

Head Teachers Note:

Hi everyone

I hope you all had a good half-term. A big welcome to new children who have joined us this week: we hope you will be very happy here!

I'd like to talk about reading today. The new OFSTED framework is putting the highest priority on reading with a much bigger focus on early reading and the learning of phonics as well as attainment of pupils further up the school. We can't stress enough, the importance of you as parents reading regularly with your children at home. This impacts significantly on the progress your child makes in reading, which inevitably then allows them to access higher reading material across all areas of the curriculum. Even if you know your child is a proficient reader, it is still important to hear them read out loud as this is an essential life skill.

Julie Bratt

This Week's Class Heroes:

Reception Rangers:
Maggie and Alex

Shooting Stars:
Sebastian

Racing Rockets:
Alexander

Cosmic Comets:
Benjamin

Skyflyers:
Lola

Starships:
Rose

Voyagers:
Ellie

Explorers:
Ffion

Red Arrows:
Shaun

Well Done!



This Week's Attendance:

Reception Rangers (M): 100%

Reception Rangers (S): 94.7%

Shooting Stars: 100%

Racing Rockets: 98.9%

Cosmic Comets: 97.0%

Skyflyers: 96.1%

Starships: 94.9%

Voyagers: 98.7%

Explorers: 93.0%

Red Arrows: 98.0%



This Week's Star Readers:

Reception Rangers: Sapphire, Josh;
Shooting Stars: Elwyn; Racing
Rockets: Ada; Cosmic Comets: Spencer;
Skyflyers: Evie; Explorers: Lynton;
Star Ships: Phoebe; Voyagers: Freya;
Red Arrows: Alfie



This Week's Star Writers:

Reception Rangers: Connor, Dylan;
Shooting Stars: Freddie; Racing
Rockets: Imogen; Cosmic Comets:
Spencer; Skyflyers: Evie; Explorers:
Ruby; Star Ships: Jenson; Voyagers:
Natasha; Red Arrows: Oliver

Dates for your diary



Tuesday 25th February:
Return to School

Thursday 5th March:
World Book Day!
Dress as book character and
themed lunch menu

Thursday 19th March:
Reception Rangers class
assembly (Miss Stokes)
09:10am

Thursday 26th March:
Reception Rangers class
assembly (Mrs Matthews)
09:10am

Thursday 2nd April:
Shooting Stars class
assembly
09:10am

Friday 3rd April:
Break up for Easter

Monday 20th April:
Return to School



Meals cost £2.40 per day for children in Nursery and KS2 (Years 3 to 6). KS1 (Reception, Y1 & Y2) are free.

Menu w/c 2th March 2020

Marvellous Monday

Seaside Fish / Baked Bean Lasagne

Tasty Tuesday

Pork Meatballs / Vegetarian Meatballs

Wicked Wednesday

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding / Quorn fillet & Yorkshire Pudding

Thrilling Thursday

World Book Day menu - see attached

Fruity Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Minced Beef & Vegetable Pie

Please see the website for full details of the menu



All clubs run from 3:20pm and until 4:30pm.

Details of the new club timetable, to start W/C 25th February 2020, are shown below:

Monday

KS2 Football (Boys & Girls) - £10 per half term

Football kit, shin pads and football boots

Tuesday

KS2 Multi Sports Training
Indoor and Outdoor P.E Kit

Wednesday

KS1 Multi Sports - £10 per half term

Note: 4:15pm finish

Indoor PE kit

Friday

KS2 Football (Girls) - Free

Indoor P.E kit

If your child would like to join one of the clubs, please contact the school office.



British Ironworks Eco Project

Big thank you to everyone for filling our Giraffe to the top with bottle tops! This has been an amazing school effort!

Now to see what we can create with the contents.

Carry on collecting!



World Book Day

WORLD
BOOK
DAY
5 MARCH 2020

World Book Day is the 5th of March. Children can come into school this day dressed as their favourite book character! We look forward to seeing all the wonderful costumes and characters!

World Book Day Special Menu!

Superstar Vicky is cooking up a storm with another themed menu to celebrate world book day ☺ Check the attached flyer for the full menu!

Coronavirus

Please see attached some information and guidance regarding coronavirus.



Parking

Can all parents/carers please ensure they do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or block our neighbours' entrances.

Please can you not block the entrance to the carparks particularly when dropping off or picking up from zoom. It causes a traffic jam and makes it difficult for other users of the carpark.

Online Safety

It has been brought to our attention the rise in the use of the app TIKTOK and the risks that this app holds for children.

We have been sent some guidance, which I have attached, explaining the age restrictions and what exactly TIKTOK is. Please also see below link for more information:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/what-parents-need-to-know-about-tiktok>

WORLD BOOK DAY

Menu

Thursday 5th March 2020

*"Let's share a
minion story!"*



Hot Dogs with Tomato Sauce
Quorn Nugget Wrap

Curly Fries
Beans
Sweetcorn

Banana Whip
Banoffee Sundae
Fruit Bapple Salad
Fruit Yoghurts





TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about

TIKTOK



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'For you' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-synching and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five minute visit into 45 minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Safety Tips For Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.



LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 45 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



Meet our expert

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SOURCES:

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Coronavirus

Message from the Director of Public Health



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Public Health
England

You will be aware of the growing global concern about the new coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China. Public Health England has published a question and answer blog which is regularly updated as things change.
<https://bit.ly/3b4li9q>

The situation is being monitored as it develops. The risk to the UK, and Birmingham, currently remains low and although there are now two confirmed cases in the UK, these are not in the West Midlands.

It's a good time to remind all our pupils, staff and parents of the simple steps to prevent the spread of this type of respiratory virus through regular handwashing and using a tissue when we sneeze or cough to **'Catch it, Kill it, Bin it'**.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



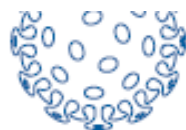
KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.





Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



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