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This newsletter may be quite a lengthy one to round up the half term. There is some important information to share so you may wish to grab a cup of tea!



Last week we invited prospective parents into school ahead of them choosing a Primary School place for their little ones. I did an introductory talk in the hall, FROGS served tea, coffee, juice and biscuits and our new Year 6 Prefects conducted the tours of school. They were INCREDIBLE – they had been given some headings to think about and had worked hard to think about what they wanted to say about our AMAZING

school to these special visitors. They spoke with such confidence and presented themselves to such a high standard that I was left looking on in awe, full of an immense sense of pride. They demonstrated everything that I am passionate about our children becoming before they leave Primary School: that they are confident, kind, self-aware young people, full of resilience and who can persevere through tricky scenarios and situations adapting as they go to what is required of them.

Our visitors were certainly impressed, brimming with their own compliments for the children. For me, the choice is easy: they should choose Goldsbrough CE Primary School, but we wish them luck in finding the school that is right for their children.

SAFEGUARDING - Online Safety:

This week it was brought to my attention that some unkind messages were being written online from pupils at our school. It was also brought to my attention that children had been in videos on Tik-Tok posing in their underwear and in their school uniform from the school toilets.



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Please can I remind everyone that mobile phones are not allowed in school. If they are required for personal reasons, this must be agreed with me and they must be handed in to the office first thing, stored in the school office all day and collected by the child at the end of the day.

Often we worry about strangers online but we must also educate children about the world they now live in and the interactions they have. The rise of the internet has created amazing opportunities to learn and explore the world around them. But it's also given bullies a powerful new platform to target children. Parents generally think the best advice is to just ignore bullies as in the old 'sticks and stones' rhyme. However, as cyberbullies aren't restricted to the school playground, and with the multiple internet-enabled devices and plethora of Social Media that children access nowadays, cyberbullies have 24-hour access to torment and abuse them.

It is my job to keep our children safe, so I spent some time in Class 3 and Class 4 discussing the impact of writing unkind messages on social media. If you haven't seen the campaign video, search for 'Internet Matters: Sticks and Stones' and you should be able to see it.



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Please can I politely request that for those children who use Social Media, even if it is on an adult's phone, that messages written and content shared is monitored. With the rise of poor mental health for young people as a result of interactions on Social Media, this is an ever challenging task but one that must be a priority for everyone.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> is an informative site that explains apps and games for parents. It provides and age rating and an overview of potential risks.

See some examples below from net-aware.

Latest apps

TikTok – seemingly harmless at first



Clash Royale

Clash Royale is a combat multi-player game where players can build their own battle communities.



TikTok

TikTok (formerly called Musical.ly) is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 15 second videos.



YouTube

YouTube lets you watch, create and comment on videos.



Smule

Smule is an app that lets you record and upload your own karaoke versions of popular songs.



TikTok

TikTok – Age Rating of 13+

TikTok (formerly called Musical.ly) is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 15 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

13+

Official age rating

At a glance

Parents' view of the risks...

Sexual



Medium Risk

Violence & hatred



Medium Risk

Bullying



Medium Risk

Suicide & self-harm



Medium Risk

Drink, drugs & crime



High Risk

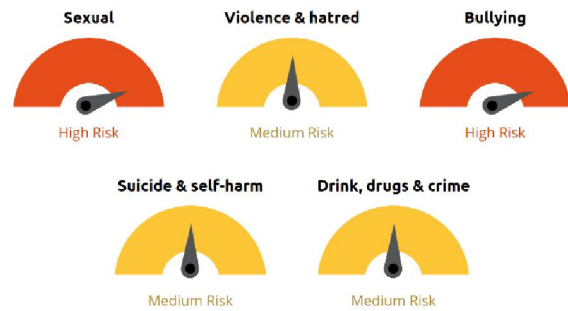
TikTok – Parents' View of the Risks based on what they have experienced / seen.



Instagram, a very popular one with young people has the following 'Parents' view of the risks...'

At a glance

Parents' view of the risks...



Net-aware is also very good at explaining these games and apps from the perspective of the children who like to enjoy them and from a parental point of view.

Kids

What do children and young people dislike about Instagram?

- People you don't know can comment on your posts, message you or follow you
- Sometimes you can see upsetting or inappropriate posts
- People write mean or bullying comments on your posts

“ I like that you can use it to communicate with friends and family. You do get some rude or distressing content posted on Instagram but you can report it immediately. Instagram always responds to what you've reported and tells you if what you reported was removed.

Girl, 14

Parents

We asked parents about the following areas of Instagram:

Signing up

“ A little too easy I would say. I entered an old email address and then I was allowed immediate access, no confirming email, no security codes or anything. I did not have to enter my DOB or confirm my age at any point.

Father of three

“ It is too easy to sign up for multiple accounts which can then be used for trolling or bullying.

Dad of a 17 year old

I would recommend having a good look around this site as it is a great tool for educating parents about Social Media, and popular games.

Congratulations:

FROGS raised £137 with the Harvest Cake Raffle – the winner was Mrs Kirsty Jones who won this excellent allotment-style cake which was kindly baked by Mrs Henwood, thank you. Look out for more updates from FROGS in their newsletters.





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After School Club

Cost structure:

3.15 - 4.40pm	£6
3.15 - 6pm	£10

For those children attending an activity club first, for example multi-sports club, parents would pay for the activity and then pay for the after school club separately as below) :

4.15 - 4.40pm	£3
4.15 - 6pm	£6

The new After School arrangements are set to be in place after half term. We are very excited about this as many of you have requested this for a long time as Mrs Clayton's popular Child Minding Service is full.

We have had many meetings with Mrs Clayton, hoping to encourage her to be part of the on site team but the decision was taken by her to remain in her current role. We wish her every luck moving forward as she remains an important part of our school team for breakfast club and lunch time.

We have had open and honest discussions over a period of many weeks - she fully understands and supports the fact that school has an obligation to provide a service for other families and that the children who currently use her service will continue to do so, and she has been involved in discussions explaining the reasoning around pricing. Again, please can explain that this is something new and may have to be tweaked - the aim is for this service to be cost neutral over time, considering natural fluctuations in attendance.

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Pickard about this.

Reminders:

FROGS: Hot Hair Day: Friday 25th October - £1

Playground Help: Contact David on 07967816004 / david.blackshaw@arlafoods.com.

Newsletters:

Rather than committing to the newsletters being weekly, I have made the decision to send them on a more ad-hoc basis when there is news and updates to share. This may mean they are sometimes sent weekly but in other instances, a newsletter won't be sent at all. Updates of the work children are doing can be found on the school twitter accounts and on the class website pages, so please check those to see what we have been up to.

There will always be a newsletter during the first week of a half term as this will outline any coming dates, and in the last week of the half term.

In any new headship, many things like newsletters become 'under review' as it is a good time to seek the thoughts of the staff team in order to make a new plan moving forward.



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Thank you!

As a final point, I would like to extend a heart-felt thank you for making my first half-term as your Headteacher such a wonderful experience.

I feel very settled and 'at home' in my new role - I have had the most fantastic time getting to know the children and sharing their achievements. I can't wait to see what exciting topics they will be learning about next half term.

Unfortunately, on 25th October I am attending my uncle's funeral, so I won't be at school. Have the most wonderful half-term holiday. I'll see you on Tuesday 5th November (Monday 4th is a training day).

Miss Pickard

