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School News



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 31st March - Year 4 Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.

Friday, 31st March - Open Classroom from 3.00 to 3.20pm

Parents and carers are invited to visit their child's class from 3.00 to 3.20pm to see some of the work they have done this term. You are then asked to leave the classroom at 3.20pm and wait on the playground for the children to be dismissed at 3.25pm

Friday, 31st March - Last Day of Term 4

Monday, 17th April - First Day of Term 5

Friday, 21st April - Year 3 Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to join us for their Class Worship which will be held in the school hall at 9.00am.

SCHOOL'S SUNDAY

We are excited to confirm that our special School's Sunday will be held on Sunday, 2nd April 2023 at 10:00am starting in the Church Hall.

All families are invited to join us for a special family service. The children have voted for the songs they would like sung and they have been practicing in school during worship. There will also be groups of children leading us in the story of Palm Sunday and sharing prayers with us. It will be a great celebration, time spent together and maybe there will be a funny surprise or two - open to everyone!

A lovely way to start the Easter holidays.



OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Term Time Absence

The governors and I would like to remind parents that requests for holiday during term time can not be authorised unless under very exceptional circumstances. As per the schools attendance policy, absence taken for holidays during term time may result in a penalty notice being issued.

PTFA NEWS



Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle is running all week with a chance to win some lovely, Easter sweet treats! Tickets are available to purchase from the school council during the lunch break and on the playground today, Thursday, after school. Tickets cost 50p and here is a selection of the prizes available. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.



Fashion Show, Thursday, 4th May

We are pleased to announce the return of our popular Fashion Show. This will take place on the evening of 4th May so please keep the date free in your diary. Tickets are available to purchase from the school office costing £6.00.

INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

Top Tips for Stronger Passwords

User names and passwords are the most common way of accessing accounts and data online. It can be tempting to use the same password for all your different accounts which can put your online security at risk.

Attached we have provided some top tips on choosing more secure passwords, ways to double lock your security and apps that help keep things more secure if you choose to use the same or similar passwords.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

Early Morning Club - Term 5 & 6

Registration for Early Morning Club for Term 5 & 6 is now open. We ask that ALL parents let us know their requirements for Term 5 & 6 regardless of whether they have used the club before. All places must be booked and paid for in advance.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

New Menu

The new menu for the summer starts after the Easter break. Full menu details can be viewed on the school website under the 'Parents' tab which also includes information regarding food allergies and intolerances.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 17.4.23

MONDAY	
Ballet (3.30 to 4.15pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	No
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	No
Netball Club (3.30-4.30pm)	No
THURSDAY	
Singing Club (8.00-8.35am)	No
Multi-Sports Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes

Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember: featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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IN OPERATION

'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.

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