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Class of the Week: 4W

House of the Week: Dolphin

Pupil of the Week: Adele G



TRACKIT LIGHTS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am able to share with you our classes for September 2022 after a final round of class teacher interviews on Thursday. We will be saying goodbye to Miss O'Connor, Mrs Riley and Mrs Higgins at the end of this term and we wish them all the best of luck for the future. Miss Hall will be moving from Reception to Year 1 with her class and Miss Quin will be moving to Reception. We will be welcoming Mrs Stout who will be our Key Stage 1 Lead and teaching in Year 2. She will share the class with Mrs Challinor who the children will be familiar with from this year. Miss Cartwright will be teaching in Year 1 and Miss Jennison will be teaching in Year 2 until Mrs Cooke returns. There are no changes to the Key Stage 2 classes from September.

The Senior Leadership Team will be as follows:

Headteacher: Mr Paul Anderson
 Deputy Headteacher: Miss Georgina Pugh
 Inclusion Lead: Mr Gareth Swire
 School Business Manager: Ms Tracey Laforce
 R/KS1 Lead: Mrs Lauren Stout
 KS2 Lead: Mr Martin Heaton

The classes will be as follows:

RS—1C Miss Cartwright
 RH—1H Miss Hall
 1C—2JC Miss Jennison/Mrs Cooke
 1CH—2CS Mrs Challinor/Mrs Stout
 2C—3B Miss Bickerstaffe
 2Q—3C Mrs Craven

3C—4C Mrs Chadwick

3B—4W Mrs Whittam

4C—5G Mrs Gates

4W—5SR Miss Swettenham/Mr Roffey

5G—6HT Mr Heaton/Mrs Taylor

5SR—6M Mr Mattison

We still have to finalise where our Teaching Assistants will be placed but I'm sure you are keen to know where your child will be from September. Some children have already experienced some transition activities particularly those classes moving to a different part of the school. We will of course share a transition day once we have been able to coordinate this with our new teachers when they can come into school.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson
 Headteacher

STOCKPORT BOOK AWARDS



The annual Stockport Book Awards took place at Stockport Town Hall on Tuesday. 34 schools from across Stockport took part in the event this year and 3,180 children voted on their favourite book titles from the shortlisted book titles. There were speeches from Councillor David Wilson, Mayor of Stockport and Deputy Mayor, Linda Holt as well as from the authors whose books had been shortlisted. There was also performance of poetry by Poet and Teacher, Matthew Goodfellow who entertained everyone with his funny poems and stories. We had a couple of winners ourselves with Emelia C winning a reader award and Isaac H winning an art award with a superb piece of artwork inspired by the book *The House at the Edge of Magic*.

SPORTS Day

I hope you all enjoyed our Sports Day on Tuesday. I was absolutely gutted to have missed it. The dreaded Covid-19 I'm afraid! Well done to the two winning houses - House Lion in KS2 and House Buffalo in KS1. Here are some photos of the fabulous occasion.



Our Year 6 girls took part in the MCFC tournament last Friday and did wonderfully well to get to the Semi-Finals. Here they are with the Manchester City trophies from this season.





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TAKEHOME



Should wet wipes be banned?



In the news this week

An island of wet wipes has 'changed the course of the Thames' river in London. The island, thought to be around the size of two tennis courts, has prompted many campaigners to fight for them to be banned. Rebecca Pow, Under-Secretary at the Department for Environment, said that if members of the public need to use wet wipes, they should not flush them into the drains. Fleur Anderson, Labour MP, has warned that mounds of wet wipes and waste are changing the shape of rivers and polluting the water.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you use wet wipes? Can you think of different examples of situations when they are often used?
- Thinking about what people use wet wipes for, can you think of any alternative products that people could use?
- Do you think that people know that you shouldn't flush wet wipes? If not, how do you think people could be made aware?

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about STEAM

Steam is a computer gaming digital distribution platform and storefront. It is the biggest platform for desktop- or laptop-based gaming, with a range of more than 30,000 games available. The platform has become a lively social environment for many gamers, and allows people to trade, sell and buy gaming items for real money. Valve, the developers behind Steam, have also released different hardware that works with the platform, including the Steam Deck – a hand-held console that lets users play their favourite games while away from their computer.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

UNSUITABLE GAMES

Among the 30,000+ games on the platform, there are many that aren't appropriate for children. Individuals can view and download games featuring adult content if they verify their age – but, of course, it's easy to enter a false date of birth online. This can lead to children and young people finding games that they shouldn't have access to: featuring violence or profanity, for example.

SPENDING SPREES

Steam hosts regular sales – including some where game prices are reduced by up to 90%. Some sales promotions also include a mini-game or event which encourages users to spend more money. The sales can be an excellent time for young gamers to purchase the titles they've been wanting, but the attractive discounts can also promote impulse buys driven by the fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Steam isn't a social media site, but it certainly shares some of their elements. Users can add other people as 'friends', for example (whether they know them in real life or not), and then communicate privately with them using text or voice chat. The platform also hosts public discussions and groups for socialising. Steam users can also leave comments on the profiles of other players.

POTENTIAL SCAMS

Sadly, Steam's immense popularity has made it a lucrative destination for internet scammers. The most common ruse is phishing: scammers send links to other users, aiming to trick them into entering their login details – which are then stolen. Once in control of the account, the scammer sends messages to everyone on the victim's friend's list, in an attempt to hijack their accounts too.

SHADY TRADERS

The Steam Community Market is a built-in trading area where players can trade resources for their games on the platform. Gamers can exchange items, or buy and sell them using real-world currency. It's possible for unwary users to be scammed through bad trade deals, and Steam doesn't usually get involved when this happens. There are also third-party trading websites, which can be risky to use.

SPARSE AGE RATINGS

Steam is a digital distribution platform for games of all kinds, including ones not rated by regulatory bodies. Getting a game rated takes a long time, and can be expensive, so developers only tend to follow that process when releasing a title that will be physically sold in shops. Most games on Steam, therefore, don't have an advisory age rating on the store page.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Steam does have some limited parental controls that can restrict exactly what games someone's account can view and access. This can be set up by navigating to the 'Family' tab in 'Settings', then selecting 'Manage Family View'. The platform then allows parents and carers to share a Steam account with their child and limit them to age-appropriate games.

USE GIFT CARDS

Having payment methods (like card details or PayPal) linked to a Steam account makes it very easy for a child to purchase new games or spend money on items in the marketplace. An excellent and safe alternative would be to buy a Steam gift card and let your child make their purchases with that instead – putting a manageable cap on how much they can spend on the platform.

APPLY STEAM GUARD

Steam Guard is an optional additional layer of security that protects accounts. Enabling it ensures that anyone attempting to log in to that account also needs to provide authorisation via their phone or email. The computer that your child uses Steam on can be authorised to prevent having to provide separate authentication for each login.

SHARE A LIBRARY

Using Family Library Sharing lets everyone at home share games across accounts (while still keeping their accounts separate). The entire game library from each account is shared with the other account holders – a great way to avoid having to purchase a different copy of the game for each of your children. However, if two users want to play the same game separately, you would need to buy it twice.

SAFE MODDING

Modifying a game to customise it or to introduce new content – known as 'modding' – is common on Steam. There's nothing inherently bad about modding, but installing the wrong mods can be disastrous: they can stop games from working properly, or at all. Steam's mods are unlikely to contain viruses or malware, but it's still possible – so ensure your child reads the mod's reviews first to avoid anything dangerous.

Meet Our Expert

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