



NEWSLETTER



'Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action'. (1 John 3:18)

SPRING 1 : Issue 6

11th February, 2022

Welcome to our final Newsletter of this term! The weeks have flown since the Christmas holidays and it is nice to see the weather becoming more spring-like.

It has been a busy week, which has unfortunately seen more of our children and staff isolating. It certainly has been a challenging week in school and I would like to thank you for your continued vigilance in testing and following government protocol. Fingers crossed that half term will give everyone the chance to recover and return refreshed. We say a sad **FAREWELL** to **Mrs Austen** who has been covering a day and a half in Deene Class since September, we thank her for all she has done for us and hope to see her in the future at GA.

All of our classes have taken part in a week of art lessons each afternoon this week. We have been working hard to overhaul our art curriculum in order to provide our children with the best possible learning experience in this area. Lilford have been exploring body shapes and facial features, Lamport have focused on 3D sculpture and Rockingham's work has centred on portraits. The children have really enjoyed their learning and have already produced some fantastic work! We look forward to sharing some of their artwork with you soon.

On Tuesday, Lilford enjoyed a trip to Whipsnade zoo as part of their science and geography learning. They visited all of the different continents during their day and saw many animals along the way. They particularly enjoyed the butterfly house and the chimpanzees! The sun was shining during their day and lots of fun was had by all.

Finally, across the school we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Today saw our children come to school in their own clothes to express their personality! We had some fantastic outfits and thank you all for your donations towards YoungMinds. Mental health can be a challenging topic to discuss, however it is vital that we educate our children on the importance of talking about their worries and feelings. Each class has taken part in a range of activities this week to explore mental health and to consider some of the strategies to help them manage their emotions. If you feel that your child would benefit from some support for their mental health then please do not hesitate to contact us.

I wish you all a happy and healthy half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22nd February.

Miss Birch



During Mental Health week,
Reception Class have been
"reaching for the stars...to make
all their dreams come true"



EARLY ACCESS AND TRANSPORT TO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB IN WOODFORD

Please see booking forms for both Early Access and transport to After-School Club in Woodford. It is important to make fresh bookings each half term, with payments being made via Parent Pay – bookings cannot be held over from one half term to another. Please email Christine on: bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk.

A total of
£90.33

Was raised today by our
DRESS TO EXPRESS

Mufti Day
In aid of

YOUNG MINDS

Thank you to all who donated.

An excellent result, bearing in mind the number of children isolating

We're fundraising for
YOUNG MiNDS
fighting for young people's mental health

SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Still available, please email with your requirements:
bursar@gt-addington.northants-ecl.gov.uk



We break for Half Term today, Friday 11th February, returning to school on Tuesday 22nd February – Monday 21st being a TRAINING DAY.

New Menus available for hot school meals starting after Half Term.

The Stars of the Week & Stars of the Term



LAMPART CLASS



LAMPART CLASS RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO WHITEMOOR LAKES

A reminder please that the final balance is now overdue on the Lampart Class trip to Whitemoor Lakes. The total balance is £125, with £30 deposit payments being made last year, leaving the balance of £95 which was due by the end of January. Payments can be made via Parent Pay. The children will be bringing home a booklet giving full details of this exciting trip.

ROCKINGHAM CLASS

RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Reminder that the next instalment of £50 towards the cost of this residential trip is due by Half Term. Thank you.



BIKEABILITY TRAINING FOR YEAR 6

The year 6 children should have brought home details of Bikeability Training which has been arranged by the school, commencing 16th May, 2022. Please ensure that you sign and return the Consent Form to school by next Friday, 11th February if your child would like to be included in this training. They must have a road-worthy bike and helmet to take part.



ROCKINGHAM CLASS DAYS AT THE FRONTIER CENTRE

The children should also have brought home details of two exciting full days which we have been offered by the Frontier Centre at a greatly reduced cost. Please ensure you complete and return the permission slips as soon as possible and note the Kit List for the proposed activities.

In Our Community

Sunday Worship



Sunday before Lent
13th February, 2022

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Irthlingborough
9.15 am	Morning Prayer	Little Addington
9.15 am	Morning Prayer	Great Addington
10.30 am	Holy Communion and Sunday School (also webcast) https://www.facebook.com/stpetersirthlingborough	
10.45 am	Holy Communion	Woodford

1ST ROUNDS (METHODIST)

Brownies

Need YOU!

Wednesday evenings 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Squirreladams@live.co.uk 07831876507

5yrs - 10yrs



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

WHATSAPP

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of
world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out, claiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations 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.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Disappearing Messages

With 'disappearing messages', users can send messages that vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. A new feature also erases photos and videos from chats after they've been viewed. These files can't be saved or forwarded on, making monitoring what children are discussing problematic – and if someone sent your child an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove. Content can be reported to WhatsApp, however: ensure your child knows how to do this.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats 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.

Live 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." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to 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 will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one'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 their profile is protected.

Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, 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 accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. 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 – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's 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.

Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

Meet Our Expert

Parven 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.



**National
Online
Safety**

#WakeUpWednesday

EARLY ACCESS
DATES REQUIRED:- SPRING 2 2022

NAME OF PUPIL:.....

w/c	21.02.2022	28.02.2022	07.03.2022	14.03.2022	21.03.2022	28.03.2022
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						

THERE IS A CHARGE OF £1.50 PER SESSION FOR THIS SERVICE.
PAYMENTS TO BE MADE VIA PARENT PAY.

TRANSPORT TO AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB IN WOODFORD

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THERE IS A CHARGE OF £1.00 PER JOURNEY FOR THIS SERVICE.

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE VIA PARENT PAY – Please make bookings for the After-School Club directly with Woodford Primary School.