



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Respect

Friday 9th June 2023

### Music Heroes Concert

On Tuesday this week we invited the Music Heroes band into school to launch our whole school music focus for this half term. Throughout this term each class will be studying a different genre and aspect of music. The children will be listening to and appreciating music alongside creating compositions and performing pieces to their peers. The band performed several songs that the children danced and sang along to including Sweet Caroline, We Will Rock you and Green, Green Grass. Children were able to ask the band questions and Penelope in Year 4 took to the mike and sang along with Gayle. Guess that song was a real favourite with the children enthusiastically calling out the songs they recognised as their intros were played. The whole experience created a real buzz of enthusiasm and excitement for our focus on music over this half term.

If you would like you child to have a free taster one to one lesson with Music Heroes in drums, piano, guitar or ukulele please pick up a leaflet from the front entrance or contact Gayle directly on: Gayle Kinsey <musicheroesshropshire@gmail.com>



### Dates for your Diary

#### Mon 19th June

Sports Day Years 5 and 6—am. Parents welcome

#### Sports Week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

#### Tues 20th June

Sports Day Years 3 and 4—am. Parents welcome

#### 19th—23rd June

Healthy Eating Week—see letter

#### Fri 23rd June

Year 6 parent lunch— see letter

#### Mon 3rd July & Tues 4th July

Year 6 transition days

Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Wade M	Penelope B	Charlie H	3B	Denis A
Iza M		Kylie K	3W	
Ryley J		Seth J	3/4G	
Nevaeh B		Hazel Y	4B	
Regan B		Jaxon B	4C	
Avneet T				

### This Half Terms Value - Respect

This half term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of **respect**.

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even if they are different from you or don't agree with something that you believe in. Respect in relationships builds feelings of trust and safety. Respect is something that we learn and is not something that occurs naturally.

Outside of school, children might demonstrate **respect** in the following ways:

- Showing respect to our environment
- Showing respect to a family member
- Using kind and polite words in an upsetting situation
- Sharing something special or only taking what you need
- Being careful not to damage places or things

If you feel your child has demonstrated **respect** and made a real difference to the life of someone else over the course of this half term, please complete [this form](#) and return it to their class teacher. If approved, your child will be awarded the **respect** sticker for their Values Passport.



### After School Clubs—Free

The confirmation texts have now been sent to parents to advise which free club their child has been allocated if they have applied for one. Forest School and Gardening are now full.

Please collect your child promptly or make sure you have advised us by completing a booking sheet that they will be attending Wraparound Care. Thank you.

**Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for Forest School and Gardening Clubs.**

Club	Start	Finish	Ends at
Forest	13.06.23	04.07.23	4pm
Gardening	13.06.23	04.07.23	4pm
Puzzle	15.06.23	29.06.23	4pm
Newspaper	15.06.23	06.07.23	4pm
Rounders	15.06.23	06.07.23	4pm

### Warm Weather

The weather over the last week has in the main been lovely and hopefully this will continue. We have been able to start using our school field at lunch times which all of the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Could we please ask that you send your child to school with a full bottle of water, a sun hat (both labelled with the child's name) and sun cream already applied. Thank you.



### Attendance



Thank you for your efforts in getting your children into school despite the sickness bug doing the rounds, not long to go now until a well deserved break for the summer holidays. Thanks to parents of everyone in class 3W, your attendance figure was an amazing 100% over the week before half term!! Closely followed by 6J with 99.24%. Whole school attendance was down slightly at 93.61%, lets get this figure back up next week.



# E Safety

## What Parents Need to Know about

# POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures; physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

### STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

### DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

### VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

### ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

### DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

### USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

### AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!