



The Prayer

Lord, show us how to live today with genuine concern for others.

In expressing our care, may we show people that they are valued, loved and appreciated for who they are.

Amen

'Well Done'

to the following pupils who received special awards this week:

Reception – Darcee, Ernie

Year 1 – Arthur, Dario, Luca

Year 2 – Lily-Mae, Oscar, Karolina

Year 3 – Carter, Lucas, Emily J

Year 4 – Connor, Belle,

Amelie, Mathilda

Year 5 – Felix, Xavier, Millie

Year 6 – Honour, Isaac, Bea



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that some pupils in Upper Key Stage 2 are on the social platform TikTok. This has led to school becoming involved in a number of Tik Tok related issues. Can I remind parents that Tik Tok is for children **aged 13 upwards**.

For your information I have attached "5 things that parents should know about Tik Tok", please take the time to read this important message.

In addition, further to our E-safety curriculum we are also arranging a visit by the Community Police Officer to come and chat to our Upper Key Stage 2 children to educate them about e-safety.

On a much more positive note Mrs Davies has given birth to a baby daughter 9lb 7ozs, Elsie Suzanne. Mother and baby are both doing very well. A huge congratulations to Emma and her husband.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Family Learning Workshops

Details of all of the workshops can be found on page 4 of the newsletter. Please sign up before Friday 4th February to secure your place.

So here are 5 Things Parents Need to Know about TikTok

1. Is TikTok Safe for Kids?

Privacy Setting Have Been Updated for Young Users

Previously, all TikTok accounts defaulted to a “public” setting no matter the age of the user, leaving your child open to DM’s and interactions from strangers. With its new 2021 update, TikTok accounts for users aged 13-15 will now default to “private”. Also, videos created by users under 16 years of age are restricted by default for download unless the settings are changed or update.

According to TikTok, “with a private TikTok account, only someone who the user approves as a follower can view their videos.”

Suggestive Content Abounds

As with any social media platform, there is always suggestive content mixed into the bag. With TikTok being mostly based on music and video, profanity and suggestive clothing/dancing are the most obvious sources of adult content.

But the app also encourages some themes that are much more mature than their 16+ rating would suggest. With a quick hashtag search, your child will have access to mature content, as well as suggestive themes and challenges.

Because of the increase and promotion of inappropriate content, [TikTok has been banned](#) in several countries, including China (where the app originated).

2. What is the Age Limit for TikTok?

The minimum age for a TikTok user is 13 years old. While this is great news for younger users, it’s important to note that TikTok doesn’t use any age verification tools when new users sign up. That means, if your child signs up for a new account without your knowledge, they’ll have access to explicit and inappropriate content without restriction.

3. What are TikTok’s Parental Controls?

With a feature called “Family Pairing”, parents can link their child’s account to their own where they can control direct messages, set screen time limits, and turn on/off restricted content directly from their phone.

Parents will also receive a notification if any of the settings are changed or turned off from their child’s phone.

There’s also a “Digital Wellbeing” Setting

One of the more admirable functions in the app is the ability to turn on the ‘digital wellbeing’ setting. Once turned on, this setting will set time [limits on app use](#), which can help your child moderate the time they spend on their phone. You can also find strategies for keeping your child’s screen time in check in this [Kid Matters blog post](#).

This setting also allows a parent to put restrictions on their child’s account. This will block videos that have been flagged as inappropriate. An important point to remember however is that not all inappropriate material is flagged properly; things slip through the cracks.

4. Will TikTok Affect My Child's Mental Health?

While TikTok is great for socialising and can provide a creative outlet for your child, it can also have some harmful effects. Like with any social media platform, posting videos and pictures regularly leaves your child open to negative reactions and harsh comments.

This can have a huge impact on your child's self-esteem, body image, and confidence. In some instances, it can lead to depression, anxiety, and even eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia. While those are extreme cases, [young users and even influencers](#) on the platform have expressed concerns over the negative comments they receive and how it affects their daily lives.

5. Does TikTok Collect User Data?

While this is nothing new and all social-media apps participate in this practice, it is worth reminding parents of. This is a quote directly from TikTok's page on privacy-

"We share your data with our third-party service providers we rely on to help provide you with the Platform. These providers include cloud storage providers and other IT service providers. We also share your information with our business partners, advertisers, analytics and search engine providers..."

One thing they don't mention is that even when the app isn't being used, it's [collecting info off of your phone clipboard](#). That means if you or your child copy and paste sensitive information such as passwords or private conversations, TikTok is noting and storing that information.

Familyfocus



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These *family learning workshops* are offered by Chipping Norton School to Yr4, 5 & 6 families in our local primary schools.

They provide opportunities for shared adult and child learning experiences which are an excellent way to boost family well being.

How do I sign up?

Please read through the available workshops and choose which ones you would like to attend (Yr4/5/6 child and parent(s) attend together).

[COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM HERE](https://forms.gle/g8uGSe7LgQctdZYb8)

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- If a workshop is oversubscribed by Friday 4th February then names will be drawn from a hat.
- Please make a note of the day and time on your calendar!

DATE	WORKSHOPS
Monday 14th Feb 18.00-19.30	BUSHCRAFT SKILLS: Take part in an outside activity session with activities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roasting marshmallows and stick bread on an open fire • Woodland arts and crafts – something to take home with you. • Take part in a bug hunt and possibly build a den. The activities will be led by qualified leaders and will be an opportunity to try out a new activity whilst working together as a family. The sessions are hands-on and take place outside, so please dress for the weather. 
Tuesday 15th Feb 18.00-19.30	TRAMPOLINING: This will be led by our Extra Time Trampolining Coach Kate Gregory and Mrs Fisher from CNS PE Department. The session is for everyone, you don't need any experience at all. Grown ups and children will get the opportunity to learn some basic Trampolining skills. Please make sure you wear loose comfortable clothes, and a pair of white socks. 
Tuesday 15th Feb 18.00-19.30	ART: Work with CNS Art Teachers Ms Corley and Mrs Dunn at this very popular session. Participate, as a family, to paint sections of a great Master's work which will be displayed in Chipping Norton School. This is a lovely opportunity to create a piece of artwork in a relaxed and fun environment. Come along and try something new. 
Wednesday 16th Feb 18.00-19.30	ASTRONOMY: Work alongside Dr Hagan and Mr Turvey from Chipping Norton School Science Department and Mr Smitten and others from Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group (CNAAG). You will find out about the night sky and our place in the universe by taking part in a carousel of classroom activities. If the sky is clear you will also get the opportunity to look through our school telescopes; we hope to see the Moon, Venus, Mars and Uranus. 



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If you have any questions please contact Robyn Bissett on

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Spring Term	
Monday 31 st January	PTA Meeting 7.45pm – Venue TBC
Wednesday 2 nd February	U11 Netball Tournament CNS 3pm – 4.45pm
Wednesday 9 th February	Yr4 Ball Skills Festival – CNS 3pm – 4.45pm
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th February	Assessment Week
HALF TERM	21st - 25th February
Tuesday 8 th March	Parents' Evening 3.10 – 5.30pm
Thursday 10 th March	Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (NEW) Parents' Evening 3.10 – 5.50pm
Wednesday 16 th March	U11 Cross Country Competition
Thursday 17 th March	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Friday 8th April	School Closes for Easter at 12.05pm
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th May	SATs Week
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th May	Yr 6 Beam House Residential
Thursday 26 th May	Break up for Half Term
Friday 27 th May	School's Discretionary Bank Holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 20 th – Wednesday 22 nd June	Yr 4 Everdon Residential
Wednesday 20th July	School Closes for Summer at 12.05pm



ART COMPETITION
PRIZES EVERY TERM FOR KS1 AND KS2

Come and join the creative fun. You can use any medium to create your work of art (pencils, paints, crayons, inks, collage, clay... the list is endless). All abilities welcome. We'd also love to see any practice drawings or photos too! One artwork per person.

⇒ **PRIZES GIVEN TO WINNERS OF EACH YEAR GROUP** ⇒

ENTRIES TO BE HANDLED TO: Class teacher / school office
ENTRIES TO BE IN BY: Friday 25th March

SCULPTURE AT KINGHAM LODGE

ARTWORK BY EMMA COX