

Head Teachers Note:

Hi everyone

I'd like to take today's newsletter to celebrate some of our successes. We were really pleased to see the outcome of the recent parent audit you completed. Thank you for all of your comments - we will be sending you a detailed analysis shortly.

Please see the attached letter from Karen Bradshaw, Executive Director of Children's Services, congratulating us on our results. The letter speaks for itself but I would like to add my thanks to the staff who work tirelessly to ensure such good outcomes for your children. I'm not sure if any of you saw the recent article in the Shropshire Star, but we were also listed in there as a school who did particularly well last year. We should remind ourselves that it isn't just last year however and that our results have been good over time. I'd like to thank you as parents for all of the support you give the school which is a key contributor to our success.

Julie Bratt

This Week's Class Heroes:

Reception Rangers:
Lleyton and Guy

Shooting Stars:
Freddie

Racing Rockets:
Louisa

Cosmic Comets:
Amber

Skyflyers:

Starships:
Chloe

Voyagers:
Freya

Explorers:
Bethany

Red Arrows:
Niko

Well Done!



This Week's Attendance:

Reception Rangers (M): 97.5%

Reception Rangers (S): 98.4%

Shooting Stars: 97.8%

Racing Rockets: 98.7%

Cosmic Comets: 97.6%

Skyflyers: 97.9%

Starships: 97.7%

Voyagers: 95.8%

Explorers: 87.6%

Red Arrows: 98.1%

World Book Day



Dates for your diary



Thursday 19th March:
Reception Rangers class
assembly (Miss Stokes)
9:10am

Thursday 26th March:
Reception Rangers class
assembly (Mrs Matthews)
9:10am

Thursday 2nd April:
Shooting Stars class
assembly
9:10am

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 9th March 2020

Marvellous Monday

Quorn Nuggets with Noodle Chow Mein / Pizza Boats

Tasty Tuesday

Sausage Roll / Cheese & Onion Roll

Wicked Wednesday

Roast Chicken with Yorkshire Pudding / Quorn Fillet

Thrilling Thursday

Beef Grill / Vegetable Grill

Fruity Friday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza / Mince 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.



Albrighton Trust Spring Fayre

The Albrighton trust are holding a spring fayre on the 28th of March with lots of activities to do and fun for all the family.

There is free admission as well! Take a look at the flyer attached for more information.

Coronavirus Information

As a school, we are mindful of the risk with the spread of Coronavirus and we have been taking steps to ensure we all have a refresh on the importance of washing our hands.

We have also attached government information and guidance regarding coronavirus.

World Book Day

World book day was a huge success with everyone putting in so much effort and wearing some fabulous outfits. Thank you to Vicky for the wonderful themed lunch menu and for the effort from all staff also.



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>

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Date: 27 February 2020

My Ref: KB 1228

Your Ref

Dear Julie,

2019 KS2 progress scores

I am writing to congratulate you, your staff, governors and students on the 2019 key stage 2 progress scores in reading, writing and maths.


The school achieved a positive progress score in each of the three separate subjects. This is an achievement that is met by only a minority of schools nationally and therefore it is important that we recognise this.

I know that progress measures are a narrow measure of success but achieving positive progress scores across all three subjects is an indicator of good quality education. This will usually start with creating good foundations in early years and building upon them throughout each subsequent year. Achieving positive progress scores is due to the impact of the cumulative effort of all staff throughout a child's journey through primary school.

Please pass on my thanks to all staff and governors for their hard work and dedication.

Finally, please accept my personal appreciation for your contribution towards ensuring that students in your school achieve a good standard of education.

Yours sincerely



Karen Bradshaw
Executive Director of Children's Services
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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 stardom, 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

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



SOURCES:

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

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Spring Fayre

Saturday 28th March

11am - 2pm



- . A wide selection of craft and other stalls.
- . FREE FUN Activities for children including Easter Trail, Nature Quiz and wiggly worms search.
- . Refreshments available.

Free Admission

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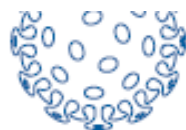
**The Albrighton Trust, Blue House Lane,
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Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

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



SCHOOL
ETC.
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

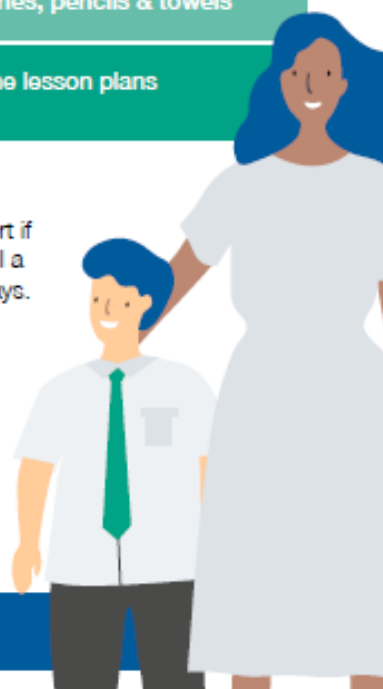
What should you do if you feel unwell?

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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