping healthy.

Girls with long hair are especially prone to head lice. Long hair should **ALWAYS** be tied up when children are in school to prevent cross-infection.

Whilst Head lice cause no medical harm, it is very annoying and hard work when children are constantly being re-infected.

School takes a firm stand on this and whilst we are not allowed to inspect children, we **WILL** send your child home if we see live lice or eggs. If we have to do this please treat your child quickly and bring them back to school.

If we cannot get hold of you as a parent, we will continue down the list of contacts you provide for us until we do get hold of someone who can collect your child from school.

This action then impacts on your child's learning whilst they are absent from school - so the more we can work together on this the better.

Thank you for your help and support.

Mr G Johnston (Headteacher)

