



Lydford Primary School – Nurture, Inspire, Achieve

04/03/2022

Ukraine

This week has been a shocking reminder of the fragility of peace and harmony in Europe. Whilst the conflict in Ukraine has caused many to feel anxious, we have seen the best of our community in coming together to offer support. The donations for those displaced by war, organised by Jane Easterbrook, have been astounding and portrays the key *nurture* message of our school. Thank you all for your support with this project and thank you, again, to Jane and her family.

A special mention to Megan who kindly donated her pocket money to buy food to send to the Ukraine.

Certificates

The children who have shown the strength of our values - **Nurture, Inspire, Achieve**, this week are-

Nurture – Sam

Inspire – Massan

Achieve – Rosie



World Book Day

World book day was a huge success with some wonderful costumes! Everyone made an excellent effort and enjoyed sharing stories through the day. Class winners were Emily and Theo.



Wildlife champions

On Tuesday 8th March we will be joined by Devon Wildlife Trust for the next of our 'Wildlife Champions' sessions. These sessions, with a group of school representatives, are championing wildlife in our school. We look forward to the excellent work they achieve.

Red Nose Day – 18th March

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day. Children (and adults) are welcome to wear something red and make a small donation to the charity.

Residentials

We are pleased to inform you that we are offering a full range of residential trips for all KS2 children this academic year.

We are later in planning our trips this year due to covid, so some details are still provisional. All residentials will be in conjunction with all 6 Moorland Hub schools – Boasley Cross, Bridestowe, Exbourne, Highampton, Lydford and Northlew Primaries.

This is an excellent opportunity for children to build new friendships, make memories and have a great time!

Please see the attached information sheet for further details.

Gardening Club

Miss Tainsh has kindly offered to run class 2 gardening club sessions this half term. They will be on Tuesdays until 4.15pm commencing on the 15th of March. Please book on School Gateway.

Safeguarding

A reminder that safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility. If you see or hear anything that concerns you about any child, at school or otherwise, you can contact Mr Hill as Designated Safeguarding Officer.

Mr Luxford is taking the role of Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer and can also be contacted to report safeguarding concerns.

Serious concerns, where a child may be at immediate risk, should be reported to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

If you are concerned that a child is being abused please call

0345 155 1071

or email mashsecure@devon.gov.uk.

Professionals should complete the [MASH contact form](#).

If it's an **emergency** call **999**

The NSPCC is a great support in all areas of Child Protection: [NSPCC](#) | [The UK children's charity](#) | [NSPCC](#)

Outstanding Balances

Please can outstanding balances for Breakfast club and School meals be paid vis School Gateway asap.

Pupil voice and Parent Voice

We recently surveyed all children in school about their school experience. *Please see the attached feedback.*

Results were overwhelmingly positive, with some areas for us to consider.

We'd love to hear your views on the school and invite you to complete our parental voice survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kG0HO7J4vUqeBclPjiicRozbU84L-MhNsleCTqPb67JUNepXQzhUS0tOTUJXSDdHQ1cxOU03VzZPQi4u>

Parental consultations

All parents will be offered a parental consultation with your class teacher in the week beginning 28th March. A booking form will be sent out shortly.

There are number of vacancies throughout the trust. Please see the website for further details

[Vacancies - Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust \(dartmoormat.org.uk\)](http://dartmoormat.org.uk)

Dates

March 2022

8th – Wildlife Champions (Selected pupils)

18th – Red Nose Day – Wear something Red for small donation

WB 28th – Parental consultations

April 2022

8th – Last day of Spring term

Mr A. Hill – Principal

ahill@dmatschools.org.uk

Fun at Dance Club



Class 1 making Pancakes



Monday 18th April @ 11am

Easter Egg Hunt

**Fox & Hounds Pub
Bridestowe**

£3.50 per child

Please meet in the skittle alley

**Event kindly run by The Fox & Hounds with proceeds
donated to Treetops**



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes - encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded - so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe - but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' - choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list - so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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