

School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday, 13th June - PTFA Father's Day Present Wrapping during Lunchtimes

Friday, 13th is the last day the PTFA will be holding their Father's Day gift shop during lunchtime in the library. Children are able to purchase small gifts for loved ones costing from 50p to £3.00. Please can we ask that children bring money in a purse labelled with their name, thank you.

Friday, 13th June - PTFA Non-Uniform Day

We are holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 13th June for donations towards the PTFA 'Children's Gift Tombola' and 'Adult Bottle Tombola' to be held at the summer fair.

Friday, 13th June - Year 5 Class Worship

Parents and carers of children in Year 5 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

Friday, 13th June - Year 5 & 6 Finance Education Workshops by The Money Charity

Monday, 16th June - Year 6 Transition Talk from PCSO Carl Brett



Tuesday, 17th June - Sports Day

Parents, carers and family are invited to join us during the morning on Tuesday, 17th June for our Sports Day. There will be a parent zone in the centre of the field where you will be able to watch your child/ children taking part in the sports day events. Siblings will be together in the same group. In the interests of safeguarding please can we ask that parents remain in the parent zone during the morning. The event will start at 9.00am and finish at approximately 12.15pm when the children will return to their class to collect their lunch. The children will then return to the field where you are invited to stay to join them for a picnic lunch. At 1.00pm children will say goodbye and return to their class for afternoon lessons.

Wednesday, 18th June - Year 4 visit to the Anglo Saxon Workshop at Dover Museum

Wednesday, 18th June - Mr Hood from Sandwich Technology School to visit Year 6 children

Wednesday, 18th June - Year 3 Swimming Lesson

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (continued)

Thursday, 19th June - Year 2 visit to Walmer Castle

Friday, 20th June - PTFA Summer Fair at 3.30pm on the School Field

Parent, carers, family and friends are warmly invited to the PTFA Summer Fair after school on Friday, 20th June. Children will be dismissed as usual to parents and carers at 3.25pm on the playground. You are then invited to walk around to the school field via the staff car park to the Summer Fair. There will be lots of stalls, refreshments, raffles, tombola's and inflatables at the event.

If you feel you can help run a stall, or help with setting up or clearing up after we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office to let us know.



PTFA News

Summer Fair

Friday, 20th June at 3.30pm on the School Field

We are holding our annual Summer Fair after school on Friday, 20th June. This is a very popular event for our children and families but this is only made possible by the support from parents, their family and friends, and donations towards our raffle and other stalls.

Help on the Day & Raffle Donations

If you feel you can help with setting up, manning a stall during the event, or clearing up after, we would love to hear from you. All help would be very gratefully received. We would also welcome any gifts for our Summer Fair raffle. If you can help please email eastrypta@outlook.com or let the school office know.

Cake Donations

We would welcome any donations of cakes for our refreshment stall. Cakes can be brought to the school office on the morning on Friday, 20th June.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be sent home with children shortly with a chance to win some amazing prizes. We hope you will feel able to buy these but, if not, please do return them to the school so they can be offered to those who would like more than one book.

Inflatable

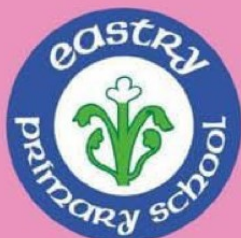
Wristbands costing £5.00 for unlimited use of the inflatables at the fair, will be sold on the playground after school from Monday to Thursday next week.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS

Budding Artists Needed!

'Eastry Painting for Pleasure' group are holding their exhibition over the weekend of 28th-29th June and would like to include a display of paintings from any talented artist at Eastry School. Please bring your paintings to the school office by Wednesday, 25th June. We can't wait to see your entries and there may also be some art related prizes from the group for some of our artists!

SUMMER FAYRE



**Inflatables
refreshments
ice-cream
tombola
games
& much more...**

**Fri
20th
June**

**3:30PM
TO 5PM**



... PLUS OUR PRIZE DRAW @ 4:30PM

**Buy tickets now for a chance to win awesome prizes
...worth up to £150!**

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HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

EMOJIS

Emojis are often used as a fun and innocent way to communicate with friends and family. However, sometimes these can be used in a different way, hinting at another meaning. Below is a useful guide explaining how young people use Emojis and symbols when communicating, their meaning and helping parents to identify when something may be wrong.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍷 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🦫) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

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| 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping' |
| 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless | 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold |
| 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.) |
| 😐 (Moi) Stone-faced, unbothered | 💅 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

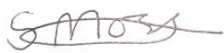
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| 🌽 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🌿 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced' |
| 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use | 💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm |
| 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

Meet Our Expert

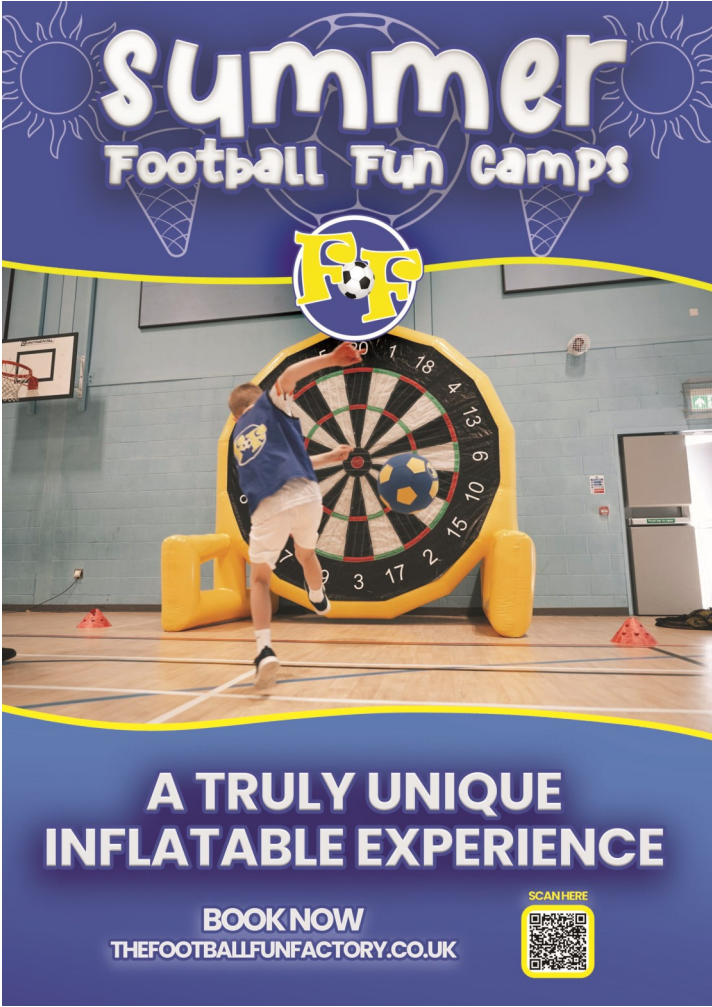
Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss
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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 9.6.2025	
MONDAY	
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
Netball Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Cheerleading Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	Yes
Home Learning Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
Reading Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	