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Newsletter 23 – 4th March 2022

Class News

- Nursery - have been reading 'The Enormous Turnip' and looking at how things grow
Reception - have begun their new theme Sunshine, Showers and Springtime by doing observational drawings of flowers and exploring the watercolours
Y1 - have loved dressing up and taking part in World Book Day!
Y2 - really enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and learning about first aid in their Mini-Medics session
Y3 - thoroughly enjoyed the World Book Day activities, including creating their own 'failed projects' based on 'The Barnabus Project'
Y4 - really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day using 'The Dot' as inspiration for our work
Y5 - thoroughly enjoyed becoming authors for the day and writing stories for our book corner on World Book Day
Y6 - enjoyed making and publishing their own books to share with Year 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I trust you all stayed safe through the storms and managed to have an enjoyable half term. The children have arrived back and thrown themselves back into their learning, with great gusto! World Book Day was brilliant!

Covid-19

Whilst the Government announced the ceasing of testing for Covid-19, the school would encourage families if anyone in their household tests positive, to inform the school and test your child daily prior to attending school.

Please notify the school that you have done this and hear the outcome of the test is negative, Thank you!

Value of the week – Resilience

As a school, we have spent time discussing events in Ukraine this week, as well as our normal assembly theme of 'Words'. The Year 6 Reading Ambassadors ran a fabulous assembly on World Book Day!

As a result of our discussions regarding events in Ukraine, Martha in Year 2 has written a piece for the Newsletter;

Dear parents and families of St Ives Primary School,

We want to show our love and support to the people of Ukraine during these tough times. There are many different local drop off points for you to send items to. Below is a list of what is needed:

- Thermal blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Pillows (covered in plastic)
- Hygiene essentials such as soap, bath and shower cream etc.
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Hairbrushes



- *Feminine care products*
- *Antiseptic products*
- *Sleeping mats*
- *Thermos flasks*
- *Disposable cutlery*
- *First aid supplies*
- *Baby food and milk*

You can also donate directly to charities such as The British Red Cross or Unicef.

*Thank you for your support,
Martha Y2*

Subject Update – English

Harry Potter, Disney princesses, Gangster Grannies, Matildas, Hobbits, Wallies, Cat in hats, BFGs and many, many more visited St Ives Primary on The 25th Birthday of World Book Day! All the children had so much fun and undertook lots of awesome activities. Stories were written, books were published, story dens were designed, drama was performed and clay figurines of characters were made. It was lovely to watch all the children's favourite book characters come to life and see the children have such fun celebrating this important day because in the words of MC Grammar who wrote this year's World Book Day rap "reading is amazing everyday!" Your children will all have been sent home with a World Book Day voucher to exchange for one of this year's newly written books or they can use it to get £1 off a book of their choice. The vouchers expire by March 28th so head down and use them quickly!

SISA

There is a SISA meeting being held on Thursday 10th March at 7:30pm at the school. Everyone is welcome, please come along and see what SISA does to support the school, discuss upcoming events and how money that has been raised can be used to support all of the children at St Ives Primary School & Nursery!

Online Safety

As people sought a quick, reliable way to stay in touch with loved ones at the onset of the pandemic, WhatsApp experiences a jump of 40% in its usage figures. It has now been downloaded by almost a third of the planet's entire population – with more than half (53%) of those users opening the app at least once per day.

WhatsApp's everyday familiarity, however, can actually disguise some of the risks around its use. Scammers, for instance, are increasingly turning to the app as a vehicle for cons, while it's also being chosen as a means of adding credibility to fake news stories. This week's guide brings trusted adults the lowdown on the instant messaging giant.

Dates for Diary

March

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| 8 th | - Netball Tournament |
| 14 th | - Science Week |
| 14 th | - Y5/6 Indoor Athletics |
| 17 th | - Y5 Enterprise Day |
| 18 th | - Y5/6 Swimming Gala |
| 21 st | - Cricket WOW day |
| 25 th | - Y5 Paultons Park |
| 28 th | - Parent Consultations week beginning 28 th |
| 29 th | - Y6 Sculpture Day |
| 30 th | - Y1 Sculpture Day |
| | -Y4 Football Tournament |
| 30 th & 31 st | - KS2 Mini Medics |

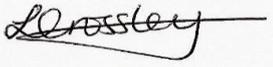
April

8th - Last day of term – 1:15pm finish

Finally, just a polite reminder that we are a nut free school, therefore products containing nuts must not be brought into school please. We have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.

Also, should your child be unwell with sickness or diarrhoea they are unable to return to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP

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THE REST OF THE WORLD

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 30 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

Parveen 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.



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