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News Update 19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a wonderful break and that you are all ready for the term ahead. It's a busy term ahead especially as all our Key stage classes are off on residential this term. We also have many events planned across the school including trips, visitors to school and our Party in Park will return! We have set most dates and these will be on the bottom of each news update and on our calendar online.

News:

Maternity Leaves: Many of you have begun to notice that Mrs Barlow in RW and Miss Shambley in 1W are both pregnant. Many congratulations to you both. They are both due before the end of the school year. Miss Shambley is aiming to work until the middle of June and Mrs Barlow until the end of June. This will mean that these classes will have different teachers to see the remainder of the year out. I had hoped to have firm arrangements in place before sharing this news, however, we are still in the process of appointment teachers to the posts. As soon as I have any updates, I will let you know.

Update on Mrs Askew: Many apologies as I never managed to share that Mrs Askew gave birth to Annie Olivia at the end of February. We wish her and her family all the very best!

Online Safety – Township: Potentially addictive online games are nothing new, but the specifics of this kind of media can vary enormously – and, as a consequence, the risks in each individual game are just as diverse. The city-builder Township is no exception: providing its legions of devotees with accessible, satisfying fun ... but exposing them to potential hazards at the same time.

However, any safeguarding issues that the game might have can (with a little knowhow) be neutralised – allowing children to have some engrossing fun without adults needing to worry about children's data, their money or their mental wellbeing. Our guide outlines how to help young gamers enjoy Township safely and responsibly.

Golden Work:

Rosalie Y4 – fantastic Grammar work

Sadie Y2 – very impressive art work

Nate Y5 - Superb story writing

Celebrations:

Hayden – 2H - Over the holidays Hayden competed in several matches for Whitehaven Amateurs, gaining Man of the Match in one of those. He also took part in a Reds in the Community football camp over the course of 2 weeks, being part of the team that won the tournament but more importantly, won the Best Attitude trophy, Congratulation Hayden. We are all so proud of you!

Grayson 3W – Grayson plays for Cleator Moor Celtic and competed in a Newcastle football tournament during the holidays and was so proud of his team's success – 5 wins and one draw! Go Grayson!

Reminders:

Parents Meeting invites have been sent out via Parentmail for next week. RW and 5W have slightly different dates due to staff commitments. Please see our parentsmails and completed the form to book your appointment.

Reporting Absence: Please remember to report your child's absence before 8.45am; You can do this either in person, by telephone or by using our Jericho Primary School parent mail app. You can also email: admin@jericho.cumbria.sch.uk. Each day we mark the registers between 8.50am and 9.00am then after lunch. If children are not present for registration and we have no reason for absence the law requires us to mark them as late (if they then attend) or as unauthorised if we have no valid reason for absence. Our admin team will start to ring Attendance parents/ carers to ascertain reasons for non-attendance shortly after 9:00 a.m. This will be followed by a parent mail message asking for contact to be made. We will continue to try to contact via telephone until 10.30 am. If we still have no reasoning for absence a home visit will be carried out in accordance with our first day response procedure. Please help us by letting us know promptly if your child will be absent from school.

NHS Dental Spaces: Queen Street Dental Practice have been in touch to say they currently have some children's NHS spaces available. Please contact them directly on 01946 590388 if you are looking for a dentist for your child.

Community Information:

Whitehaven Tennis Club: The club are holding an open day on the 27th April for the local community and are also offering taster sessions. Please see the attached leaflets for more information.

Save the Dates:

Tuesday 16th April – Term Starts for R-6,

Thursday 18th April – Term Starts for Nursery

22nd April – 3rd May – Year 5 Swimming each afternoon

23rd April – RW Parents Evening (in person at school)

24th April – Parents Evening (in person at school) RH, Years 1, 2,3,4, 6 and 5H

25th April – Parents Evening (in person at school) RH,RW, Years 1 2 3 4,6 and 5H

26th April – Parents Evening – 5W (phone consultation)

29th April – Year 5 Parent Briefing for York Residential – in school 3:30 p.m.

3rd May – Parents Evening – 5W (phone consultation)

13th May – all Week – KEY STAGE TWO SATS

13th May – 16th May - Year 5 Residential to York

13th - 16th May – Year Reception ,1,2,3 and 4 – Proride Cycling Lessons in School

20th May – 21st May – Year 3 Residential to Blencathra

22nd May – Year 1 Visit to Lorton

24th May – Year 5 – Author Visit to school – Tom Palmer

Half Term Break - School closes on Friday 24th May

School opens for the Summer Term 2 on Monday 3rd June

3rd June – 5th June - Year 4 Residential to Hawse End

10th June – Kaefer Construction to visit Year 5

13th June – 14th June – Year 6 Windermere Outdoor Centre – Open Water Swimming and Water sports.

17th June – 4W – Wild Rivers Visitor to School.

18th June – 4W – Wild Rivers Visit to Branthwaite Scout Camp

21st June – Sports Day and Colour Run

24th June – 27th June – Year 6 Residential to London

24th June – 3H and 3W – Maryport Aquarium Visit

25th June – 4H – Wild Rivers Visit to Branthwaite Scout Camp

3rd July – Year 6 Taster Day at St Benedicts

Thursday 11th July – Party in the Park

18th July – Y6 Leavers Assembly pm. Leavers Party after school.

Friday 19th July – School Closes for the Summer Break.

School Opens for the Autumn Term - Wednesday 04 September 2024

Dates for 24/25

Autumn Term – Wednesday 04th September 2024 - Friday 20 December 2024

Half Term - Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Spring Term - Tuesday 07 January 2025 until Friday 04 April 2025

Half Term Break - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Summer Term - Tuesday 22 April 2025 until Friday 18th July 2025

Half Term Break - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

WHITEHAVEN COMMUNITY TENNIS CLUB

Club Coach available to give tips
and answer questions about
junior/adult coaching programs

Cardio Tennis

12pm-12:45pm and 1pm-1:45pm

get in touch to book your place, free and open to all
(exercise with a tennis twist and music)

NEW VENUE FOR 2024!

OPEN DAY 2024

Saturday 27th April 2024

10am till 2pm

(St Benedict's School, Whitehaven, CA28 8UG)

Ever wanted to give tennis a go but wasn't sure how to join a club? Had questions about how a club runs? Want to meet new people? Then our Open Day is for you. Come and join us for some games of tennis and a chat with current members, potential members and committee

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*Come and give it a go...
for free! Bring your kids
along to try!*

*Just get in touch
to book your place!*

NEW VENUE FOR 2024!

Free Tennis Coaching Taster Session

Friday 3rd May 2024

Red- 5pm-5:45pm (age 5yrs-8yrs)

Orange - 6pm-6:45pm (age 9yrs-11yrs)

Green - 7pm-7:45pm (age 12yrs+)

Adults - 7:45pm-8:30pm (18yrs+)

Both Junior and Adult coaching available on the day, simply get in touch to book your place or for more info.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOWNSHIP



(on the App Store; 'Everyone' on Google Play)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Despite launching in 2011, Township remains popular with children and adults alike. A city-building game with farming elements, it tasks players with developing their settlement and unlocking new features along the way. Aimed at the more casual gamer, it's mostly child friendly – but there are still some related risks to be mindful of.

MISLEADING PUBLICITY

Township's developers have previously faced criticism for advertising the game on social media by using clips of gameplay which can't actually be found in the final product. This may well lead to a child or young person downloading the game with severely misplaced expectations of what they'll be playing.

IN-GAME ADVERTS

While it's common for mobile games to feature in-game advertisements for other products and services, Township employs a particularly egregious strategy seen in several similar products. It offers users in-game currency in exchange for watching such adverts, which can obviously encourage young people to willingly expose themselves to marketing material.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game's core concept of building up a settlement to increase its population and income can feel slow paced at first – and players are incentivised to spend real-world money to move things along more quickly. That can mean handing over anything from £1.99 to £19.99 for these in-game boosts: amounts that can rapidly add up to a considerable sum if left unchecked.

TIME-CONSUMING GAMEPLAY

Township's gameplay loop of acquiring resources and reinvesting them into your little community is a fun one – but this rewarding sense of making progress can lead to players spending far more hours staring at the screen than they realise. There are also special in-game events which run for a limited time, designed to entice players into even longer gaming sessions.

ONLINE MULTIPLAYER MODE

After reaching level 19, players in Township can form a 'co-op' and unlock the option to exchange goods with up to 30 other users. Online multiplayer modes are nothing new, of course – but neither are the potential risks they pose to children and young people. Chances are, youngsters will be interacting with complete (and possibly much older) strangers within the game environment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS THE GAME IN ADVANCE

While older children may notice and understand that Township might be marketed in a potentially misleading way, it could be worth explaining to prospective younger players how and why the game differs from what's been advertised. This will help them to manage their expectations and avoid any possible disappointment if they do decide to download and play it.

MONITOR SPENDING AND SCREEN TIME

More modestly priced in-app bundles can be a welcome treat for a child wanting to speed up their progress in Township, but it's wise not to leave a linked payment method active in case a youngster gets carried away. Likewise, to prevent Township from causing an increase in screen time, parental controls on most devices allow limits to be placed on how long a game can be played each day.

BE WARY OF EXTERNAL SITES

Township's makers state that all in-game ads are age-appropriate: children won't be shown adverts recommending more violent titles, for instance. Even so, clicking on these adverts can take players out of the game and onto external sites that have nothing to do with Township or its developers: this raises the risk of children encountering inappropriate content or being tempted by online purchases.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE STRANGERS

Township's online multiplayer mode (as with any game which includes that functionality), is an avenue through which a child could be contacted by people who they don't actually know. It's worth reminding young Township fans, therefore, not to give out any personal information to strangers online – whether that's within the game itself or in the social networks associated with it.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new games and tools, he's also a parent who prioritises online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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