



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Joy

Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome Back

All of the children made a fantastic start back, they were all very excited to start their art projects and reading a new class text. Although this is a very short half term there are lots of amazing activities and events planned in for the children including trips to



galleries and museums, a visit from the fire service, forest schools and Jumping Jax.



We aim to provide all of the children with a range of activities to enable them to grow both academically and personally.



If you have any concerns or need to speak to someone please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher through Class DoJo, or myself through the main office.

Memorable Experience



Dates for your Diary

Wed 17th January

Year 4 trip to Shrewsbury Museum

Thurs 18th January

Year 6 trip to Walsall Art Gallery

3:00pm Tuesday

23rd January
Standon Bowers parents meeting

Mon 5th February

Mental Health Awareness Day

Tues 6th February

Safer Internet Day

Wed 7th February

End of day drop in to see pupils' Art Work.

Friday 9th February

Break up Half Term

Spring 1 – Laugh: Joy

This half term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of **joy**. Joy is the feeling of great pleasure and happiness, that often comes from the act of someone else. Outside of school, children might demonstrate **joy** in the following ways:

- * Smile. One of the easiest ways to bring others joy is simply by smiling at them.
- * Helping someone in need
- * Spending time with someone who needs company
- * Showing that you are thankful for something by writing a thank you letter using manners



Achievement Award	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Tobias R	Scarlet C	Aaima C	3B	Maisie B
Ellis W		Theodore B	3LB	
Evelyn M		Elliott P	4C	
Esmae P		Darcy J	4T	
Lilly-Mae B				
Harper W				

SOUTHWATER DROP IN



Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library – children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family Hubs information



Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support

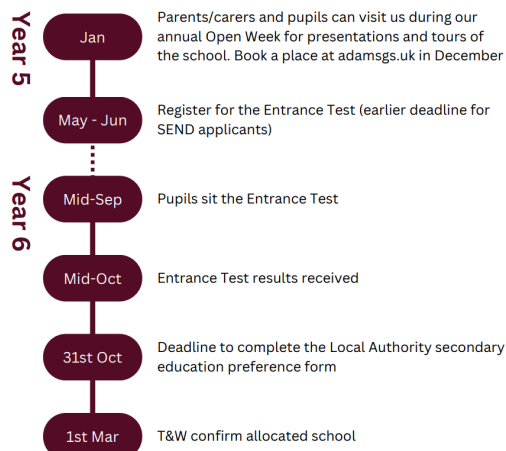


Year 5 Parents:

How to apply



Haberdashers' Adams is a selective state grammar school so entry is subject to passing an Entrance Test. The Test comprises two papers, each approximately 50-60 minutes long, which assess English Comprehension, Verbal Reasoning, Mathematics and Non-Verbal Reasoning provided by GL Assessments. The timeline for applying is shown below.



Visit us

Taking a look around Haberdashers' Adams is the best way to find out more about the school. Our Open Week will be held from 22 - 25 January 2024. Scan the QR code or visit our website to book your place!



www.adams.gs.uk



School Admissions 2024

The online application form for children who are due to start primary school (Reception), secondary school (Year 7), or those transferring from infant to junior school (Year 3) in September 2024 is now available via the Telford & Wrekin website.

- Parents will need to make an application to the Local Authority in which they live even if they want to apply for a school in another LA area.
- If a child is attending a school based nursery, they still need to apply for a school place.

All parents will need to apply online via the parent portal and are advised to apply to four schools, including their nearest or catchment area school.

The application deadlines for each process are:

- Reception – 15 January 2024
- Junior – 15 January 2024
- Secondary 31 October 2024

If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan the closing date is 31 October 2023 for all applications.

- Further information is available on the Telford & Wrekin website, including links to the updated primary and secondary school admission brochures.

If you have any difficulties completing their application, you should contact the School Admissions Team at: admissions@telford.gov.uk

Uniform Reminder

Please see our website for a more detailed overview of our uniform policy. All children should wear PE kit on the days that they have PE (a white T shirt, blue school jumper and black or blue joggers, shorts or leggings). All children must wear black school shoes (low heeled boots are permitted in winter with trousers/knee length skirt not PE kit), a blue jumper, white shirt, black or grey skirt or dress (girls) and black or grey trousers (boys or girls). If your child has incorrect uniform they will receive a letter to bring home.

Newport Girls High School



If you are considering Newport Girl's High school for your daughter in the future, why not drop in to our information roadshow on:

Date to be Confirmed for the Spring Term 2024

Find out about: The application process, key dates for applying, details of the entrance test, extra curricular activities, what it is really like at this outstanding school and any other questions you may have.

No need to book—just drop in and find out more!



Newport Girls High School, Wellington Road, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7HL
Telephone: +44 (0)1952 797550

e-mail: schooloffice@nghs.org.uk website: www.nghs.org.uk

REMINDER:

Please remind your child that they are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters whilst on the school premises. This is to ensure the safety of everyone who visits our site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Attendance

6J won the attendance league in the week before Christmas break, with 97.81%. 4C topped lower school with 96.21%. Our whole school figure was 91.8% which is lower than the week before, but due to the bugs and illnesses going round school.

Attendance this week has been very good so far this week, lets keep it up!

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Ambassadors

I am delighted to introduce to you our new attendance ambassador team. The team will have weekly attendance celebration jobs to carry out and have an important roll in helping school leaders understand attendance through a child's voice.

" This week we have shared our views on attendance with Miss Ashley through a pupil voice questionnaire. This is some of our findings":

Some of the reason why we think it is important to come to school are:

Have fun, to learn new things, to get a good job, to make friends, to help you do well at GCSEs, to have good attendance so you can get a school like Thomas Telford, parents can get into trouble and to get physical activity and fresh air.

Some of the school activities that encourage us to come to school are:

Girls football, doing writing to help me get the job I want, forest school, science, geography and football at lunch time.

Some of the reasons for missing a day off could be:

Feeling down , problems with family, asthma, being too late, family activity like going out for the day, birthday, A & E and appointments.

Some of the reasons for having more than one day off:

Hospital, Sickness , cough with blood, chicken Pox, holiday, schools with different holiday times, asthma attack , incidents at home and surgery- dentist.

What does the school already do to encourage attendance:

Encourage you by talking about attendance in class, give me reasons for learning, give you help when were not feeling ok like if you have family problems-emotional support, fluency in lessons , raffle for prize, attendance display , give parents help and talk to them to help get better attendance, special lunches, soft starts and teachers tell us about attendance on newsletter.

What more can school do to encourage attendance:

Have a chat with us about attendance if we are starting to get bad.

How can we help you worry less about coming back to school after missing some days off school:

Teacher talks to the class and asks the other children not to fuss us and teacher or TA telephoning home and speaking to us.





Standon Bowers Parents' Meeting!

We would like to invite all parents of children attending the Year 4 residential trip to Standon Bowers in March to a parent's meeting in the hall at 3:00pm on Tuesday 23rd January. If you cannot make this meeting please phone school and the PowerPoint can be sent to you via email. Many thanks for your support.



BEAM Workshops for Parents and Professionals 2024

Shropshire Beam are pleased to provide Virtual workshops for Parents & Professionals from JANUARY 2024 – FEBRUARY 2024. All virtual workshops will take around an hour.

Details of the workshops are shown below, you need to click on the link at the appropriate time of chosen workshop. All workshops will be done via M S Teams Video call, we are unable to record sessions. The workshops are derived to be informative and engaging sessions, please be willing to participate during the sessions.

There are four workshops which will be rolled out at 12pm- 1pm approx. Please see the following details of content: -

Managing Anxiety – aims & Objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experience issues with anxiety.

Understanding & Responding to Self-Harm - aims & Objectives are to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions of methods & techniques to help support the youth experiencing issues with self-harm.

Wellbeing Planning – a workshop which explains & provides a tool for Children & Young people to support their general

Emotional Health & Wellbeing, it recognises triggers and promotes self-awareness, this can also be used as a relapse tool to support resilience.

Sleep Support - aims to pass over psycho - education within the topic followed by practical suggestions & advise of methods & techniques to help support the children & young people having difficulties with getting to sleep and staying asleep. This workshop will be rolled out twice over the four weeks, due to popular demand.

Grief & Loss support - This workshop aims to support parents and professionals to better understand some emotions that young people may struggle with having gone through a loss. We will equip you with a knowledge and understanding of the feelings and emotions that they may be battling with, and support that could help them feel better.

Wednesday 3/1/24 @12pm - Managing Anxiety

Microsoft Teams meeting Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 12pm - Managing Anxiety](#)

Meeting ID: 315 126 036 412 Passcode: RARvzJ

Wednesday 10/1/24@12pm - Sleep Support Microsoft Teams meeting

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 12pm - Sleep Support](#)

Meeting ID: 344 239 103 595 Passcode: VJRsvz

Wednesday 17/1/24@12pm - Supporting & Understanding Self Harm

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 17th January at 12pm - Supporting & Understanding Self Harm](#)

Meeting ID: 327 883 397 101 Passcode: sRKDFe

Wednesday 24/1/24@12pm - Wellbeing Planning

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 24th January at 12pm - Wellbeing Planning](#)

Meeting ID: 395 615 207 962 Passcode: tJaAQH

Wednesday 31/1/24@12pm - Grief & Loss, The workshop for Parents/ Professionals.

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 31st January at 12pm - Grief & Loss The workshop for Parents/ Professionals](#)

Meeting ID: 377 607 448 578 Passcode: 9bjjew

Wednesday 7/2/24@12pm - Managing Anxiety

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 7th February at 12pm - Managing Anxiety](#)

Meeting ID: 345 705 527 892 Passcode: Luf6ey

Wednesday 14/2/24@12pm - Sleep Support

Meeting ID: 383 113 797 067 Passcode: qy6LUc

Wednesday 21/2/24@12pm - Supporting & Understanding Self Harm

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 21st February at 12pm - Supporting & Understanding Self Harm](#)

Meeting ID: 397 629 104 445 Passcode: Emarof

Wednesday 28/2/24@12pm - Wellbeing Planning

Click here to join the meeting [Wednesday 28th February at 12pm - Wellbeing Planning](#)

Meeting ID: 346 494 806 897 Passcode: usCKJZ

E Scooters - Following enquiries regarding the legality of using electric scooters as transport to school we would like to draw your attention to the following statement from the "Ask the Police" website (www.askthe.police.uk). "Electric scooters/bikes, quads, go-peds, mini-motos, hoverboards and Segways are all examples of vehicles that may be considered in legal terms to be motor vehicles and are therefore subject to all the usual legal requirements that apply to cars or motorcycles e.g. tax, insurance, registration and driver licensing. They cannot therefore be used on a road unless they conform to the law and many such vehicles will never be 'road legal' as their design fails to meet UK or EC road vehicle standards. Furthermore, such vehicles cannot legally be used on the pavement either, in fact the only place they can be used is on private land with the landowner's permission."

E Safety Support



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection, but there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.



Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices); identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNLAD Gaming and GAMNOCABLE. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Fortnite Parents Guide

AGE RESTRICTION
12+



'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite.' The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus,' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins,' 'gliders' and 'emotes,' which change the characters' appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are attractive for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass.' When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The websites or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home games console. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game IS free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

Top Tips for Parents

LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means your child wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. However, they would still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a paysafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



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A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com

Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

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