

Message from Mr Truby

Good afternoon. I hope that you are all well. We have had another great week in school and I am extremely pleased with how this year is going. It was wonderful to be able to give out the first of the core values certificates this week, which all children will be able to achieve at some stage.

It is parents' evening next week so we are very much looking forward to discussing how well the children are doing in class.

Have a great weekend!

Individual Learning Plans

We have introduced a new individual learning plan document for all children who are in one of the following categories:

- SEND (school support, statement or EHCP)
- Supported by Pupil Premium
- Not currently working at the expected standard for their year group

The aim of this document is to bring all of the information about the child's learning needs and the provision that we are putting in place into one place. This means that parents will have a much clearer overview of the core provision that the class teacher is putting in place and any additional provision. Class teachers will be sharing this document with parents either at the general parents' evening appointment, at an extended parents' evening appointment or at a review meeting. Going forward, we feel that it would be useful for parents to have an updated version of this document at the start of every academic year and at the end of each term alongside the termly reports. As this is a new document, we would appreciate any feedback on this.

Bronze Award

Well done to Annie in Y2/3 for gaining 50 core value stickers and being awarded the first Bronze Award.

Taylor Shaw

The children enjoyed chilli rice and nachos on Thursday with classic home made cornflake tart and custard.





Reading Corners

All the classes are currently having new reading corners developed. We are having a generic Woodlands theme across school. We would like to thank the PTA, in particular Louisa and Becky, for their wonderful work in the Year 6 and R/Y1 classroom.

The reading corners are now very inviting and inspiring!



PTA Quiz Night

The PTA quiz last Friday was a great success and raised just over £800 for school! This money will be going towards improving our school's outdoor learning areas and playtime provision.

Congratulations to our winning team 'Neighbours not Friends' and thanks so much to our quiz master Neil Kirkman and his Dad and adjudicator Ted Kirkman for giving up their time to write and present the quiz.

We also need to say a huge thank you to Edna and Renato Martins who donated all the ingredients and made the delicious curry, enjoyed by all. They were ably assisted by two more of our parents, Ada and Andleeb, who gave up their time to help on the night.

We really appreciate everyone's time and donations.



Care Plans

We are currently updating the care plans for children in school who have medical needs or long term medication. If this applies to your child, you should receive a Care Plan form to complete in the near future. We would be grateful if you could complete and return the form as soon a possible.

There will also be information about the expiry dates of any medication we have. Please make a note in your diaries about this! If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Mrs McLoughlin.



Under Stairs Lobby

Thank you to a very talented and kind parent, Caroline, for having the inspiration to create a fantastic area in the under stairs lobby.

This was previously a dark uninteresting area.

Golden Broom

Well done to Reception class for winning the Golden Broom this week.

Good luck everyone for next week!











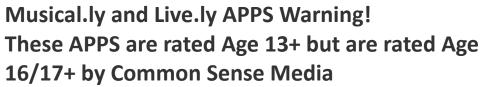




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We need to warn parents about the video chat phone app Live.ly, after a man performs sexual act in front of primary school pupils in Leeds.

A notice to parents: "While the app is only supposed to access contacts on the user's phone, it appears that quite quickly, friends of friends of friends are able to join the group chat whom your child does not know at all. "It is therefore an unsafe app for children to use, as it risks either an incident such as happened yesterday, or opportunities for your child to be groomed online and therefore at risk of sexual exploitation."

Read the news article at:

http://www.thestar.co.uk/news/warning-over-video-chat-phone-app-after-man-performs-sex-act-in-front-of-primary-school-pupils-1-8352266

Advice about Live.ly from Common Sense Media

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/app-reviews/lively-live-video-streaming#

"As with all live-streaming services, this one carries all the risks of broadcasting and viewing iffy content, and its one nod to safety is to warn its users not to give out personal information as each stream opens. It's an app entering a crowded market, but it seems to have legs because of its affiliation with musical.ly. As with all the others, kids much younger than 13 broadcast regularly, and most streams feature bored kids in their homes either on their phones, eating, goofing around with friends, or just responding to comments. During the time of review, no one was showcasing a talent or doing more than minimally interacting with viewers, though one had kids responding to dares posed by commenters. Yet, each stream seemed to have a substantial audience from 60 to 300 people. The main draw seems to be the immediate connection, real-time feedback, and followers/likes. Kids also give out their Snapchat handles and phone numbers to viewers, so strangers often get another means to connect with the broadcaster. Though the streams themselves seem mostly innocuous, live streaming poses real risks for kids in terms of privacy and safety, and it's also a way to connect with people whom some families might not want connecting with their kids." (Taken from Common Sense Media)

Advice about Musical.ly from Internet Matters

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/musical-ly-app-parents-need-know/

Musical.ly allows users called 'musers' to create videos of themselves miming along to music or to record their own songs. The app allows them to speed up or slow down the video. Once their happy with the video it can be posted to their followers and shared on other networks like Facebook Messenger, Vine or WhatsApp.

"According the Common Sense Media site, many parents believe that the app should be used by teens aged 16 year old and over. This is mainly due to the number of songs with sexual and explicit content featured on the app and the instance of inappropriate profile pictures and usernames being used." Please remember if its posted online, it can NEVER be fully removed. These videos could come into circulation in many years time when your child is older and wants to apply to university or get a job.

Please support us in keeping your child safe with such platforms.

Mrs Sadler

Online Safety Subject Leader