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Online Safety. Safer Internet Day



Online Safety Newsletter



Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day, the theme for this year is talking to your child about what they know about keeping safe online. Working with the Knowsley City Learning Centre the school is sharing an internet safety newsletter which will help parents who want to know more about how they can support their children to stay safe online. Please take the time to read the newsletter and talk to your child. During the week we will be delivering additional lessons and special assemblies to the children on this important subject. The school's website also contains lots of information and links to a range of websites where you can find resources to support your child. The link below is to a short film which parents can use to begin the conversation with your child.

[Safer Internet Day 2023 - film for parents and carers - YouTube](#)

Phones in School.

Parents in Year 5 and 6 should be aware that if their child is bringing a mobile phone to school it must be handed in at the start of the school day. Please make sure that you know if your child is bring their phone to school. If they are, please let your child's teacher know so that we can ensure their phone is stored securely.

We know that some children are wearing apple watches to school; as well as being incredibly expensive item they also have the capacity to be used as a phone and so need to be treated in the same way as a mobile phone.

Please have a conversation with your child to ensure that they are clear about the way in which apple watches will be treated.

Thank you.



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Staffing News

After Half Term we look forward to welcoming Mrs Rothera back to Bishopdale Class following her maternity leave. She has been working alongside Mrs Martin over the last two weeks to ensure that she is familiar with the children. She will be working four days a week with Mrs Martin continuing to work one day a week in Bishopdale.



Mrs Owen will continue to be a member of the school community.

After half term Ms Robertson will be reducing her teaching commitment by one day a week. The additional day will be taught until Easter by Mrs Martin, who has been such a valued member of staff this year in Bishopdale.

Car Park Safety News

During the period of the pandemic the school used a one way system to reduce face to face contact when collecting children. I am aware that many parents have continued to use the car park as a pedestrian exit at the start and end of the day.

The car park is a very busy place and is not suitable for walking access.

This has been highlighted following a visit from the school's Health and Safety Advisor.

Moving forward we have been asked to lock pedestrian access gates from the playground to the car park and request that all parents use the designated pedestrian access points.

A few extra minutes at the start and end of the day is much better than an accident in the car park .

Please support the school in keeping your child safe and plan your journey accordingly.
Thank you.



Friends News

Thank you to everyone who attended the Spring Term Meeting.

The next Friends Newsletter will outline all of the events being run by the friends during the rest of the spring term



World Book Day 2023

World Book Day 2023 falls on Thursday 2nd March. We will be having a (no charge) non-uniform day as part of our celebrations.

For those children who don't like to dress up there is the option to come in their pyjamas and bring in their favourite book .



Key Dates

There is a lot going on after half term please put some of these key dates into your diary.

Wed 22 nd Feb	Road Safety Talks pm
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Friends Discos After School
Mon 27 th Feb	Fairtrade Fortnight
Thurs 2 nd March	World Book Day
Mon 6 th March	Duck Eggs Arriving
Mon 13 th March	British Science Week
Fri 17 th March	Comic Relief Day
Mon 20 th March	Super Pupil Worship
Tues 28 th March	2pm Community Tea
Wed 29 th March	Yr5 to attend midweek eucharist
Wed 29 th March	Parents Evening Early (to confirm)
Thurs 30 th March	Parents Evening Late (to confirm)
Thurs 30 th March	10am Easter Service at St John's
Fri 31 st March	Whole school service of reflection 10am
Fri 3 ^{1st} March	School Closes for Easter 2.15pm



Community News

Many of the children have been involved in Project Care, an important Age Awareness Project that teaches the children the importance of understanding the challenges that can face many of the elderly members of our community. They have taken part in a range of activities to learn more about how the elderly have to manage elements of their lives.

Some of the children from Nidderdale also visited The Cuttings Residential Home to share stories with the residents.

You can find out more about their visit via the link below:

<https://www.harrogate-news.co.uk/2023/02/01/national-storytelling-week/>

Jewellery in School

We are aware of a steady increase in the number of children beginning to wear items of jewellery to school.

This is a polite reminder that jewellery is not part of the school's uniform policy and that children must be able to remove stud earrings themselves prior to PE lessons.

Please speak to your children and support the school's policy. It is designed to ensure that your child can participate fully in PE lessons.

Thank you.



Photos from January 2023

The photos below show some of the activities that have been taking place at school over the last month. More photographs can always be found on the school's website via the gallery section.

Don't forget you can also keep in touch with everything happening in school on a weekly basis via the school's Instagram account @rtsharrogate





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