

### Dear Parents and Carers,

## HARVEST

We are collecting for Wellspring this year, and if you can, we would welcome donations of tinned and dried food. Please see the list of foods Wellspring are asking for donations of on page 6 of the newsletter. If you are able to donate any of these items, please send them in with your child on Monday morning. Thank you.

More news on next page

## HALF TERM EVENTS

There are links on pages 8,9 and 10 of the newsletter to half term events taking place across Stockport. Please follow the QR codes for further information. Any further information we receive regarding half term activities, we will post on the newsletter next week.

## **AUTUMN 1 ASSEMBLY**

If your child has been chosen for our end of half term assembly then you will have been contacted today.

Assembly times are as follows: R/KS1 - 9.15-9.55am Yr3/4 - 10.00-10.20am Yr5/6 - 10.25-10.45am

These three assemblies will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall and focus on basic skills in English and maths, our value this half term of thankfulness and learning at home.

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## NAZAL FLU VACCINATION

We have only had 50% of parents/carers respond to this. Please follow the link to confirm whether you are opting in or out of the vaccination. <u>https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/</u> <u>session/3982dfee</u>

## AND FINALLY...

Tonight we have our Halloween Disco organised by the MHSA. This event will be held in the Key Stage 1 hall and entrance will be through the infant playground and round to the hall doors. Pick up will be from the classroom doors that lead on to the playground.

The Reception and KS1 disco will be from 4.45-5.45pm. The Key Stage 2 disco will be from 6.15-7.15pm.

A reminder that next week is the final week of the half term before we have a one week break.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson Headteacher



## Tips

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## SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEAL WITH UPSETTING CONTENT **A Guide For Parents and Carers**

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

Raising children in the digital age seems to be getting tougher, with the world currently experiencing so many uncertainties. From climate change to the war in Ukraine and the conflict in Israel, right now children across the globe can scarcely go online without being exposed to unsettling stories, images and ideas. Reassuring a concerned child can be difficult, especially when bad news feels omnipresent. We've put together some advice to help you in discussing upsetting events with young ones.

#### FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD KNOWS (1)

There are many ways that children are exposed to upsetting content in the media, both online and offline. Before swamping your child with information, find out what they know already. Show them you're interested in what they have to say, practice active listening and try to gauge how much your child has been impacted by what they've seen.

#### RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

Starting a conversation about upsetting content probably isn't the best idea when your child is studying for an exam or about to go to bed. Choose a time when they're relaxed and open to talking, to make sure you have their full attention. Remember, these conversations can become emotional, so choose somewhere your child feels safe and comfortable.

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#### **KEEP IT AGE APPROPRIATE**

With younger children, try and keep the conversation more general and avoid leading questions and complex detail. You can go slightly deeper into the specifics with young teenagers but keep monitoring their emotional response. With older teens, you can be more open about the realities and consequences of what's happening – but again, do stay aware of their emotional state. PG

#### EMPHASISE HOPE

Upsetting content can make anyone feel angry, scared, sad or overwhelmed. Try to tind stories of hope, generosity and strength related to the content you're discussing. Children often feel reassured when they know they can do something to help, so encourage your child's sense of control through activities which make them feel they're positively impacting the events they're concerned about.

#### MONITOR REACTIONS

All children react differently, of course, and young people might not directly say that they re scared, angry, anxious, confused or uncomfortable. Emotional reactions are natural when discussing upsetting topics, so take note of your child's body language and reactions. Allow them to express their feelings in a non-judgmental space and try to stay mindful of how they might be feeling.

### CONSIDER YOUR OWN EMOTIONS

It's not only young people who find upsetting news difficult to process: adults also have to deal with strong emotions in moments of stress. Children develop coping strategies by mirroring those around them, so staying on top of how you appear to be regulating your emotion on the outside is important for supporting your child through worrying times.

### Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is the director of FaceUp South Africa, which is a reporting system that is currently being used by schools and companies to fight bullying around the world. FaceUp helps give a voice to bystanders by encouraging them to speak up and get the help they not only want but need.

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## SET LIMITS

Managing screen-time and content can be difficult even in normal circumstances, but especially in unusual or stressful periods (at the start of the pandemic, for example). It's virtually impossible to keep children away from upsetting content completely, but it's important to try to limit exposure by using parental controls, talking about the dangers of harmful content and enforcing screen-time limits.

#### TAKE THINGS SLOWLY

Try not to overwhelm your child with informat all at once: instead, take the discussion one s at a time. You could make the first conversati simple introduction to a potentially upsettin subject and then wait until your child is ready to talk again. Opening the door to the conversation and demonstrating that your child can talk to you about this type of issue is a vital first step.

#### ENCOURAGE QUESTIONS

Online, troubling images, posts, videos and stories are shared across multiple platforms, many of which your child might access. Even if the content is actually inappropriate, encourage your child to discuss what they saw instead of being angry at them for seeing it. Children are still learning that not everything online is accurate - you want to be their ultimate source of information, not their device.

#### **FIND A BALANCE**

There's often a tremendous compulsion to stay right up to date with events. Our phones frequently send us push notifications urging us to read the latest article or view the most recent video on social media. It's essential to remind your child that it's healthy to take regular breaks, and to focus on positive events instead of 'doomscrolling' and risking becoming overwhelmed by bad news.

#### **BUILD RESILIENCE**

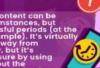
News has never been more accessible. While our instinct may be to shield children from upsetting stories, it's important that they're equipped with the tools to manage this content when they are exposed to it. Talk about upsetting content more generally with your child and emphasise that they can always tell you or a trusted adult if something they see makes them feel uneasy.

#### **IDENTIFY HELP**

It's hugely important that children know where to find support if they encounter upsetting content online. Encourage them to open up to an adult that they trust, and make sure they're aware of who their trusted adults are. It is essential that children understand that they're not alone, and that help is available if and when they need it.







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How can we remember things that were important to us?

## In the news this week

The tree at the centre of the world-famous Things to talk about at home ... 'Sycamore Gap' on Hadrian's Wall, England, has reportedly been deliberately felled on the night of 28th September and was discovered by walkers the next morning. The National Trust said it was 'shocked and saddened' by the felling of the tree, which won English Tree of the Year in 2016.

- Is there a place in your local area that is very special to you? What is it that makes it special?
- > How do you think the people living close to Sycamore Gap will be feeling? How do you believe the legacy of the tree could be remembered?



### Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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For main meals:	For desserts:	Essentials:
Tinned, fresh or frozen meat	Tinned custard	Ketchup
Tinned fresh or frozen vegetables	Tinned mix fruit (not peaches)	Mayonnaise
(such as carrots, peas, potatoes)	Rice pudding	Brown sauce
Cheddar cheese	🗆 Eggs	Gravy granules
For all food and and	Self raising flour	Cooking oil
For all food sessions:	Caster sugar	Butter/marg
Semi skimmed long life milk	Cakes	Pepper
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Hot chocolate	Sandwich meats	Baked beans
	Sweet biscuits (individually wrapped	
	Multipacks of crisps	tinned tomatoes
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## SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS Make a difference in

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Our school crossing patrol team do vital work in ensuring that our children and young people are kept safe on the roads. It's the perfect part time role for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community. We have vacancies throughout Stockport!

**Hazel Grove** Library 31st October 2023 11am - 1pm

Bramhall Library 17th October 2023 11am - 1pm





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Bring your CV along, chat to our friendly team and even bag yourself an interview on the day!

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Mum2mum Market **Stockport Hazel Grove** Good as new sale Children's Good as new event new-born-6 years items. **Bargains galore From Potties to** Prams & everything in-between. Sun. Oct 15th 3–5pm Hazel Grove High School. Jacksons Lane, SK7 5JX Entrance adults £2. Kiddies no charge Want to sell with us? Sell your children outgrown O-6 yrs items to book a stall go to: www.mum2mummarket.co.uk







**Tuesday 24th- Friday 27th October** 9:30am - 3:30pm or 8:00am to 6:00pm



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# TURN THE PAGE COUNSELLING

## **'EMPOWERED PARENTS'**

### A Support Group for all parents and carers concerned, worried or struggling to support their child.

We know that parents can often feel stressed, alone and like all their efforts aren't quite good enough. As parents and Therapists we believe that meeting other parents with similar worries, and sharing these within a supportive, nonjudgmental group could bring some much needed reassurance, off loading and maybe advice or even new tips.

After receiving enquiries from parents and carers wanting to know what could help them to support their children's mental health we have decided to launch 'Empowered Parents' support group.

Parents will be allocated a group that suits theirs and the therapists availability, with a max of 6 parents per group. The groups will run for 1 hour, once a month with a Qualified and experienced Therapist at our Cheadle offices in Stockport.

The best part...the groups are solely run on a DONATION BASIS...so, no pricey therapy fees to pay. Attend a group when you can and feel free to contribute what you can. (That could be from £10, £20. We simply want to involve as many parents as possible).

If your interested and think this could be helpful for you, please get in touch for more details.

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EMOTIONAL HEALTH CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S PROSPECTS IN SCHOOL AND BEYOND

In Stockport, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



- Learn to better read and understand behaviour
- Help them to communicate how they feel
- Gain psychologist-informed ideas to support your child

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