School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 4th March	• **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 4PM** • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 5th March	• Class 2 to All Saints Juniors for MAD Sports Event 9.30 - 11.30 Children come to school in PE kit • School football team – St Giles v Darley Church Town • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball - *use ParentPay to book*
Wednesday 6th March	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 7th March	• World Book Day: Children can dress-up as a book character or bring a book and wear their favourite clothes. Children can write a recommendation of their favourite book; these will be displayed in school. During the day there will be lots of fun filled activities • Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • Class 3 Swimming • Choir after school
Friday 8th March	•
Monday 11th March	• Stay and Play – Class 1 and 2 – 2.45pm – 3.15pm • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 12th March	• Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball - *use ParentPay to book* • School football team training
Wednesday 13th March	• Book Look – Class 3 and 4 – 3.15pm-3.45pm • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 14th March	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • Class 3 Swimming • Choir after school
Friday 15th March	• Comic Relief – details to follow

Other News

- **Monday 4th March – ADVANCE NOTICE - Due to mandatory staff training for all school staff from 4.00pm until 6.00pm AFTER SCHOOL CLUB will only be available until 4.00pm today. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience**

- **Many thanks to our PTFA for the fantastic school disco last night and to all those who attended and showed their support to make it such a great event.**
- **Ordinarily school sets INSET days well in advance as we are aware parents need to plan ahead. Unfortunately, we have not been able to confirm all of our five INSET dates for the next academic year yet as there are some discussions around shared dates with other schools within our Trust. However, we can confirm that all schools in the Matlock and Dales Primary Partnership will take two INSET days at the start of the new school year. School will open for**

children on Friday 6th September 2024. We will confirm the three remaining dates as soon as we can.

- Parent Pay – Please check your Parent Pay accounts and ensure all are up to date.

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 4th March	**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UNTIL 4.00PM ONLY** **Mandatory Staff Training**
Tuesday 5th March	After School Football – St Giles v Darley Churchtown
Thursday 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY - Children can dress-up as a book character or bring a book and wear their favourite clothes. Children can write a recommendation of their favourite book; these will be displayed in school. During the day there will be lots of fun filled activities.
Monday 11th March	STAY AND PLAY - CLASS 1 AND 2 - 2.45PM-3.15PM
Wednesday 13th March	BOOK LOOK - CLASS 3 AND 4 - 3.15PM-3.45PM
Friday 15th March	COMIC RELIEF – details to follow
Tuesday 19th March	CLASS 1 TRIP TO MATLOCK FARM PARK – AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY TO PAY AND CONSENT. Letters out today.
Wednesday 27th March	CLASS 2 TRIP TO CRICH TRAMWAY MUSEUM – details soon
Thursday 28th March	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER
Monday 15th April	SCHOOL REOPENS FOR THE SUMMER TERM
Thursday 18th April	NO SWIMMING THIS WEEK
Thursday 25th April	SWIMMING FOR YEAR 5 AND 6
Monday 6th May	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
Friday 24th May	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM
Monday 3rd June	SCHOOL REOPENS
Monday 17th June	**INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
Wednesday 3rd July	Y6 – Transition Day to Highfields for pupils joining in September
Thursday 4th July	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**
Thursday 5th September	**INSET DAY**
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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about
ONLINE DATING & RELATIONSHIPS

Most online dating apps claim to be for over-18s only but, in some cases, relaxed age verification also allows children to access them. What's more, some popular social media platforms use similar design features to many dating sites – blurring the line between why a young person initially downloads an app and what they *actually* end up using it for.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING

Online grooming is when someone forms a connection with a child in the digital world and carefully cultivates this relationship with the intention of manipulating the child into doing something sexual or illegal. The process involves gaining the young person's confidence – which can make them far less likely to tell a trusted adult about their new online 'friend', or to recognise what is even happening.

WEBCAM BLACKMAIL

Some young people have been coaxed into getting nude or semi-nude on a video chat with someone they met on a dating platform. They're then told that, unless they hand over a certain amount of money, a recording of the video will be posted online (or possibly sent to their contacts). This can be hugely traumatic for a young person and, in extreme cases, has resulted in self-harm and even suicide.

DAMAGE TO SELF ESTEEM

Many dating platforms encourage users to rate the images that people upload; this has clear potential to negatively impact a young person's self esteem. On some apps, pictures of a user's face and body can be rated anonymously, with notifications informing them if someone has then declined to match with them. This form of rejection can feel extremely hurtful and degrading.

CATFISHING AND SCAMS

Creating a false identity to deliberately lure people into a relationship (whether romantic or platonic) online is known as catfishing. Commonly, someone pretends to share interests or beliefs with their victim and gradually gains their trust. A young person's feelings for this fake 'friend' may cloud their judgement and can lead to them surrendering money, personal images, passwords and so on.

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Stalking is obsessive behaviour by a fixated individual which disrupts their victim's life; it can bring severe distress and even the fear of violence. There have been frequent reports of stalking cases that originated on dating apps, with perpetrators creating new accounts in response to being reported or blocked. It's a particular cause for concern if a young person has ever given out personal details (such as their street or school name) online.

Advice for Parents & Carers

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Reassure your child that they can always talk to you about anything online that's worried them. Emphasise that if they're being sent unwanted images – or if they've shared images or video content themselves – they should tell you straight away. Discuss the potential risks of online dating and check in with them frequently to ensure that they're feeling comfortable about their online relationships.

PROTECT CONTACT DETAILS

If a young person is interested in using online dating sites or apps, strongly encourage them to choose one that offers the facility to conceal both parties' email addresses when messaging prospective dates. If that's not possible, ensure that the young person sets up a separate email address which doesn't include their real name. This is easy to do via providers like Hotmail, Yahoo! Mail or gmail.

TAKE A 'SAFETY FIRST' STANDPOINT

Encourage young people to be careful about who they send invitations to – and accept them from – on dating sites and apps. Familiarise yourself with how to adjust the privacy settings on your child's devices and apps to help them control who can access their profiles and information. Talk to your child about why it's unwise to share any sensitive, private or confidential information in their profile.

HIGHLIGHT COMMON DANGER SIGNS

Talk to your child about some of the obvious red flags in online dating: requests for money, for instance, should always ring alarm bells. Likewise, if a young person is in contact with someone who they feel is pressuring them into providing personal or financial information – or who they suspect is trying to trick them into it – they should end communication immediately and contact the dating service provider.

Meet Our Expert



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