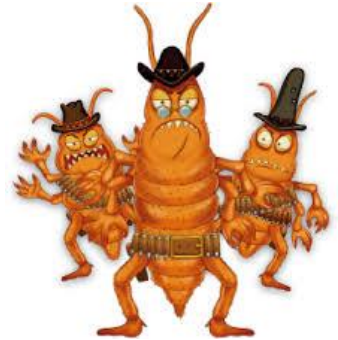


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Dear Parents/Carers,

HEAD LICE



Can I please draw your attention to the fact that we have noticed some extra visitors in school!

It is a misconception that head lice infestation is a result of dirty hair and poor hygiene; in fact, head lice prefer clean hair and skin. They like both long and short hair. Head lice are transferred by close hair-to-hair contact. They cannot jump, fly or swim, but walk from one hair to another. Lice can also be transferred by sharing combs, brushes and hats.

The recommended treatment is the wet combing method without using chemicals. Wash the hair as normal, apply conditioner liberally (this causes the lice to lose their grip on the hair) comb the hair through with a normal comb first. With a fine tooth nit comb, comb from the roots along the complete length of the hair and after each stroke check the comb for lice and wipe it clean. Work methodically over the whole head for at least 30 minutes. Rinse the hair as normal and repeat every three days for at least two weeks.

There is no prevention for head lice infestation other than normal hair care and checking the hair and scalp periodically.

Tying back the hair of children with long hair, helps reduce the likelihood of contact between their hair and that of an infected child.

Regular combing of hair using the bug-busting method can help with early detection as well as treatment.

If we all work together, we can eradicate these pests!

Yours sincerely,



Peter Hardern
Executive Principal