



Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to school. I hope that you had a good half term break and that your children are ready for new learning opportunities.

There are a number of activities planned for the children as we move into November and Christmas draws nearer. Details will be shared by the class teachers nearer the time.



Poppies

Poppies are available in the Welcome Area. A minimum donation of 50p is suggested.

Road Safety

Our partnership with Living Streets continues this year to help encourage all children to walk to school, all or part of the way.



The children enjoy receiving badges each month in recognition of their achievement

School Nurse Autumn Term

It is possible for school to make a referral to our allocated school nurse if you have any concerns. Please speak to Mrs Brooksbank if you need any support in this area.



What's happening?

November

10 th	New Age Kurling competition - Y6
14 th	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th	TT Rock Stars Competition
16 th	Phonics workshop for parents
17 th	New Age Kurling competition - Y5
18 th	Y5/6 BullyBusters event
18 th	Children in Need
22 nd	Divali Workshops
24 th	Governors Meeting

December

1 st	Charlotte's Web performance
2 nd	Y2 Christmas Journey
9 th	Christmas Fair
12 th	EYFS Pantomime
14 th	School Christmas dinner
15 th	EYFS Nativity 10am
20 th	Church Service pm
21 st	School Term ends for all pupils. 1.30pm

January

4 th	INSET Day
5 th	School opens for all children

PLEASE NOTE:

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm on WEDNESDAY 21st DECEMBER.

SCHOOL RE-OPENS ON THURSDAY 5th JANUARY AFTER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR ALL PUPILS.

Children in Need 2022 - Be Spotacular

We feel that it is important to support Children in Need this year. We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 18th November. The School Council have asked if children can wear pyjamas to school on this day. We would ask that children bring in a monetary contribution to support this event.

As in previous years the money that has been raised will be split between the BBC Children in Need Appeal and our own Sponsored Child, Lenin, in Peru. Through Compassion we help Lenin to have an education that his family could not otherwise afford.

It is good to be able to use our Christian values of compassion and fellowship in such a practical way.



Road Safety

As the cold winter mornings arrive and the dark nights are drawing in please encourage your children to be extra vigilant as they travel to and from school.

Please remind your children to:

- 'Stop, Look and Listen' before they cross any roads
- Use pedestrian crossings wherever possible
- Not to cross too close to the corners of any junction.
- Wear reflective coats/jackets



Please also remind your children not to stop and speak to strangers or accept lifts from anybody that they do not know.

Clubs for this Term

Day	Club	Who can go?	Staff Responsible	Time
Monday	School Council	Members	Mr Durie	3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Guitar Club	Y6	Mr Holland	3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Cricket Club	Y3	Coaches	3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Games Club	Y2	Mrs Midgley	3.15pm - 4.00pm
Tuesday	Bible Club	Y1-Y2	Rev. Sam	12.30pm - 1.00pm
	Football Club	Y5 - Y6	Mr Woods	3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Running Club	Y3 - Y6	Mrs Hoare	3.15pm - 4.00pm
	Homework Club	Y6	Miss Vaughan	3.15pm - 4.00pm

If you require a large print Newsletter please enquire at the Welcome Desk.

Christmas Events

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 9th December at 3pm.

There will be a number of stalls to enjoy and Santa will be stopping by too!



Any offers of support to help with the fair will be much appreciated.

Film nights have been planned for Y1 - Y6 during December. More details will follow shortly.

We are also looking forward to our EYFS Nativity and Christmas Service at Holy Trinity.



It will be great to have the community together again at such a special time of year.

PTA Meeting

The PTA are a group of parents and staff working together to plan and prepare events throughout the year to raise money. This money is then used to provide opportunities for the children to enjoy enrichment activities such as Divali workshops.

We have traditionally subsidised residential trips, thus helping to make it more affordable for families.

Our next PTA meeting will take place on Friday 25th November at 2.15pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Dolce Catering

Dolce are beginning to prepare for Christmas. Christmas Dinner Day will be on **Wednesday 14th December** this year and a traditional menu is available to view in the link below:

https://www.dolce.co.uk/content/uploads/2021/10/w_o-DATE-ALL-SCH-Christmas-Flyer-V4.jpg

There is also a competition for the children to participate in where they can win a Nintendo Switch. The children have been asked to make a snowman picture using paint, crayons or chalk. **Please do not use glitter or cotton wool.** The closing date for this competition is **Thursday 17th November.** Please ensure that your entry is handed in to your class teacher clearly labelled with your child's name, age and school on the back



Lost Property

We do have some lost property in school. Please check that your child has brought home their sweatshirts/coats. If you are missing anything please contact Mrs Ford in the office and we will do our best to locate it for you.

If your child accidentally brings home uniform or a coat that does not belong to them, please return them immediately so that we can give it back to the rightful owner.

Please ensure your child's name is in all articles of clothing.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients; not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Anti-Bullying Week



We will be focusing on the importance of speaking out against bullying next week. We want all children to feel safe in school and will not tolerate bullying in any guise. Online bullying is a growing problem. It is much easier to be unkind to someone through an online message.

Please monitor what your children are doing online and regularly check the Apps that they have access to. Most apps are for children aged 13+ yet many primary aged children have regular access to them. Talk to your child about how they use the apps. Two very important messages are:

- Think before you post. Never forget that the internet is public;
- Messages can be read and screen shot before you delete them;
- Keep personal information personal;
- Make the most of any privacy settings.

If your child experiences a problem with school friends whether that be through using social media or in school, please bring it to the attention of school and we will look into this further.

Please do not approach other parents by phone or face to face to discuss these issues as this often makes the problem much bigger and harder to resolve.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be available for parents who need the service. Please book into your required sessions via ParentApp.

If you are having difficulties with the booking system please speak to Mrs Lynch who will be able to help you.



Toddler Group

Toddler Group runs every Friday morning at 10am. Pre-school children and babies can come and enjoy an hour with us where a number of toys and activities are planned for families to enjoy.



Studyladder

Study Ladder is an online learning resource that we are beginning to use for homework activities. Many children have already received their login details and are successfully completing activities online.

Each teacher will signpost children to English and Maths activities which are both educational and fun. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any queries about this programme.

Attendance Matters



Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% during the **first half term** of Autumn 2022:

Ireoluwa Adeyinka, Khalifa Alkunshalie, Isabelle Awator, Jayden Benain, Paisley Benain, Andrew Bennett, Daisy Mae Bennett, Maisie Bowers, Benjamin Burgess, Elijah Burgess, Harley Bushell, Kian Bushell, Mireya Cavanagh, Kevin Chandragantha, Laila Cox, Avian Dharo, James Downey- Pagan, Christopher Duffy, Fiyinfoluwa Eniola-Filani, Keelan Gaffney, Bradley Graves, Demi Graves, Ethan Grimes, Amelia Helsby, Lana Helsby, George Howard, Willow Hutchinson, Mela Kim Jonas Preston, Jazmine Joseph, Zunaira Khan, Amaré-Paul King, Amy Klocova, Anna Kretzschmar, Bonnie Lai, Ava Major-Gayter, Jake Major-Gayter, Eliana McCreddie, Libby Mercer, Lucy Mercer, Fekir Mesfun, Ellie Moug, Esmeé Moug, Muhamad Mselem, Jayden Myles Mensah, Adeleke Odunsi, Hedaya Omer, Zain Omer, Josephine Owusu, Declan Price, Eleanor Price, Mikey Rimmer, Denisse Santander-Zavaleta, Amelia Santander-Zavaleta, Mason Schofield Cox, Evie Swards, Nicholas Smith, Sienna Smith, Ahmed Sulliman, Joash Thevanesan, Emeilia Thompson, Joel Thompson, Lucas White, Carter Wilcock, Anwen-Rose Williams, John-Paul Williams, Zoe Wilson, Mellaher Yowhanes, Marta Yowhans.

October 2022		
Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Early Years	93.7%	97.1%
Class 1	94.6%	91.7%
Class 2	97.1%	95.9%
Class 3	96.4%	96.4%
Class 4	94.2%	94.5%
Class 5	96%	94.8%
Class 6	95%	93.7%
Average	95.3%	94.9%

Expectation for attendance at our school remains to be at least 97%. Our Year 2 class is the only class to achieve this so far this year. Our overall attendance is currently **95.3%** for this academic year.

Punctuality for many children is good. Thank you to those parents who consistently bring their children to school on time.

However, over half of the children in school have been late for school and there are a number of children who are persistently late and this is having a significant impact on the start of each day. Please try hard to improve punctuality this term.

Please report your child's absence to the school office. Messages can be left on the school phone or via ParentApp. Unacceptable absences and those with no explanations given will be recorded as unauthorised.