



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value

Friday 1st July 2022

Transition

It was a pleasure to welcome our new year 3 children for September into school this week. They had a lovely afternoon meeting their new teachers and TAs. The rest of the school all moved up to their new classes for the afternoon too. This can be a daunting time but all the children were very mature and are obviously ready to embark on the adventures ahead in their new year group.

The table opposite shows the pick up points for transfer day on Tuesday 5th July.

| Class | Teacher | Pick-up Point |
|-------|--------------------|------------------|
| 3W | Miss Windridge | Front playground |
| 3J | Mrs Brindley-Jones | Front playground |
| 3/4 L | Mrs Leck | Front playground |
| 4B | Miss Byrne | Rear playground |
| 4C | Miss Cheng | Rear playground |
| 5G | Miss Gleave | Front playground |
| 5H | Miss Husselbee | Front playground |
| 5/6 P | Mrs Platt | Rear playground |
| 6J | Mrs Jackson | Front playground |
| 6S | Mrs Slow | Front playground |

These are the classes the children are in for September

TikTok

Please find a guide for parents about TikTok on the last page of this newsletter. Children have to be 13 or above to use this app. Many of the e-safety problems and conflicts that we have in school are caused by children's use of TikTok. Please could you read the guidance and discourage your child from using this app until they are the appropriate age.

Unfortunately, use of this app gives a wider audience access to your child online if they are posting videos of themselves or others. We work hard to educate your children on how to keep themselves safe online and we appreciate your continued support with this.

Thank you.



Dates for your Diary

29th June and 5th July—Year 2 children visit.

See letter

Mon 4th & Tues 5th July Year 6 transition days

Wed 6th July—Fri 8th July Y6

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Thursday 21st July

Break up

Tuesday 6th September

Return to school

Stars of the week

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|------|---------|-------|----------|----|----------|
| 3G | Oskar F | 4W | Logan W | 6J | Alek R E |
| 3H | Lucy R | 5C | Jorja W | 6S | Rowan H |
| 3/4L | Enzo B | 5H | Olivia C | | |
| 4B | Seren L | 5/6BD | Rubie P | | |



Headteacher's Award:

Esme S
& Lois C

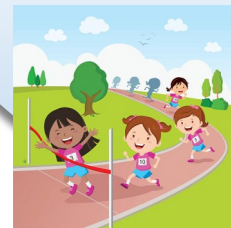


Well done to you all for your awards, you are all AMAZING!



We love running

The very worthy winners this week are 6J with an amazing 269 laps! Very well done, you are all amazing and even managed to dodge the rain showers!



Swimming Champions!

Following our school swimming gala, these super swimmers (LN and ER) from year 6 were selected to participate in the Shropshire county schools swimming gala to represent Telford and Wrekin. They performed fantastically and their Telford and Wrekin team won the gala! We have received a glowing message from their coach, who said that they were a credit to our school, showing great teamwork and individual swims and that it was a pleasure to have them as part of the team. A huge well done to you both, we are so proud of you!



School Fund Accounts

Our private school fund accounts have been audited by an independent auditor. If you would like to see a copy of the audit sheets, please contact the school office on 01952 387880.



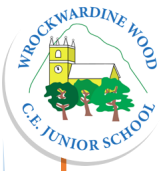
Football Presentation

These two amazing young ladies have recently received awards from the football club they belong to. During a presentation evening they were awarded with these trophies for their conduct when taking part in matches and also one young lady won the Manager's Player award. They both train and play matches with a local club once a week. Well done girls, we are so proud of you!

Year 6 Hoodies







We would like to clarify the arrangements for wearing the hoodies in school. The children may come to school wearing their hoody as a coat but must take it off when in school. If it's their PE day, they can come to school wearing it and also wear it for PE.





Parent Pledge

The Government white paper outlined a pledge to parents to ensure that any child who falls behind, will receive support to help them catch up with their peers. The table opposite outlines the process we work through as a school to enable this to happen. Our assessment procedures and monitoring systems ensure that children who are not making sufficient progress or attaining in line with their peers receive support through tailored interventions to close any gaps.

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| Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School Parent pledge  | | | | |
| Any child who falls behind in English and Maths will receive timely evidence based support to enable them to reach their potential. | | | | |
| Assessment by teacher shows if pupil is struggling with English or Maths  | School identifies appropriate teaching adjustment or evidence based targeted support to help.  | Child receives evidence based high quality support that complements the schools high quality curriculum  | Ongoing engagement with parents keeps them up to date with progress  | Childs progress is monitored to check if targeted support needs to be continued or changed  |

Year 2 Games Club

The year 2 children had such a good time at the games club after school today. If your child would like to attend the sessions on the 8th July or the 15th July (or both!) and have not already signed up, please pop into the school office to sign the permission slip.



Whole school attendance for the week commencing 20th June is.....95.16%

Congratulations! our attendance is continuing on its upward trend. Local average is 96% and we are JUST below that. I have every faith that next week we will smash into average figures once again. Thank you all for your support.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-synching and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.



EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-synching and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.



TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



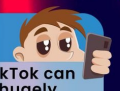
HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.



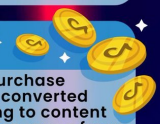
ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media platforms, TikTok can be extremely addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.



IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.



MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts is 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.



LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something *does* slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.



ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.



USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.



Meet Our Expert

Parven 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 Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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