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Windy News

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The right to be safe and protected from harm... The right to privacy...

Internet Safety week

Our latest themed week was to help children think about the above rights, which are some of the many they are aware of through our work about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Safer Internet day took place on Tuesday 5th February this year with the theme 'Our internet, Our choice — understanding consent in a digital world.' We have been asking the children to think about consent and how they ask, give and receive consent online. There were a number of planned activities which highlighted the importance of once something had been shared it was almost impossible to take back and therefore consent for sharing was crucial. The majority of our pupils, although aware of the dangers, still leave themselves exposed to on-line intimidation and unkind comments through the sites they access.

We constantly focus on Internet safety in school, as inappropriate online activity is considered one of the biggest threats to the well-being of our children today. Live streaming is fast becoming one of the most popular online activities for young people. Apps like Musical.ly also known as Tik Tok are soaring in popularity and established social networks like Facebook and Instagram also have live streaming functions. In most of these apps, the audience can type comments on the video as it is broadcast and the broadcaster can read and respond to the comments as they are streaming. There have been a small number of cases in school where children have been unkind to their classmates through the Musical.ly app. This app has an age restriction to children over the age of 13 and if you visit its website it lists a number of dangers our children are exposing themselves to by being on such an app. Please do check what your child is doing on line and help them to make the right choices.

Mrs. Hope arranged a number of activities for staff to deliver to their classes during the week as well as theatre workshops and a very informative parents workshop to support you in this difficult role. Thank you to all parents who attended this, I know from feedback that parents found this a very useful session. There is a post on the website that offers parents more information on how to protect your children on line.

Don't forget our Internet Safety, ICT and Computing, E Safety and Cyber Bullying policies, are available for you to download on the school website. If you have any concerns regarding on line safety please do not hesitate to get in touch.

World Book Day — 8th March 2019

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as a character from a children's book. More information will come via your child's class teacher.

Reading has been a focus on the school development plan this year and so we will be arranging a variety of activities linked to reading to take place on this day and over the spring and summer terms. Our aim is to get children reading a range of reading materials and to develop a love of reading that they can take with them into adulthood. Being able to read allows our pupils to access all areas of the curriculum with a much deeper understanding as well as supporting their creative thinking when writing.

The Book Fayre will be in school for a week from the 4th March which will give your child the opportunity to buy a book. Each child will be given a voucher towards the cost of a book. We will also be having a big Book swap where your child can bring in a book from home that they have finished reading and swap it with another child in school.

Article 17- You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

What's happening?

- ♦ Diary Dates
- ♦ Punctuality
- ♦ Congratulations
- ♦ Polite reminders

Easy Fundraising

Please remember to use the Easy

fundraising option to support the school. It works like any cashback site and is very easy to set up. Free to use for you, it offers cash back through sites such as Ebay and Amazon, which don't often feature in other personal cashback sites. So even if you use apps like TopCashback you can still have an Easy Fundraising account and just use it for places where you wouldn't get cash back personally. Please don't forget to register for Windy Nook Primary at

Easyfundraising.org.uk

Remember!



The Easter break starts at the end of school on Friday 5th April. School re-opens on Tuesday 23rd April.

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More Information

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success. **Please ensure your child comes to school on time.**

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution. *Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.*

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Mon 25th Feb
Tues 26th Feb

Mon 4th Mar
Tues 5th Mar
Fri 8th Mar
Mon 11th Mar
Wed 13th Mar
Thur 14th Mar
Mon 18th Mar
Wed 20th Mar
Thu 28th Mar
Mon 1st Apr
Tue 2nd Apr

Wed 3rd Apr

Fri 5th Apr
Tues 23rd Apr

Back to school
Family Learning maths matters x 6 weeks
PTFA Film Night—Year 5 and 6
Big Sing workshop— choir
Book Fayre week
Governors Curriculum committee 5pm
World Book Day
School Assessment week
Choir to Spring Sing up at the Sage pm
Full Governing Body Meeting
Judo taster sessions
Governor Attendance Panel 11am
Spring Music concert 5pm
Easter egg designs brought into school
9:45 am Easter Service St. Albans
Reports to parents
Easter egg display open to parents before and after school
School breaks up for Easter holidays
Back to school

Polite reminders

Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school premises at any point during the day. This includes picking up from after school clubs.

Can I also remind you that children should only wear black shoes, boots or trainers for school.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to the Year 5 /6 swimming team who took part in the South of Tyne swimming gala on 13th February. There has not been the opportunity for our pupils to attend a gala in recent years so we were delighted when the team came a very commendable third place.

Mrs. Veitch said that the team were an absolute credit to the school. They were incredibly supportive of one another which just shows how team work and cooperation can really make a difference. A special mention must go to Cole Reid who won a gold medal in the individual freestyle.

Article 29 your education should help you develop your talents and abilities

PTFA

The PTFA do a fantastic job of raising funds for our school. This allows the children to access a range of extra activities at subsidised costs. The PTFA are always looking for new members to come along and help out at events. If you would like to get involved in the work of the PTFA please look at the school website for more information.

Egyptian Breakfast

A huge thanks to everyone who came along to the Egyptian breakfast hosted by year 3 and year 4 on Friday 15th February. The costumes looked fantastic and the food looked delicious too. Thanks to all of the staff who helped to arrange the event.

