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We hope that you have managed to stay safe and well during this inclement weather, hopefully we will be enjoying some spring sunshine soon. Further to my letter this morning, I am fully aware that some of you will be disappointed and angry about the next bout of strike action. The decisions made by staff who are striking and by the school as to how we manage the situation are never taken lightly and are given great consideration. Each school will be managing the situation based on their own risk assessments which look primarily at the safety of all the children and staff availability. We will obviously keep you posted of any further developments.

We have had a lot more sporting success this week. On Tuesday, Mr Ward took the boys' team (Alex W, Woody, Harry, Rory, Charlie, Jamie, Josh, Joey and Alex C) to play Coppice Farm winning by an impressive 11-0. Mr Baker's girls' team (Lara, Bea, Rose, Harper, Billie, Millie, Anya, Maisy, Roisin, Verity and Grace) were able to replicate the success of the boys by winning 5-0 against Arnold View on Wednesday evening at home. Also on Wednesday, our Sports Hall Athletics team (Jacob, Joey, Amelia, Woody, Tom, Sam, Ethan, Sorrel, Chloe, Grace, Maisy and Anya) won the district final competition at Carlton Form Leisure Centre meaning that they compete in the county final at Harvey Haddon Stadium next Tuesday. Well done to everyone for some amazing achievements!

Don't forget that next Friday is Comic Relief Day and also the school disco. You can purchase tickets for the disco through your ParentPay account and if you would like to donate to Comic Relief, you can do so by following the link below. Children can come into school in non-uniform if they wish.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=10331>

The Gedling MP Tom Randall came into school today to meet with our class ambassadors. He

enjoyed a tour of the school and then had a question and answer session with the ambassadors. They asked him some really good questions and found out more about the life of an MP – he left very impressed with Arno Vale Junior School.

We would like to remind you that if you have not completed the photo consent form that was sent as a link in a ParentPay message, to please do so. Many thanks,

Community News



next level sports

FREE* EASTER MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP

Redhill Leisure Centre

Dates: 3rd - 6th April
Times: 10:00 - 14:00

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Mr Ward and Mr Lindley would like you to know that they still have some availability for their sports camp at Easter, please see the attached form.

National Online Safety

“We have no plans to make a tablet. It turns out people want keyboards,” Steve Jobs famously shrugged back in 2003. Roughly seven years (and presumably some censorious



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meetings with his market research team) later, the Apple CEO was happily eating humble pie as the iPad became a near-instant commercial phenomenon – selling almost a million units in its first month of release. Just over a decade after its introduction, there are approximately

500 million iPad owners worldwide, many of them children and young people. With that in mind, Apple's parental controls and online safeguards are reassuringly thorough – if trusted adults choose to set them up.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device – and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny!) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

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#WakeUpWednesday

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Friday, 17 th March 23	Red Nose Day
Friday 17 th March 23	School Disco
Monday, 20 th March 23	Mother's Day afternoon tea
Tuesday, 21 st March 23	Mother's Day afternoon tea
Friday, 31 st March 23	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 17 th April 23	First Day of the Summer Term
Friday, 21 st April 23	FOAV Quiz Night
Monday, 24 th April 23	Author Tom Palmer in school
Monday, 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday
Monday, 8 th May 23	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May to Friday, 12 th May 23	Year 6 SATs
29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 15 th June 23	Y3 trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 29 th June 23	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
Thursday, 29 th June 23	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Friday, 30 th June 23	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 7 th July 23	Summer Fayre
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

