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## News Update 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first half term draws to a close! It's been a busy half-term with lots of fantastic learning. It has been lovely to see so many of the children being awarded Golden Work.

As we move into half term here are news items for the term ahead:

**Thank you:** Thank you all so much for your kind Harvest Donations. We had a lovely assembly on Monday with Rev Si Walker. Reminding us of our harvest is a time to think about where our food comes from and how we can help those in need in our community.

**Wall Update:** As you will have seen, our external gable wall has been given the all-clear by the surveyor this week. Thank you for being patient whilst we managed without one of our main exits. We have however noticed that Year 6 leaving by the front door has meant less congestion inside. From Monday 30th October, Year 6 will be leaving by the main entrance each evening.

**Remembrance Service:** On Friday 10th At 10:45 a.m. we will be holding our Remembrance Service. We will be livestreaming this on Facebook. If you would like to join us then please log into Facebook and follow along on that day.

**iPad survey reminder:** Calling all KS2 parents, there is still time to take part in the iPad survey. Please complete the form on your Parentmail.

**Gardening:** Calling all volunteers. We would love to put together a band of gardening volunteers to help us weed our new garden beds. We already have two helpers who will be giving us a little of their time after half term. If you would like to join them or are prepared to help us then please call in or ring the office. It can be a one off or regular slot.

**Book Fair Returns!** We are very excited to announce that our much-loved **scholastic book fair** will be returning to Jericho next half term on **Monday 6th November- Friday 10th November!**

As you know, reading is at the heart of our curriculum at Jericho and a book fair is an excellent opportunity to generate a buzz for reading for all pupils. During the course of the week, children will be given the opportunity to browse the catalogues of books in classes; the book fair will be **open for sales both before and after school in the school hall.**

Not only will the books be latest releases from a range of best-selling children's authors, but for every book bought in school, the school benefits from free books to fill our classrooms and library!

Our book fair this year will be **cashless** and QR codes will be stationed around the hall to enable you to pay for books each day. You can also **pre-buy gift vouchers** for your child following this link, that they can bring with them to the fair: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

**COMPETITION TIME:** As an incentive and to get the children excited, we are releasing a **half-term writing competition**, following the '**BBC 500 Word Challenge**' and encourage all children to **write a spooky-inspired story**. The children will be briefed in class about the challenge and how to submit but you can find details here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words> The **5 best stories** will **win a book voucher** to spend at the fair. We look forward to reading your spine-chilling

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entries!

### **Reminder - School Lunch Payments and After School Payments**

As we are at the end of the term, please can you check if your child has any outstanding payments due for School Dinners, Breakfast or Afterschool Club.

To check your child's balance please go to the Accounts tab on our parentmail app where all balances will be displayed. If you would like to discuss your child's balance or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will get back to you after the holidays - [admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk)

### **Coming up next term:**

**Monday 30th October: Year 4 will be visiting Vindolanda Roman Museum.**

**Wednesday 1st November: YR-Y6 Nasal Flu jabs will take place in school.**

**Tuesday 31 October 2023: Halloween Menu** - Our school lunch menu will change on 31 October to our Halloween Menu for the day.

- Witches Fingers (Breaded Fish Fingers) or
- Eerie Eyeballs (meatballs in Tomato Sauce)
- Skeletons Teeth (chips)
- Baked Brains (Baked Beans)
- Spooky Sprinkle Cake

**Wednesday 1st November: Parliament Visit:** Our KS2 children will be working with the Houses of Parliament education outreach team all morning. The team will be delivering an assembly introducing life in parliament and then Year 6 children will be looking more closely at debating skills in two workshops.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Defender Dress Up day** In school we are all becoming Jericho defenders as part of our ongoing anti-bullying work. A defender is someone who stands up for others and supports them in a time of need. They know that bullying is wrong and feel confident enough to do something about it. They support others in seeking out a way to access support when needed. An example may be Jack Grealish who has supported children to take on challenges and aspire to achieve things that may have seemed unreachable due to disability. We have lots of defenders to draw on as inspiration, it could be a famous role model like Jack G, a superhero who only does good or a professional like a nurse, doctor, police officer etc. We would like our children to think outside the box by dressing up as someone who demonstrates the qualities to stand up for others and go above and beyond to provide support. Our defender code is attached.

**Friday 17th November: Children in Need.** On Friday 17th November we will once again be raising money for children in need. Children will be welcome to come to school wearing spots or in non-uniform on this day, giving a small donation to Children In Need. We have lots of other fundraising events on the day - more to be revealed after half term.

### **Finally - our online safety tips for the week:**

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards. According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, this guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely.

**Golden Work: Our super hard workers this week are:**

Sadie - 6W: for expert reasoning with problems in mathematics.

Lucas - 1W for super number work.

Louie - 1W for super number work.

Billy - 6W for creative and skilled artwork.

Heidi Rose in 4W for amazing intonation when reading her written work

River and Jay - RH - for creative play, super counting and great learning.

Poppy in 2H for wonderful rhyming words

Payton, Cohen, Sam and Abrya from 5W for phenomenal science enquiry

Ruby and Noah in 2W for wonderful rhyming couplets

Elisa and Felicity in 2W for fantastic Mondrian art work

# DEFENDER

- I am a **Defender** I don't stand by and watch when I see bullying.
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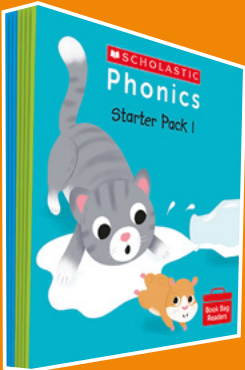


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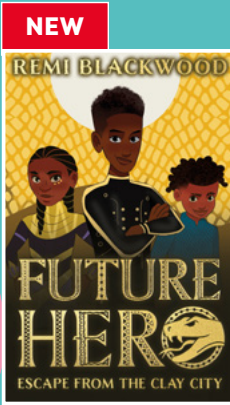
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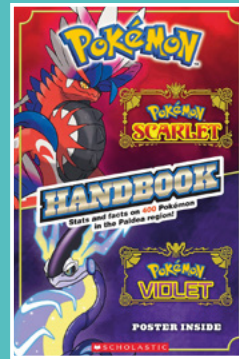
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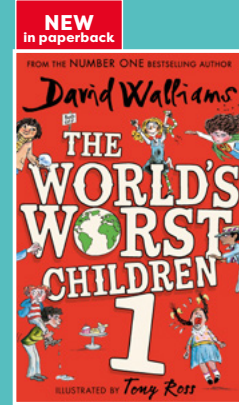
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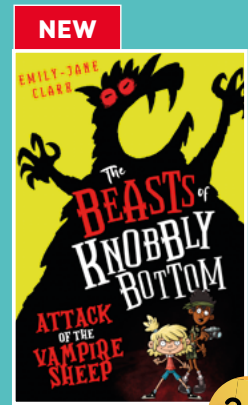
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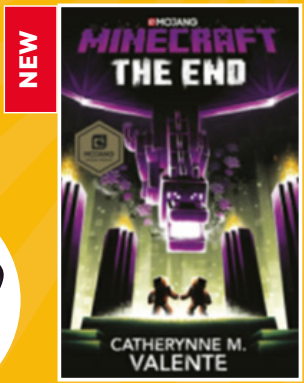
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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**16+**

In UK and Europe;  
rest of the world 13+

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly - whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original - and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

### 'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content - but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

### CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safe on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location - potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

### THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland 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 sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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