



NEWSLETTER

23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are only at the end of our third week of the new academic year, as so much has happened.

In our assemblies and RE lessons, we have been revisiting our school vision and motto of Nurture, Inspire, Achieve. Each child has created a leaf for our values tree, which can be seen in our school entrance.



DATA FORMS

Please could all data forms sent out yesterday be returned to school as soon as possible.



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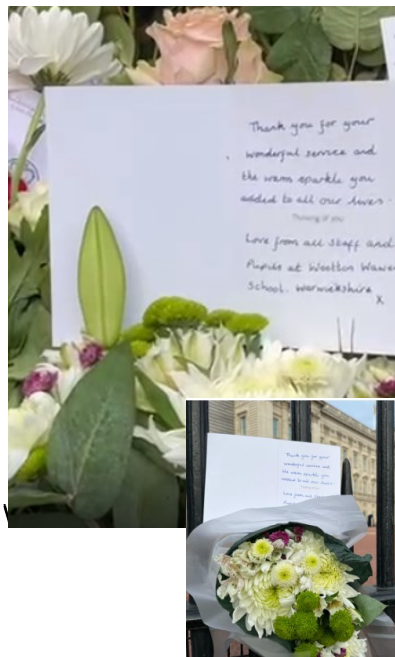
QUEEN ELIZABETH II

Last week the children learned more about the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Above are some of the beautiful purple flowers created by our children for the Escape Arts floral tribute to the Queen. The exhibition can be seen in the old Debenham's store window in Stratford town centre.

Mrs Hazlewood visited Buckingham Palace and kindly laid some flowers on behalf of the staff and pupils of the school.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Friday 16th September

Theme: reading

Well done to: Thomas, Thea, Tia, Casey, Louis, Charlie, James, Poppy, Caitlin and Elliot.

Friday 23rd September

Theme: friendship

Congratulations to: Arnon, Freddie H., Rosa, Lilly, Sophie, Ava B., Grace, Max, Ruby and Bethany

Lunch time stars: Esmee and Jack P.

Beech Hut Stars: Henry and Rosa.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Last week we introduced our new Year 6 school leaders to the rest of the school. The children have already started in their roles and are doing a wonderful job as library, worship, sports and ICT leaders.





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MACILLAN COFFEE MORNING



We are looking forward to our first face-to-face Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday. A flyer was sent home last week with further details.

Please support us with this very worthy cause by providing cakes which can be dropped into the school office from Wednesday. All donations should be made through ParentPay.

CLUBS

We are offering a number of clubs again this term. Details can be found below.



Tuesday

Mrs Magg's Art Club (lunch) *
Coolsportz KS 2 Football (3.25-4.15pm)*

Wednesday

KS 2 Choir with Mrs Khawaja (lunch)
Coolsportz Multi-skills (3.25-4.15pm)*

Thursday

Homework Club (lunch)
Girls Football with Miss Bradshaw (3.30-4.15pm)

Friday

KS 1 Book Club with Library leaders

Mrs Wood will be running School Council this year.



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Maths Booster Club will start again after half-term.

*paid club

MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Meet the Teacher event. I know many found it useful. Class information sheets distributed in the meeting have been sent out on Studybugs for parents who could not attend. Remember if you do have any concerns please contact the class teacher by e-mail (teachers will endeavor to reply within two working days) or make an appointment through the school office.

ONLINE RESOURCES

I would like to remind parents that children can access PurpleMash through their we-learn account. This is a great web site with lots of educational activities.

I also recommend Hit the Button and the One Minute Maths App to support children learning number facts such as number bonds and times tables.

Hit the Button is free to play on laptops and can be found at <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

One Minute Maths is free and can be downloaded from any App store.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

The teachers have many exciting visits arranged for the coming term. To keep expenditure to a minimum, FOWS have kindly agreed to cover transport costs for these. Details

Oak class will be visiting Hatton in December and Willow are off to visit Kenilworth Castle. The children in KS 2 will be visiting Birmingham Rep to see Nativity! The Musical.

Further information will be sent to parents about each visit later in the term. However, Mrs White has already put some visits on ParentPay for those who wish to pay in installments.

Next week, we will be sending out details of the Sycamore class residential visit to Pioneer. Traditionally this visit has been for Year 6 only, but we have decided to run the visit every two years in order to keep costs down.



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FOWS UPDATE

A magnificent £2,664.36 was raised by FOWS last year. As part of their fund-raising, they have organised their usual Christmas card event. The children will be creating a card at school next week which will be sent home. Orders for the cards and other items can be made online. Once an order has been placed please return your child's work to school so they can be sent away to be printed. The form needs to be returned to school by Monday 10th October.

A reminder that FOWS AGM will be held on Thursday 29th September 8pm The Bull's Head. All parents are welcome.

ON LINE SAFETY

At the start of each term we always teach the children about how to keep safe online during computing lessons.

We are aware that many children watch videos uploaded on to Tik Tok. At the end of the newsletter is a useful newsletter from National Online Safety giving guidance to parents about this social media app.

Just a reminder to parents that lots of useful information on keeping children safe online can be found at internet matters.org



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HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church on Thursday 6th October. All parents are invited.

We would like to support the local parish again this year with providing produce for their Harvest Hampers. These hampers are auctioned at the Harvest Supper (to be held on 15th October) with money raised going to local charities.

Any donations of non-perishable grocery items (preferably not pasta) would be appreciated and can be brought into school from Monday.

PARKING

We kindly ask parents **not** to park in the lay-by outside the school. We need to keep this clear for school transport vehicles. Please use either the Village Hall or Social Club car parks and walk to school via Pound Field.

HOUSEKEEPING UPDATE

Could we please ask that all parents label school uniform.

Also a polite reminder that children should only drink water in school and snacks should be fruit, dried fruit, breadsticks or savoury rice cakes.

We have children with nut allergies so we strongly discourage cereal bars as snacks.

ATTENDANCE

Chestnut were the first winners of the attendance cup. In the first week of term their attendance was 96.4%. It was a slightly disappointing start to the year with an average attendance of 94.4%, below our target of 97%. Last week the winners were Oak class with 97.1%

A reminder that we are unable to authorise requests for leave of absence for a family holiday.

Have a wonderful weekend. The next newsletter will be Friday 7th October.

DATES for this half-term

29/09/22– Stratford Herald photograph Oak class

30/09/22 – Macmillan Coffee Morning

05/10/22 – Sycamore class—Bell Boating at Stratford.

06/10/22—at 9.30am Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church - all welcome.

10/10/22– TEACHER TRAINING DAY

11/10/22- Protective Behaviours Week

17/10/22—Willow class trip to Kenilworth Castle

20/10/22 – PARENTS EVENING. (This will be face-to-face)

21/10/22—Celebration assembly at 2.40pm

Half-term from Monday 24th—Friday 28th October.

31/10/22—Return to school a date for Year 6 applications to secondary school.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
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TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lili Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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