School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 26th February	• **INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED**
Tuesday 27th February	• **BACK TO SCHOOL** • School football team training • Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball - *use ParentPay to book*
Wednesday 28th February	• Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Netball - *use ParentPay to book*
Thursday 29th February	• Little Smiles Parent and Toddler Group 9-10.30am • Class 3 Swimming • Choir after school • PTFA school disco 3.30 – 5.30 - Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 14th February from the school office. £5 each including entry, disco and food
Friday 1st March	•
Monday 4th March	• **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB ONLY AVAILABLE UNTIL 4PM** • Qualitas Club after school – KS2 Cricket - *use ParentPay to book*
Tuesday 5th March	• Qualitas Club after school – KS1 Bench Ball - *use ParentPay to book* • School football team match - St Giles V Darley Church Town
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	•

Other News

- **School Car Park** – The car park gates are now closed between 8.30am and 9.00am and 3.00pm and 3.30pm following feedback from parents and to ensure the safety of all children. **PLEASE PASS THIS MESSAGE ONTO FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO HELP WITH BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL**
- A reminder that the school car park and the entrance to it must not be used for dropping off or collecting children at the start and end of the school day unless previously arranged.

- **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**
- **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.**
- Matlock Rugby Club under 10s school year 5 are looking for new players girls and boys to join there team. Games are played on a Sunday morning and training on a Wednesday evening. Please contact Craig Matkin under 10s coach on 07876613221
- Parent Pay – Please check your Parent Pay accounts and ensure all are up to date before our return to school after half term.

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
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**
Tuesday 23rd July	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEFORE SUMMER BREAK NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



February Holiday Programme

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FAMILY 'BUNNY EGG' HUNT 2024



These 'Bunny Eggs' are hiding the secret location of the precious **'Golden Bunny Egg'** and the date Matlock Town Council expects delivery of it's delicious chocolate eggs. Do you think you can find the 'Bunny Eggs' then crack the code and arrive at the correct location on the correct date to win a delicious chocolate egg???

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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 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 MONKEY

AGE RESTRICTION 17+

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth)

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.

IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.

INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.

RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you *do* allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.

REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.

Meet Our Expert



Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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