



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Courage

Friday 17th February 2023

It has been a very busy half term, looking back through our weekly newsletters is such a delight seeing all of the achievements and celebrations. We hope that you have a lovely half term break and a well deserved rest . We look forward to seeing you back on Mon 27th February.

Parent / Carer and Child Board Game Club!

We would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a Board Games Club with your child, on a Friday, until 4pm. If you would be interested in attending, please complete the survey below! Many thanks for your continued support <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfde8NOW5mYuxfuCOKmimY28IYQ9v9gfoMdnukRfsoSOPq3Ew/viewform>

Dates for your Diary

- Friday 17th Feb**
Break up. Normal time normal uniform
- Monday 27th Feb**
Return to school normal time normal uniform
- Thurs 2nd March**
Wolv Art Gallery 3/4G
- Friday 3rd March**
Walsall Art Gallery 6J & 6S
- Mon 20th March – Wed 22nd March**
Standon Bowers Residential

Well done to our F1 challenge teams!

On Monday, we travelled to InComm training - we met Mrs Mee, who was funny and our sponsor, David Samuel from Kyrus (he was very impressed with our cars!) Mrs Mee gave us a tour of the facilities at In-comm, and we spoke to two young ambassadors, they love engineering. Once Mrs Mee had run through regional race day, she checked our cars were legal and safe for racing, she chose the two safest cars. Whilst she checked the cars, we got to test our reaction times for pulling the race trigger, this told us who had the fastest reaction times and therefore, who would over-see racing on the day! Following this, we raced the chosen cars on the track, recording our race times afterwards, the cars were powered by gas canisters, and they flew down the track in under two seconds - it was so exciting! We had the best morning and have come away with lots of adaptation ideas for our cars, that will hopefully help us win on the day, we can't wait to get started with the next stage after half term. WE are so proud of all our hard work.



Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Ruby R	Sophia R	Sky E	5G	Ayva Reid
Michal W	Olivia C	Max W	5H	
Tommy N	Alfie T	Arthur R	5/6P	
Daisy D		Deepika K	6J	
Lucas C		Aidan K	6S	
Kayden B				

Dandelions

It was lovely to see two of our parents at a local authority Safeguarding Training session earlier this week. They were there as representatives of the Dandelions. The Dandelions are a parent led support group who share lived experiences of adversity and offer support and advice for fellow parents.

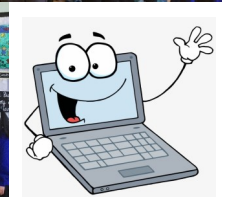
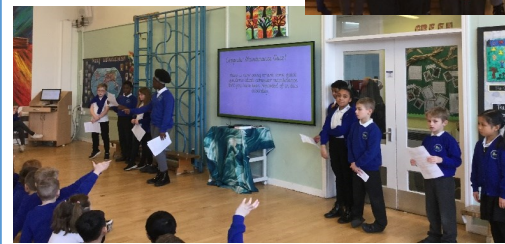


“we grow together and when we are ready we begin again in new places.”

Digital Leaders Assembly

On Wednesday morning, the WWJS Digital Leaders gave an assembly to both lower school and upper school about how to take care of and effectively use our school laptops and iPads. The Digital Leaders are made up of some pupils from each year group who work together to ensure effective and safe computer use. They informed the pupils about a check-up they had conducted, making key points for laptop users to think about. These were points such as putting the laptops on charge, logging off properly and taking care of the chargers. They also did a quick quiz about computer maintenance for the pupils to answer!

Well done to our superb Digital Leaders, who worked so hard to make this assembly great!



**SHROVE TUESDAY
HALF TERM
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

21st February 2023 9:30 - 12:00
Come join us in our warm space for pancakes, hot and cold drinks, crafts for kiddies and lots and lots of toppings

We look forward to welcoming you in!

Message us on Facebook
Holy Trinity Wrockwardine Wood
and let us know if you are coming so we can be sure and have enough for everyone

E Safety Update

Each week we are including an online safety poster with our newsletter to give you guidance and support with keeping your children safe online. This week we have included a poster on WhatsApp. Over recent weeks it has become apparent to us that many of our children are accessing and freely using WhatsApp. Sadly this has caused several safeguarding concerns, misunderstandings and fallings out between children. As the poster attached outlines, children should be 16 or over to have a WhatsApp account. If your child does have an account we would strongly recommend that you regularly check messages and chats within their account to ensure they are keeping themselves safe and not talking to people they don't know through this app who have been added to the group chats.



Attendance:

We finish this half term on 94.5% - which is up from last week. Well done to 3/G (96%) and 6S (97%) who have earned whole class Dojo points for having the highest attendance in their phases.

We are also excited to announce that we have sent out 102 congratulation letters to pupils today who have achieved 100% attendance this half term.

These children will be entered into our prize draw. The draw will take place at the end of term and because we congratulate attendance every half term, they could have double



Prayer workshops on Thursday 16th February

We were visited by Reverend Debbie and Reverend Lisa from Holy Trinity Church on Thursday. Each class took part in a finance-themed workshop, that told the story of The Good Samaritan, and how we can support others less fortunate than ourselves. We talked about the idea that if everyone donated just a tiny amount, the end result could be massive and change lives.





Health and Safety advise from Telford and Wrekin that we have been asked to share:

Advice for parents on visits to settings involving contact with animals

Visitor attractions involving contact with animals are understandably popular with parents and children but do carry a risk from infectious diseases. All animals naturally carry a range of micro-organisms, some of which can be transmitted to humans, where they may cause ill health. Some of these, such as E. coli O157 or Cryptosporidium (Crypto), present a serious health hazard and have the potential to cause serious illness which may be particularly severe in young children. We see many cases of Crypto each year in the Health Protection Hub, particularly among children, and it's a miserable experience for them and their parents.

Following these practical steps will help your child stay safe and healthy:

- Children should wash their hands in the following four situations: after contacting animals, before eating, before and after using play equipment, and when leaving site. It will help to explain why they must wash their hands thoroughly in these situations and to show them what proper handwashing looks like. Bear in mind that alcohol gel is not a suitable substitute for proper hand washing with soap and running water – it doesn't work against Crypto.
- Do not suck fingers or put hands, pens, pencils or crayons etc. in mouths.
- Check that cuts, grazes etc. on children's hands are covered with a waterproof dressing.
- Do not kiss animals.
- Eat only food that you have brought with you or food for human consumption that you have bought on the premises, and eat only in designated areas.
- Never eat food that has fallen to the ground.
- Never taste animal foods.
- Children should not eat, drink or chew anything (including sweets) outside the areas designated for eating at the visitor attraction.
- Where possible, clean or clean and change footwear before leaving. The site should have facilities to clean footwear and push chair/pram wheels as you leave the site. Wash hands after cleaning/changing footwear.
- Do not use or pick up tools (e.g. spades and forks) or touch other work equipment unless permitted to do so by site staff.
- Do not climb on to walls, fences, gates or animal pens etc. Some animals put their feet on the fences of their pens and contaminate them with faecal matter.
- Listen carefully and follow the instructions and information given by the site staff.
- Do not wander off into unsupervised or prohibited areas e.g. manure heaps.
- Allow plenty of time for hand washing before eating or leaving the site so that the children do not have to rush.
- If a member of your group shows signs of illness (e.g. sickness or diarrhoea) after a visit, visit the doctor and explain that they have had recent contact with animals. Please also contact the attraction you visited and inform them of the illness.

Water Safety Tips for Parents

The Canal & River Trust have produced some information on water safety for parents based on their SAFE message – Stay Away From the Edge, with a focus on getting children to "Hold hands and take two steps back" when by the water side. They have a video you can watch with your children featuring Maddie Moate from CBeebies:

Other tips

- * Always hold your child's hand when by the water
- * Make sure the brake is on the pram or pushchair when stationary
- * Make sure to look out for other people on busy towpaths before stepping back
- * Head to the [Explorers website](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk) [Toddler water safety | Canal & River Trust](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk) ([canalrivertrust.org.uk](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)) to download learning activities to help you toddlers and pre-schoolers learn how to stay safe by the water.

What to do if a child falls into the water

- * There may be other people around, so shout for help as loudly as you can.
- * If you have other children with you, make sure they are safe.
- * Dial 999 and ask for the fire and rescue service. Explain your location clearly - use road names, bridge numbers, what3words and describe any landmarks.
- * Lie down on the ground and try to reach them in the water. Use a tree branch, stick or an item of clothing to reach out to them. Don't get in the water yourself. If they have fallen in, it's likely that they won't be too far away from the edge.
- * If you can, haul them out of the water. Do this by lying down on the ground and pulling them out by grabbing their clothes. Don't pull them out from a standing position as you are more likely to fall in the water yourself.
- * If you can't get them out, lie on the ground and hold on to them until help arrives.



You can visit their website here: [Water safety tips for parents | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://www.canalrivertrust.org.uk)

E Safety Weekly Update

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP

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.



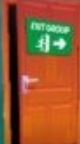
REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

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

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.



National Online Safety

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