KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES
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World Book Day ~ Character Day

What a lovely day we had yesterday! The children looked fabulous and I must say a huge thank you to all the mums, dads and grandparents who helped to create the wonderful costumes. What creative parents we have!

The children took part in a carousel of book related activities in their houses and I know they enjoyed the opportunity to be working with children and teachers from other classes. It was lovely to see brothers and sisters working together too.

Just a reminder that the special £1 World Book Day books are on sale in 'Book, Bean and Ice-cream' and they are written by lots of popular authors. The children simply need to take the £1 voucher which was sent home last Friday and swap it for a book totally free of charge.

Parents` Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our final Parents' Evening session on Wednesday. Unfortunately, there were a number of parents who didn't turn up for their allocated slot. It is important for your child that the classteachers have the opportunity to meet with all parents. So please get in touch to arrange an appointment if you haven't yet seen your child`s teacher.

Uniform Sale

A huge thank you to the PTFA members who helped to run the uniform stall during the evening ~ we had very positive feedback and will hopefully run it again at future events. The cardigans proved particularly popular. The PTFA are also hoping to sell the uniform on an occasional basis in the playground at the end of the school day. We will let you know of any forthcoming dates.

Internet Safety

The internet safety advice station also proved popular ~ it was interesting to talk to parents who had cut down their child`s screen time recently and as a result had seen a real improvement in attitude and behaviour. I have included the flier about screen addiction on the reverse of this newsletter as a number of parents expressed real concern about this. The leaflet also emphasises the importance of ensuring that phones and tablets are removed from bedrooms at night as some children are messaging or checking them when they should be asleep.

Sport Relief ~ Friday 13th March

To support Sport Relief we will be selling wristbands in school from Monday 9th for £1. These can be worn in school all next week.

Coronavirus

We are receiving daily updates from the Government in relation to the Coronavirus. Whilst we do not wish to cause unnecessary alarm to our children, we have reminded them of the importance of thorough handwashing and I'm sure that you are doing the same at home.

Fairtrade Assembly

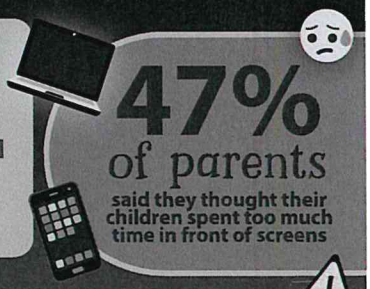
Tuesday 10th March ~ 2.30pm (Please use Infant Entrance)

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade this week. Just a reminder that all parents are welcome to join us for the Fairtrade Assembly and coffee afternoon and their KS2 children will join them in the hall too

It is not too late to join us ~ please just ring the office to let us know how many seats you need.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

It can be challenging for parents and carers to know whether children are spending too much time on their devices. Furthermore, it's even more of a challenge to know whether a child is addicted to the internet and social media. As technology is becoming more pervasive, children and young people are experiencing tech - related dependencies. Do we as parents and carers have the knowledge to identify and support children and young people who may be developing an addiction to their devices?



47% of parents said they thought their children spent too much time in front of screens

What parents need to know about SCREEN ADDICTION

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children as young as 13 are attending 'smartphone rehab' following growing concerns over screen time. There are now help centers in the UK which deal with screen addiction for children and adults showing the seriousness of device addiction. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has officially recognised gaming addiction as a modern disease. The condition was confirmed as part of their International Classification of Diseases (ICD) which serves as an international standard for diagnosing and treating health conditions.

LACK OF SLEEP

7 out of 10 children said they had missed out on sleep because of their online habits and 60% said they had neglected school work as a result. It is important that children get the sleep they need in order to focus the next day.

LOSS OF INTEREST IN OTHER THINGS

Your child may become less interested in anything that does not include their device. You may notice that your child is missing school time and generally being less engaged with other activities in the home. It is important to discuss this with your child as soon as you notice a behaviour change.

CONFIDENCE, SUPPORT & ADVICE

The Children's Commissioner report 'Life in Likes', explored how children aged 8-11 are using social media today. It showed that children are using their devices to speak to their online friends about their problems and seek acceptance and support, removing face to face interactions.

APPS CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Apps have been designed with 'psychological tricks' to constantly keep grabbing your attention. One example of this is on the app Snapchat, where you can gain 'streaks' when interacting with your friends. If you don't respond, you lose the streak. This addictive nature of apps aims to engage children and keep them coming back for more.

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Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT SCREEN TIME

In today's digital age, technology is an important part of a child's development so completely banning them from their device will mean they are missing out on a lot, including conversations and communication with their friends. Rather than banning them from using their devices, we suggest setting a screen time limit. Work out what you think is a suitable and healthy amount of time for your child to be on their device per week. Remember that your child may need to use devices for their school homework so only set screen limits on recreational time on their device. Once you have established this, have the conversation with them to discuss why you are implementing a screen limit. There will be others in your child's friendship group who will not have screen limits set and will be sending messages when they do not have access to their phones.

ENCOURAGE ALTERNATE ACTIVITIES

It may seem like an obvious solution, but encouraging children to play with their friends, read a book, or playing outdoors will help them realise they can have fun without their device. Playing football, trampolining, camping, going for a walk or swimming are all healthy replacements for screen time. Try to join them in their Outdoor activities to show your support.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children model their behavior on their peers, so if their parents are constantly on their device, they will see this as acceptable. Try limiting your own screen time and follow the same rules you have set for them. If you have asked your child to not use their device at the table, make sure you don't. Try setting house rules that the whole family abide by.

LESS TIME MEANS LESS EXPOSURE

There are many risks associated with devices, such as cyberbullying, grooming, sexting, viewing inappropriate content etc. Less time spent on a screen means that a child will be less exposed to these risks.

MOBILE-FREE MEAL TIMES

Have you tried to settle your child by giving them a tablet at the dinner table or restaurant? This may seem like a quick fix to calm them down but in reality, it is encouraging them to use their device as a distraction from conversation and dealing with their emotions. We suggest removing all technology from the dinner table and having conversations with your family about how their day has been.

REMOVE DEVICES FROM THEIR BEDROOM

Setting a rule about removing devices from bedrooms will help your child to get the sleep they need and be more focussed the next day at school. 20% of teenagers said that they wake up to check their social network accounts on their devices. Even by having a device switched off in their bedroom, they may be tempted to check for notifications.

STATISTICS

52% of children aged **3-4** go online for nearly **9hrs** a week

82% of children aged **5-7** go online for nearly **9.5hrs** a week

93% of children aged **8-11** go online for nearly **13.5hrs** a week

99% of children aged **12-15** go online for nearly **20.5hrs** a week

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