



School News

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Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer, despite the unsettled weather at times! A special welcome to all our new Fledglings and their families, and also the children and families of those who have joined us in other year groups. We look forward to sharing the rest of the year with you all.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent Information Evenings

Parents and carers are invited to join us for an information evening where you will have an opportunity to hear about what your child will be learning in the year ahead. The meetings will be held on the following dates;

Year 6 - Friday, 8th September at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom

Year 5 - Monday, 11th September at 3.30pm in the Year 5 classroom

Year 4 - Tuesday, 12th September at 3.30pm in the Year 4 classroom

Year 3 - Wednesday, 13th September at 3.30pm in the Year 3 classroom

Year 2 - Friday, 15th September at 3.30pm in the Year 2 classroom

Year 1 - Monday, 18th September at 3.30pm in the Year 1 classroom

Fledglings - Friday, 15th September at 11.00am in the Fledglings Classroom

Friday, 8th September - Year 5 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their child's class worship.

Friday, 15th September - Year 6 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 6 are invited to join us for their child's class worship.

Friday, 15th September - Partnership with Parents meeting at 9.40am in the school hall

During our first Partnership with Parents meeting this new academic year we will be discussing 'Priorities for this academic year'. All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Feedback from previous sessions has been invaluable to us to plan how we can improve the school for your children.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Calendar for the Year Ahead

The school has a calendar on the school website where you can find events and dates for your child for the year ahead. You can also subscribe to this so that dates can be transferred to your phone's calendar by selecting your child's class and whole school events. The calendar is often updated so please check this regularly for any updates. The calendar can be viewed on the 'Parent' tab of the school website at <https://www.eastry.kent.sch.uk/calendar>

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Earl Morning Club

Please can we remind parents and carers that places for Early Morning Club need to be booked and paid for in advance. Early Morning Club for Term 1 is fully booked and there are very limited places available in Term 2. We are actively looking at ways to increase the places available in Early Morning Club and will communicate this to you should this change. Unless your child is unwell please give at least 24 hours notice if your child is no longer able to attend but had been booked in. If we do not receive notice we will charge for any missed sessions. If your child frequently doesn't attend when a place has been reserved for them, or payment isn't received, we will remove them from the Early Morning register to prevent others from not being able to book. Breakfast is not provided so please make sure they have had this before arriving. Early Morning Club runs from 8.00am to 8.35am.

Afterschool Clubs

Details regarding afterschool clubs for Term 1 were emailed on Friday and a copy sent home with children on Monday. All clubs start week commencing 11th September.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Sharing Photo's Online

As you will be aware the school has strict guidelines on sharing photographs when online and we always remind parent's at school events that photographs are for personal use and not to be shared on social media. However, we thought it might be helpful to share with you some good tips in regards to sharing photographs of your children outside of school. Please see the attached poster for further information.

Kind regards



Mr Neil Garvey
Interim Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 11.9.23	
MONDAY	
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Girl's Football (3.30-4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.35am)	Yes
Multi-Sports Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to *always* meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you *really* want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting: it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

Giabella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with more than 30 years' experience working with children, families, and adults in education, local authority, and mental health settings, both in the UK and internationally. She has developed online safety training for local authorities and foster care agencies across Britain and is the online safety expert for FosterWiki.



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