

# NEWSLETTER

## Clown Show Fundraising

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to our fantastic parent volunteers for organising the clown show last Friday. We raised over £800 to put back into school to buy resources for pupils through our Creating Futures Fund. A fantastic time was had by all with Dom. Many thanks to all of our families that came along and supported.



## Christmas Jumper Day

We raised over £800 for Save the Children through their annual national Christmas Jumper Day appeal. Thank you to all staff and pupils for making generous donations.

## School Menus

Thank you to those parents and our School Council who have helped us to carry out surveys, make amendments and some great suggestions. We are now in the process of working with CMS (our catering management company) to look at new recipes.

## Narthex Food Bank Collection

We will be accepting donations for Sparkhill Narthex Foodbank from Monday next week. Please find the list of the items they require to help feed vulnerable families within our community.

#### URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

UHT / POWDERED MILK

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SQUASH/DILUTING JUICE

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TINNED FRUIT

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TINNED VEGETABLES (PEAS, CARROTS, ETC.)

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PULSES (KIDNEY BEANS, CHICK PEAS, ETC.)

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MEAT SOUP (CHICKEN, OXTAIL, ETC.)

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TINNED FISH

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COFFEE

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TINNED TOMATOES/PASTA SAUCE

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SPONGE PUDDINGS

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INSTANT MASH

Any donations can be left in the designated trolley outside the back of the main hall.

#### Parent Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Following parent requests, we are holding a parent Christmas Dinner on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:45** in the **main hall**. Christmas lunches will cost **£4.00 per person**. An Arbor message will be sent out shortly with details explaining how you can book and pay for your lunch.

**Only parents that have booked in advance will be provided with a lunch. Bookings are on a first come first serve basis.**

There will be no Curry & Chaat on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - we are replacing this session with the Christmas Dinner.

#### Key dates section:

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December - Y4 SPARKS workshop with the West Midlands Fire Service - looking at Fire Safety

21<sup>st</sup> December @ 2:45pm - whole school Art / DT Exhibition afternoon - all parents welcomed

22nd December - school closed for staff training

8<sup>th</sup> January - school re-opens for the spring term

## Festive Calendar

Please find a list of festive events at the end of this newsletter.

## Parent Workshops

- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Social Media Safety - led by Mr Haydon
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - GP visit - coughs/colds & illnesses - led by a local GP (tbc)

All workshops to take place in the main hall from 8.45am (after school drop off). Please come to the doors at the back of the main hall where you will be greeted by the staff member leading the training . They can sign you in and give you a parent visitor lanyard. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided.

## Greet Attendance

Below are the attendance champions from last week.

Year group	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Year 5	96.44%	2NH	99.11%
Year 4	94.51%	5GA	98.51%
Year 2	93.22%	6SK	98.04%
Year 6	93.12%	5DH	97.02%
Year 3	90.19%	4RM	96.28%
Year 1	89.37%	5HM	96.15%
Reception	84.22%	4RI	94.86%

## House points

Congratulations to all the children in **Harewood** who are our house points winners this week.

1<sup>st</sup> – Harewood

2<sup>nd</sup> – Yousafzai

3<sup>rd</sup> – Pinsent

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

## LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

## BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

## PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

## ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

## ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

### TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

### ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

### ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Rutherford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and eating behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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# Festive Calendar 2023

<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Hamper donations</b> Please bring in any donations for our family Christmas Hampers today.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Friday 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Performances</b> EYFS, Christmas Choir &amp; Y5/6 Music Electives to perform their festive production to children and parents.</p>
<p><b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Festive Sing Song!</b> Outdoor sing song in the main playground – all classes &amp; parents @ 3.00pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Dinner</b> Children and staff will be served a festive meal in the dining hall complete with crackers &amp; party hats!</p>
<p><b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas party morning</b> Christmas singing assemblies Christmas parties in classes</p>
	<p><b>Christmas Hamper delivery</b> Christmas Hampers delivered to our families in need</p>
	<p><b>Art / DT Exhibition afternoon @ 2.45pm</b></p>
	<p><b>School closes to pupils for the Christmas holidays @ 3.15pm</b></p>