

Friday 4th March 2022- Newsletter 20

A message from Miss Towler...

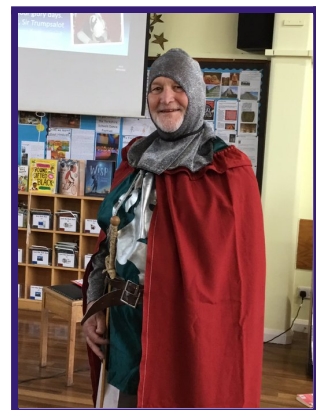
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had celebrating everything related to the world of stories. Thank you to all those parents who supported their children to find props and costumes for our World Book Day dress up theme. It was great to see so many characters from stories having fun throughout the day.

We also welcomed two visiting authors this week to share what it is like to be an author. Jacqueline Doherty and Karen Langtree both joined us in school to encourage children to become writers and to celebrate a love of books. We hope that the children have loved sharing what they have enjoyed about this week.

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler,
Headteacher



Our school attendance this week is: **93.51%**

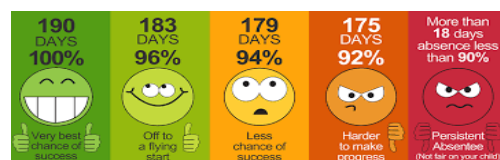
Our school attendance target is **97%**.

Top team attendance is: **Saturn: 92.17%**

Venus Reception: 91.25% Neptune: 94.23%

Top team attendance is: **Jupiter: 96%**

*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell or isolating; we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.



Extra-Curricular clubs start next week!



Please book your child a place on the clubs below:
<https://forms.gle/tGH6nUUCRCZYQS1p8>



Tuesday - Key Stage One and Two Dance Club with Hannah from York Dance Space (limited numbers) 3.30pm - 4.30pm **NOW FULL**

Wednesday - Key Stage One Art Club with Mrs Brooke

Key Stage Two Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday - Key Stage Two Drama Club with different teachers 3.30pm - 4.30pm

UPDATED: Dates for your diary for the coming weeks

Please see dates for this term's diary. We will always try to give you as much notice as possible if circumstances mean that dates need amending.



Dates	What's happening at TPA?
Monday 7th March	Extra Curricular Y6 Booster Club 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 8th March	Team Saturn Swimming Session at Tadcaster Swimming Pool
	Extra Curricular KS1 and KS2 Dance Club with Hannah from YDS
Wednesday 9th March	Extra Curricular KS1 Art Club with Mrs Brooke 3.30pm - 4.30pm Extra Curricular KS2 Music Club with Mrs Oldfield 3.30pm - 4.30pm
	Year 5/6 Parent PSHE Meeting (please see letter shared today)
Thursday 10th March	Extra Curricular KS2 Drama Club 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 11th March	Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED to pupils
Friday 18th March	Comic Relief - more details to follow
Thursday 24th March	Rescheduled: Key Stage One and Two Disco 5pm - 7pm (please see letter shared today)
Friday 8th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 25th April	Return to school
Monday 9th May - Friday 13th May	Y6 SATs week - Please do not arrange appointments or holidays during this week for any Y6 pupils.



**WORLD BOOK WEEK
FUN!**



Rescheduled - Key Stage One and Two Disco

As you will know, our Valentine's Disco unfortunately had to be rescheduled this term. Our TPAC volunteers have got together to reschedule the disco and have shared the new date of **Thursday 24th March 5pm - 7pm**. If you have already paid for tickets we will just require you to complete a new form so we can confirm who will be collecting your child.

Talking to your children about the situation in Ukraine



Over the past week we have all seen headlines and news articles about the conflict in Ukraine, leaving many of us - including children - anxious about what's happening, how it's affecting so many people and what this could mean for the future. See the link below for some useful guidance on how best to support your child.

[Useful website link](#)

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

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.

UK AND EUROPE 16+ REST OF THE WORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

...TYPING... NEWS PRIZE ONLINE WIN ...TEXT BACK

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 exists 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

Parvian 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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