School Office Thursday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 29th April	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 30th April	• **Class 2 to All Saints for Multi Sports Event by Qualitas Class 2 should come to school in PE Kits** • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball • Football Training after school
Wednesday 1st May	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book* • **Choir at lunchtime**
Thursday 2nd May	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • Swimming for Class 4 - PM • **NO CHOIR after school**
Friday 3rd May	
Monday 6th May	• BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7th May	• Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball • Football Training
Wednesday 8th May	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book* • Choir at lunchtime
Thursday 9th May	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • Class 4 swimming
Friday 10th May	•

OTHER NEWS

- **PTFA FORTHCOMING EVENTS– PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEXT TWO PTFA DATES**
  Sunday 19th May – PTFA FAMILY WALK 2.15pm from school

  Friday 21st June – PTFA QUIZ NIGHT at Starkholmes Village Hall 7.30pm

  Further details will be sent out soon by the PTFA

- **Choir – PLEASE NOTE - From next week there will no longer be choir after school on Thursdays. This will now be held during lunchtime on Wednesdays.**
- **Class 2 – Please use ParentPay to provide consent for the sports event on Tuesday.**
- **ParentPay – Please check your ParentPay accounts. All outstanding amounts should be settled as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email enquiries@st-giles-matlock.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries.

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

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday 13th May	KS2 SATs – English Grammar and Spelling Papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14th May	KS2 SATs – English Reading
Wednesday 15th May	KS2 SATs – Maths Paper 1 and 2
Thursday 16th May	KS2 SATs – Maths Paper 3
Thursday 16th May	No Little Smiles toddler group
Friday 17th May	Y6 Celebration Event @ Whitworth Park 10.00 - 3.00pm (Details to follow) Class 2 Forest School
Sunday 19th May	**PTFA Family Walk – Further details to follow** **2.15pm Meet at school** **2.30pm Start** **Approx. 2 hours** **Pushchair friendly**
Monday 20th May	Class photographs
Tuesday 21st May	Football match after school – St Josephs v St Giles
Thursday 23rd May	BUNTING CUP – Cavendish Fields 10-4
Friday 24th May	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 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	New Starters meeting for parents 5.00pm
Thursday 20th June	RESERVE DATE – SOUTH PEAK SPORTS
Friday 21st June	**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 The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practises even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert



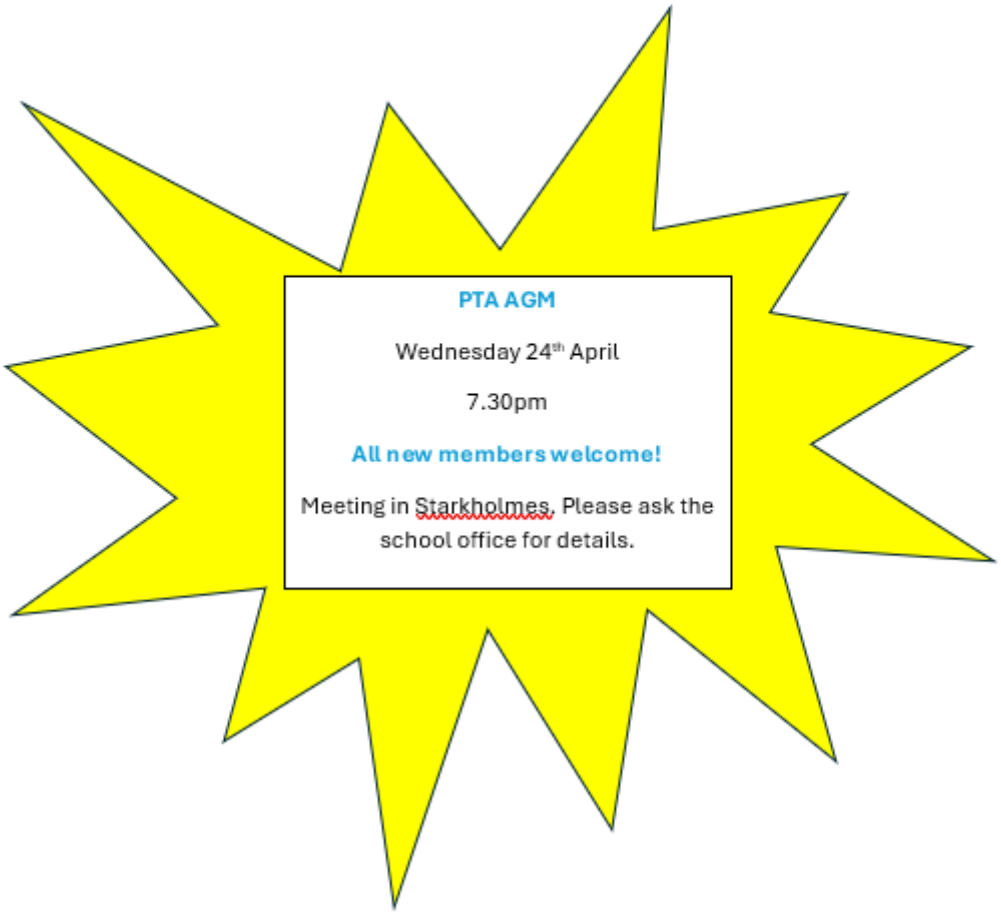
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We are recruiting!!!!!!

We are in desperate need of a secretary. Having a secretary is a vital part of running a committee and a charity and we cannot continue without one. We are at risk of the PTA folding if we do not receive some more help. The role involves the following:

- Attending 3 official meetings a year, which occur at the start of each term.
- Writing minutes for the meetings
- Writing the newsletter following each meeting
- Liasing with the core committee in between meetings
- Keeping an eye on dates and liasing with school and social media secretary to make announcements on the facebook page

We are a laid back committee, all of whom are busy and work. We have realistic expectations of what we can achieve. However, we do need some more help behind the scenes to keep our brilliant little PTA thriving. If you think you can offer some time or skills, please come to the meeting next week or email Laura Hickinbotham (chair) at laurahickinbotham@gmail.com. Many thanks.