

Friday 17th May, 2019

Dear Parents.

Another very important week has come to an end and once again our children have made us very proud. This particular Y6 are a very special group who have coped with all the extra work to prepare for the Y6 SATs whilst maintaining an air of calm and good humour – I have rarely seen their equal! We have started to pay them back by taking them to the park (plus an ice-cream) and today they had a 'Silent' disco in the blacked out hall that they loved.

Next week sees the Y2 carry on with their tests and they too are making us very proud – they will go to the park (for ice-cream!) and will have a trip to the cinema after the half-term break.

KS2 Sports Day - Reminder

For the first time our KS2 Sports day will be taking place at the <u>London Stadium in the Olympic</u>

<u>Park</u> in the afternoon of <u>Tuesday the 4th June</u> and all parents are welcome to come along and see their children race on an official race track.

Trip Support - Very Important!

It seems not a week goes by where we don't have a trip or a special visitor to the school. These educational visits are beneficial because they give pupils experiences they may not otherwise get. As part of our topic-based curriculum we strive to give each student these experiences to motivate, inspire and deepen their learning. We do as much as we can to reduce the costs of our trips - 99% of our trips use public transport and we apply for grants and take advantage of free sessions - but it has come to a point where we are simply unable to fund all of these. With the current funding situation we are facing, which has put increased pressures on our school budget, we are in a situation where we will either need to cancel these visits or ask for more contributions to help ensure every child gets these wonderful experiences. All contributions are of course voluntary but please note the proposed activity for your child's class may not take place if we do not receive contributions to cover the costs of the activity. Thank you very much for your support.

Fire Alarm Guidance

For your information - if a fire alarm actuates whilst you are on the premises then the assembly point is in the playground over by the hedge in the KS2 playground (follow the kids - they know what to do!)

Walk to school week, 20th-24th May 2019 - A message from the UK charity 'Living Streets' "We want a nation where walking is the natural choice for everyday local journeys. Our mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more. Progress starts here: one street, one school, one step at a time."

The idea is that next week we all make the effort to walk into school if it is at all possible.

This week's Golden Assembly heroes



Before you go, please read the information below that we're sharing from The Key Magazine regarding recent problems with children's viewing on YouTube - and don't forget to check out diary dates at the end of the Newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend - and if your child is in Y6, please give them a pat on the back and let them have a restful one too!

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Warning about You Tube from The Key Magazine for School Leaders

What's the problem?

- You may have seen news reports about inappropriate children's videos on YouTube.
- ➤ These are videos that, at first, appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig, or characters from Disney films such as Frozen. However, later on the videos become violent or disturbing. One, for example, shows Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist
- The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children look for genuine children's videos
- > YouTube says that such videos will be age-restricted if they are reported by users, so they cannot be viewed by anyone under 18
- This factsheet explains how you can protect your child when they are using YouTube apps or the website

What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

- The YouTube Kids app automatically filters out inappropriate content. However, YouTube explains that "no algorithm is perfect" and "your child might find content you don't want him or her to watch"
- To help protect your child in YouTube Kids, you can set parental controls and change settings: tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page, enter your custom passcode and click 'Settings'. Here you can:
 - Turn the search function off, so your child can only see recommended, curated videos under each category on the home screen: toggle 'Search' to off

- Set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app: select 'Timer' and use the slider bar or the plus and minus icons to set a time limit, then tap 'Start Timer'
- You can also block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:
 - Tap the 3 dots ('more') at the top of the video, tap 'Block' and select 'Block this video' or 'Block this channel' to block the whole channel associated with the video
 - Tap 'Block' again, then enter the numbers you see written on the screen, or your custom passcode
- To report content to YouTube that you think is inappropriate, use the 'flagging function': tap the flag icon next to a video or comment and select your reason for flagging
- The app does have advertising, but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child-friendly

What safety options are there on YouTube?

Turn on 'restricted mode'. This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content. YouTube says that "no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content". To do this:

- On the website: click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'
- In the app: tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

Flag inappropriate videos

If you think a video or a comment on a video is inappropriate, you can use the 'flagging feature' to prompt YouTube staff to check it and decide whether to block or restrict it:

Tap or click the flag icon next to a video or comment and select the reason for flagging

Flagged content is constantly reviewed to check for any violation of YouTube's Community Guidelines.

How else can I help ensure my child's safety online?

The tips below will help you to set rules for your child about accessing videos on the internet and their online behaviour, and support them to understand the risks and what to do if something happens.

- Try to have your child in the same room as you when they are using the internet, and discourage them from using headphones
- > Chat to your child about what online videos might not be suitable for them to watch and share
- > Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate, or create a playlist for them
- > Encourage your child to tell you if they see something they find worrying or nasty
- If your child wants to share a video they have recorded, check they get permission from anyone who features in it before they upload it
- > Tell your child not to give out any personal information or anything that can identify them, such as a school uniform or street name
- > Regularly check comments made on your child's videos. Talk to your child about how they could receive nasty or negative comments from other people, and what they should do if this happens
- If another YouTube user posts a video of your child or shares personal information without consent, you can ask for this content to be removed by using YouTube's privacy complaint process

Where else can I go for support?

- Policies, safety and reporting, YouTube https://support.google.com/youtube/topic/2676378?hl=en&ref_topic=6151248
- Privacy complaint process, YouTube https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/142443
- YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504

➤ The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

Sources for this factsheet

- This factsheet was produced by Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key, in collaboration with National Online Safety
- YouTube to restrict 'disturbing' children's videos, if flagged, BBC News, 10 November 2017 http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-41942306
- YouTube Kids parental guide, YouTube https://support.google.com/youtubekids/#topic=6130504

Summer Term Dates

May

20-24th KS1 SATs all week

23rd Nursery closed all day for European Elections

23rd Y5/6 Girls football finals

27th - 31st School Closed for Half-Term

June

3rd School re-opens

4th June AM Sex & Relationships schemes of work available for Parents to look at in main hall with Governors and school nurse present

4th KS2 Sports Day at the London Stadium (Track by the side of West Ham)

6th Y6 trip to see the School of Rock PM

7th Y6 Begin 6 weeks of Friday PM rowing on Victoria Dock

11th-14th Y6 residential trip to St. Mark's College

11th & 12th Phonics test and pilot Multiplication Tables test for Y4

17th June Big Sing at Chelmsford Cathedral

18th Y6 trip to Tout Le Monde at the BFI

19th Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

20th EYFS (AM) & KS1 (PM) Sports Day

21st Y4 trip to school in France

24th June Sex & Relationship Education Week

25th Y6 trip to Ben Kinsella workshop AM

26th Y5 trip to Unicorn Theatre – Aesop's Fables

27th St. Luke's Got Talent!

July

1st Chief Nurse of England visiting to talk to KS2 PM

1st-5th Innovation week including a 'Careers Event' for Y6

2nd July SEND Sports day with 6 local schools.

5th July St Luke's Music Assembly 9am parents invited

8th & 9th 'Peace At Last' opera performances for EY & KS1

11th Y5/6 Summer production 5pm parents invited

12th July International Evening 4-6pm

16th July Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child's work and where they are going next year 3.30-6pm

18th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19th School closes for the summer at 1pm