

Farnsfield St Michael's CofE Primary School Newsletter



17th March 2023

Weekly Briefing

Dear All, Happy Red Nose Day! It is a fun-filled Friday here in school.



Thank you for all the competition entries we have received to design a red nose linked to the theme of nature and the natural world. The school council have been busy judging the entries and have made their choice. The finalists will be announced in worship on Monday and prizes awarded. I will fill you in next week on who our worthy winners are!

There is some information attached regarding the use of online messaging app, WhatsApp. We are aware that some children in school use this and the age limit for this app is 16. That may be a surprise to some of you. The reason we are sharing this information is as we have had incidents in school linked to online issues using various messaging apps, WhatsApp being one of them. We would just like to bring to your attention some advice and guidance about the app for your information.

Please continue reading for the important dates and updates for the week ahead. There is lots of information on Easter holiday activities for you too. Have a great weekend!

Best wishes, Louise Carpenter

This Week's Key Dates and Events

**Y5 Residential to Boggle
Hole – Monday 20th –
Wednesday 22nd March**

**Y4 Swimming –
Wednesday afternoon**

**PSA Meeting – Thursday
23rd March 3:30pm**

**Connect – Thursday 23rd
March after school**

Rainbow Worship – Friday

All other clubs will continue as
per advertised days and times

God will yet fill
your mouth with laughter
and your lips with shouts of joy.
Job 8:21



Reminders for the week

Choir: In preparation for our Spring Music Evening on Wednesday 29th March, please make sure you have learnt the lyrics for our performances by next Friday (24th March) so we can fully run-through together. 🎵🎶

Year 5 Residential to Boggle Hole on Monday. Please ensure your child has plenty of warm clothes and a waterproof layer. The forecast is wet!! Wear non-uniform to school and don't forget a refillable water bottle and a packed lunch. Can't wait! 😊

Please join us for the PSA meeting after school 3:30pm on Thursday 23rd March. All are welcome, we really need your support to continue to provide great events for our school. Come to reception and we will greet you there! 🍷

Key dates this half term:

- Cake Sale and Non-Uniform Day – Water4theWorld Campaign – Monday 27th March – cake donations welcomed please
- Parent open Evening – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar – Monday 27th March 6pm
- Upper KS2 (Year 5/6) Musical Showcase and Album Launch Parent open afternoon – time TBC – Tuesday 28th March
- Deadline for Water4theWorld Competition entries – Tuesday 28th March
- Spring Term Music Concert – Wednesday 29th March 6pm
- Lower KS2 (Year 3/4) Art Gallery and Sale Parent open afternoon – time TBC - Thursday 30th March
- Easter Egg-stravaganza – Friday 31st March
- Easter Church Service – Friday 31st March 2pm
- Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April

More information about all these events will follow

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
13+ REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen 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 Chicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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EMPOWERING PARENTS EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

The 'Being a Parent' Course at Farnsfield St Michael's

What is EPEC?

Empowering Parents
Empowering Communities is a
free, volunteer-led, evidence-
based parenting programme



Each session is delivered
by two Parent Group
Leaders (PGLs) who have
received 60 hours of
training to deliver EPEC
courses

Our sessions empower parents to share
experiences, learn new skills and practice
these alongside other parents

Who is it suitable for?



Any parents or carers of
children aged over 2 and
under 12 years are welcome
to join

Our course offers an early, low-
level intervention, empowering
parents to improve
communication, behaviour
management, family dynamics
and parent-child relationships



Parents are supported and encouraged to try new
parenting techniques each week and share the
outcomes with other parents

Course Content

Welcome Week

- Getting to know each other

1. Being a Parent

- Self Care
- Good enough vs Perfect Parent

2. Feelings

- Expressing, acknowledging and accepting feelings

3. Play

- Child-led play

4. Valuing my child

- Avoiding labels
- Descriptive praise



5. Understanding behaviour

- Behaviour behind needs

6. Discipline strategies

- Setting boundaries
- Time outs
- Saying no

7. Listening

- Reflective listening
- Open vs closed questions

8. Review and Support

- Reviewing content

Upcoming Courses

Join us at Farnsfield St Michael's Church of
England VA School, Branston Ave, Farnsfield
NG22 8JZ

The next Being a Parent course is from:
**Monday 15th May 2023 - 17th July from 9.15 -
11.15am**

(no sessions in Half Term or Bank Holidays)

If you are interested, please speak to your
school's SENDCo or email:

alice.lavender@nottsc.gov.uk

What Next?

After completing the course you may want to train
to become a volunteer Parent Group Leader yourself
and deliver the 'Being a Parent' course to parents
just like you!

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E A S T E R H A L F T E R M



Worksop Town Academy (S80 1UJ)
Week 1: 3rd - 6th April
Week 2: 11th - 14th April



SCAN ME

Tuxford Academy (NG22 0JH)
Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April



SCAN ME



Windsor Foodservice Stadium, Babbage Way, Worksop S80 1UJ
Tuxford Academy, Marnham Road, Newark, NG22 0JH



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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

AS PART OF THE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

Venue 1: Worksop Town Academy (S80 1UJ)

Venue 2: Tuxford Academy (NG22 0JH)

Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April

- **FREE** football sessions open to all ages, abilities & genders eligible for the HAF programme (free school meals)
- Sessions designed to develop knowledge and skills, as well as encouraging exercise and delivered by FA & UEFA qualified coaches with full enhanced DBS checks
- For full information on the HAF programme, visit www.gov.uk or search "HAF Programme 2022-23"



Windsor Foodservice Stadium, Babbage Way, Worksop S80 1UJ

<https://www.worksop townacademy.co.uk/camps>



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Foundation**

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

EASTER HOLIDAYS
12TH, 13TH, 14TH APRIL
10:00AM-2:00 PM
8-14 YEARS



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SIGN UP USING YOUR E-VOUCHERS
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- Rickety the **TARANTULA**
- Elvis the **GIANT FLEMISH RABBIT**
(great grandson of Darius, the world's largest ever rabbit)
- Pepper the **NETHERLANDS DWARF RABBIT**
- Shadow the **AFRICAN PYGMY HEDGEHOG**
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CHAT

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH

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CHAPEL LANE, NG22 8JL**



**SILENT 10AM - 1PM
AUCTION**

DONATIONS OF ITEMS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES

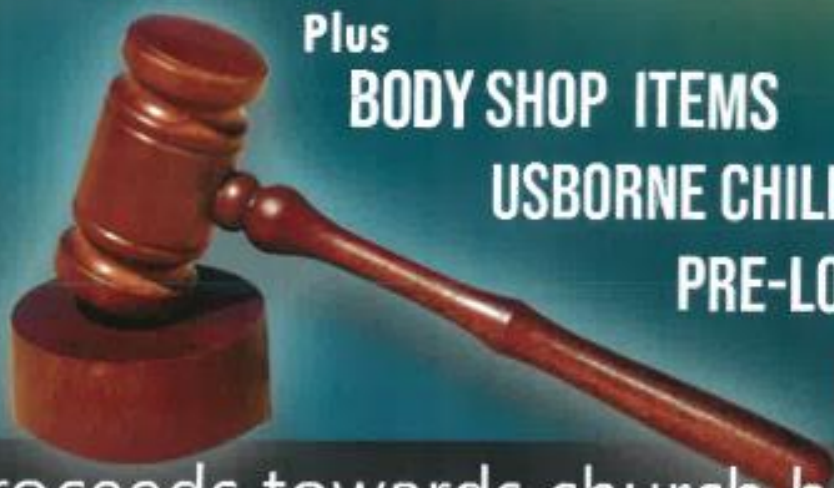
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