School Office Thursday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 13th May	• Y6 SATS Breakfast Club 8.00am • KS2 SATs – English Grammar and Spelling Papers 1 and 2 • Qualitas Club after school – KS2
Tuesday 14th May	• Y6 SATS Breakfast Club 8.00am • KS2 SATs – English Grammar and Spelling Papers 1 and 2 • Qualitas Club after school – KS1
Wednesday 15th May	• Y6 SATS Breakfast Club 8.00am • KS2 SATs – Maths Paper 1 and 2 • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book* • **Choir at lunchtime**
Thursday 16th May	• Y6 SATS Breakfast Club 8.00am • KS2 SATs – Maths Paper 3 • NO Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group • Class 4 Swimming
Friday 17th May	• **Year 6 Celebration event Whitworth Park 10 – 3**
Monday 20th May	• Class photographs • Qualitas Club after school – KS2
Tuesday 21st May	• Cricket Tournament – Matlock Cricket Club – details to follow next week • Football match – St Josephs v St Giles • Qualitas Club after school – KS1
Wednesday 22nd May	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book* • **Choir at lunchtime**
Thursday 23rd May	• Bunting Cup Cavendish Fields 10am • Class 4 swimming
Friday 24th May	• Last day of term

OTHER NEWS

- **PTFA FAMILY WALK – SUNDAY 19TH MAY- Everyone is welcome to join us for this pushchair and dog friendly event. Please meet at school at 2.15pm for a 2.30pm start. We aim to stop for a drink and snack half way round and there will be cake at the end!**
- **SPORTS DAY is on Friday 21st June from 1.00pm - 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome**
- **ADVANCE NOTICE – NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM – Tuesday 23rd July**
- **Please check ParentPay and clear any outstanding balances as soon as possible.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Sunday 19th May	**PTFA Family Walk – Further details to follow** **2.15pm Meet at school** **2.30pm Start** **Approx. 2 hours** **Pushchair and dog friendly**
Monday 20th May	Class photographs
Tuesday 21st May	Cricket Tournament Matlock Cricket Club Football match after school – St Josephs v St Giles
Thursday 23rd May	BUNTING CUP – Cavendish Fields 10-4
Friday 24th May	LAST DAY OF TERM BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	**SCHOOL REOPENS**
Wednesday 12th June	Football match after school – St Giles v South Darley
Thursday 13th June	SOUTH PEAK SPORTS – Darley Dale Primary School
Monday 17th June	**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
Tuesday 18th June	Class 2 to All Saints Juniors for Sports Event - Qualitas New Starters meeting for parents 5.00pm
Thursday 20th June	RESERVE DATE – SOUTH PEAK SPORTS
Friday 21st June	**SPORTS DAY 1.00PM - 3.30PM - Everyone Welcome** **PTFA QUIZ NIGHT – Starkholmes Village Hall 7.30pm** **Further details to follow**
Tuesday 25th June	Football match after school – Darley Churchtown v St Giles
Tuesday 2nd July	New Starters – Stay and Play between 1.15 and 3.00
Wednesday 3rd July	New Starters Transition Visit 9.30 - 11.30 Y6 – Transition Day to Highfields for pupils joining in September
Thursday 4th July	LAST SWIMMING OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR Y6 – Transition Day to Lady Manners for pupils joining in September
Tuesday 9th July	Football match after school – St Giles v Castle View
Thursday 11th July	New Starters Transition Visit 1.30 - 3.00
Tuesday 23rd July	**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Wednesday 4th September	**INSET DAY – school closed**
Thursday 5th September	**INSET DAY – school closed**
Friday 6th September	**First Day of Term**

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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