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Windy News

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Keeping your children safe on line

May 2019

There have been a number of incidents recently involving children not keeping themselves safe on line. The police visited school and talked to our year 5 and 6 pupils following an incident where pupils had allowed unknown people to join their on line groups. This had resulted in an inappropriate image being shared with the pupils. This was not an isolated incident within our school but an issue that had affected a number of local schools. The children are regularly reminded in school about the dangers on line and luckily the pupils involved followed our safety advice and informed an adult straight away. The police were then informed. When the police spoke to the children, it was clear to us that a number of pupils did accept strangers into their on line communities through the x box and other social media platforms. We would therefore ask you to continue to monitor your children's activities on line and continue to support them in telling an adult if they feel unhappy about what is happening on line.

We would also ask that you monitor your children's activities on their Youtube channels. If your child shares their name via this platform and is wearing their school uniform, with the Windy Nook badge on show, it makes it very easy for them to be traced by people who might then be able to persuade your child that they know them. Again we would ask you to check their social media use.

For further information about keeping your child safe on line please visit

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://parentinfo.org/>

What's happening?

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Public Consultation

A major public consultation to get people's views on potential measures for improving air quality across Gateshead, Newcastle and North Tyneside is underway. The proposals, which include possible charges for drivers, are aimed at improving public health by reducing harmful levels of air pollution caused by traffic.

Sun cream in school

As the weather starts to warm up can I remind everyone to make sure your child comes to school with adequate protection from the sun e.g. a sun hat and a layer of sun cream. If you haven't filled in your sun cream permission letter and sent in cream for your child, please do so as soon as possible.

KS2 Sats

We are very proud of the effort being made by our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs papers and we would like to thank you for the support that you are giving your child with their homework.

As you know SATs week begins on Monday 13th May.

To enable the children to come into school and feel relaxed we will be running a KS2 SATS breakfast club each morning Monday 13th—Thursday 16th May starting at 8:30. This was very successful in preparing the children for the tests last year so please try and ensure your child attends even if they don't want to eat the breakfast provided.

Despite reassurances from the staff, Sats week can be stressful for your child so please help them to prepare for the tests by getting an early night. Please contact school or your child's class teacher if you have any concerns about the tests.

KS2 Sat results will be published on Tuesday 9th July. Parents and pupils will find out the results in their child's annual report.

Air pollution is a major public health concern. It affects us all, but the risks are greater for older people and children. Your views are needed on ways to clean up the air and make our area a healthier place to be.

Take part before

Friday 17 May 2019

at www.breathe-cleanair.com



Dates for your Diary

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

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13th May	KS2 Sats
14th May	KS1 Mapping skills workshop
21st May	Y2 Multiskills competition
21st May	Governors Resources committee
22nd May	Dentist visit Reception
22nd May	Y6 Ford Castle meeting for parents 5pm
24th May	Y6 Fun Run Saltwell Park
24th May	School closes for Half term
3rd June	Bike Health Check Rec and Year 1
4th June	Rec Learn to ride your bike session
5th June	Y1 Learn to ride your bike session
6th June	Nursery Nature Walk
6th June	Nightingales visit Great North Museum
7th June	Visit from Newcastle Eagles
10th June	Y1 Phonics check
10th June	Y6 Ford Castle
10th June	Y5 visit Newcastle University ICT
10th June	Owl and Robins visit Great North Museum
11th June	Y3/4 Quadkids
14th June	Y6 St Albans Gardening day
14th June	Y5/6 Girls football
17th June	Environment week
21st June	Y5/6 Boys Football
21st June	School Games Day

More Information

Staffing Update

As you may be aware Mrs. Hope has not been in school recently. Unfortunately her daughter Sophie has been very poorly and because of this we are unsure when Mrs. Hope will be returning to work. Mrs. Liddle and Mrs. Cable will cover Mrs. Hope's absence. I'm sure you will join with us in wishing Sophie a speedy recovery.

After 3 years with us Mr. Murray has decided to leave Windy Nook Primary. He will be a great loss to the school, not only because of his teaching but also his commitment to ensuring that the children get to experience a range of sporting opportunities.

With Mrs. Hocking's promotion to Headteacher at Swalwell Primary and the departure of Mr. Murray to a school closer to home, we have recently appointed two new classroom teachers. They are Miss Tipping and Miss Simpson. We have also appointed Miss Hogg to cover Mrs. Hope's absence.

We wish Mrs. Hocking and Mr. Murray good luck in their new roles.

Governor Focus

The school governors have been very busy this month. They have been actively involved in the new staff appointment process. They have also interviewed staff and children about the changes to the curriculum and the impact on teaching and learning.

Extra Funding to help support your child's learning

If you think you are (or would be) entitled to Free School Meals please fill in the form

If your child is in Years 3-6 and you think you are entitled to free school meals, please contact the school office to request a claim form. Your child could get extra funding to support their learning within school.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is already receiving the free meals provided, but you would have been entitled, please also contact the school office and request the form anyway.

Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, our school will benefit from the grant attached to each pupil who is eligible to free school meals.

Currently, this is worth £1,320 per pupil per year and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim. If eligible your child will receive the money on an annual basis until they leave primary school.

If you need any more information, please contact the school. Thank you.

Holiday in Term Time

A quick reminder now we are approaching the holiday season, that holiday in term time is not allowed by this Government unless there are exceptional circumstances. As harsh as it may seem, having an affordable holiday or set work holidays are not considered exceptional.

Penalty Notices have already been issued to parents who have taken their children on holiday without school's permission. This costs £60 per parent, per child so can add to a considerable amount.

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 and it offers cash back through such sites 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 And raise such much needed funds for the PTFA.