School Office Thursday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 15th April	• **SCHOOL OPENS** • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 16th April	• Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball • Football training
Wednesday 17th April	• • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 18th April	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • No swimming •
Friday 19th April	
Monday 22nd April	• • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 23rd April	• Class 2 Trip – Crich Tramway Museum • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball
Wednesday 24th April	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 25th April	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • CLASS 4 SWIMMING
Friday 26th April	•

OTHER NEWS

- **Parent Pay – Please check your Parent Pay accounts. All outstanding amounts should be settled before the start of the summer term. Thank you.**
- **Qualitas after school sports clubs are staying the same for the next half term. If your child is on the register for any club and no longer wants to attend please contact the school office. There are currently spaces on both Key Stage Two clubs which can be booked using ParentPay.**

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 15th April	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM
Thursday 18th April	NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK
Tuesday 23rd April	CLASS 2 TRIP – CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM
Thursday 25th April	SWIMMING STARTS FOR YEARS 5 AND 6
Tuesday 30th April	Class 2 – Qualtias Multi Skills Event at All Saints Junior School
Monday 6th May	**May Day Bank Holiday**
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 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
Thursday 13th June	SOUTH PEAK SPORTS – Darley Dale Primary School
Monday 17th June	**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
Thursday 20th June	RESERVE DATE – SOUTH PEAK SPORTS
Wednesday 3rd July	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 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 CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, asocial and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert



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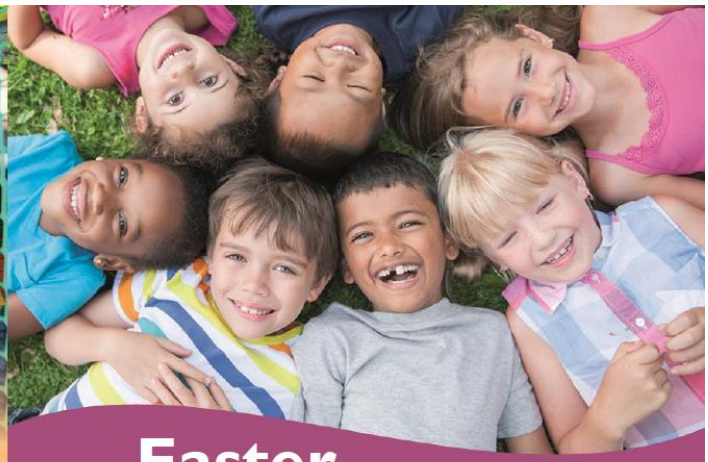
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