

NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th April 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you all had a great Easter break and are back into the routine of the Summer term. With that being said, Monday is a bank holiday so we look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 4th May. Please remember to keep following the Government's COVID Guidance over the long weekend.

I am delighted to share that the new Year 2 classroom (Selkie) has been completed and that the children moved into this space straight after the Easter break. In addition to this, we have also updated the other Year 2 classroom (Sphinx) so that all the children have fresh and updated environments in which to learn in. Please see the photographs which will be later in the newsletter to see the transformations. ☺

It has been fantastic to see all the children taking part in PE sessions so enthusiastically, both the lessons led by Mrs Cupit and Miss Driscoll (school staff), and the additional sessions led by King's Lynn Town Football Club. As a school we have invested in lots of new PE equipment for all the children to use and enjoy, and to develop their skills, so it is brilliant to start seeing it having such a positive impact. All of the PE sessions also have a focus on supporting the children to develop their team work, collaboration and communication skills, something we are keen to build upon after the periods of lockdown when lots of us were on our own and possibly lacking opportunities to play and interact with others.

I hope that you have managed to watch the weekly Achievement Assembly videos which I have been sharing on ClassDojo. I feel that it is incredibly important that we share the children's successes and celebrate their achievements so these weekly videos will continue until further notice.

Have a great bank holiday weekend and we look forward to see you back in school on Tuesday 4th May.

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes - Mrs Sarah Wilson (Principal)



Maths Update

After our Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots launch, pupils have been enjoying the games. These programs are already having an impact for those that are regularly using them. Children can use the TTRS (garage) to practise the times tables that they struggle with, increase their speed when working in the studio and even challenge other players and adults in our school! Numbots helps pupils to improve their number facts.

If your child has forgotten their passwords then please dojo their teachers.

Nelson Nursery

We are now looking at September places for our Nursery class.

Do you have a child who will be turning 3 soon? If so, you can fill out an application form with your session preferences.

We accept the 15 and 30 funded hours the term after your child turns 3.

However if you would like to pay extra, your child can start as soon as they turn 3.

If you would like to know more then please speak to Mrs Carman or call the school office.

SAFEGUARDING

Norfolk County Council -
Keeping Children Safe

Worried about a child? If you are concerned about a child and want to speak to someone contact Norfolk County Council on 0344 800 8020.

In an emergency call 999

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/children-and-families/keeping-children-safe>

School Lunches

Reminder

Lunches are £2.30 daily or £11.50 weekly and should be paid on the Pupil Asset App **on the day** or in **advance**.

Meals can also be booked in advance on this system too.

Please ask at school office if you need any help!

Thank you

PLEASE



NO PEANUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS

School Attendance Percentage



Week Ending: 26/3/2021

Selkie & Hippogriff 99%

Week Ending: 16/4/2021

Thunderbird 99%

Wyvern, Leprechaun, Griffin, Cerberus & Pegasus 98%

Week Ending 23/4/2021

Cerberus 100%

Leprechaun, Wyvern & Chimera 97.5%



April book review from Sophia in Hydra Class

A review of

The Spy Who Loved School Dinners



The book I have chosen to review is the Spy Who Loved School Dinners. Written by Pamela Butchart and illustrated by Thomas Flintham.

This book is a Blue Peter Book Awards Winner and I can see why!

It's funny and mysterious, with wonderful characters and has fantastic illustrations too.

The story involves a girl called Izzy, who has been given the responsibility of looking after the new girl at school. She is called Mathilde and is different to all the other children in school. Not only because she is French, but because she loves the yucky school dinners that everyone else despises! This makes Izzy suspicious of Mathilde and she decides that Mathilde must be a spy and needs to be stopped!!! But is she really a spy or could she just be homesick? You'll need to read the book to find out! I loved The Spy Who Loved School Dinners, and I think that you will too, and that it will leave you asking for seconds!

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feel good

Read for 10 minutes a day to relax,
be inspired and feel good.

Research shows that reading helps you to:

- Unwind and boost your mood
- Improve your memory and concentration
- Escape from the pressures of everyday life
- Connect with your feelings
- Improve your self-confidence.

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readmanchester.org.uk

Breakfast Club

Start time

07:45 to 8:45am

£2.00 per child per day including breakfast. Children are able to choose cereal, toast, yoghurts or fruit with a drink for breakfast. They sit and play games with other children from their year groups or siblings.

Booking forms to be completed and paid in advance. These can be downloaded from the school website or paper copies from the school office for next half term.



All children must be booked in and paid for each week they attend breakfast club.

Jokes of the Month - By Kristers, Antonio and Kristian

Who is the king of the class? The ruler

What is a dog's favourite dinosaur movie? Jurassic Bark

How do you make a squid laugh? With ten tickles

What did the farmer say when he couldn't find his tractor? Where's my tractor!

Why did they build the university on the mountain? It's a place of higher education

WELL DONE

Amazing news from Ava Year 4 who has had her haircut and donated 10 inches of hair to the Princess Trust who make wigs for children suffering hair loss through various causes. And she came up with the idea herself!



Photo's from the new and refurbished classrooms—Selkie and Sphinx Classes Year 2

Sphinx class refurbishment from old classroom to this:



New Classroom Selkie



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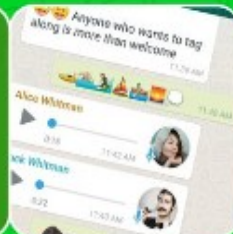
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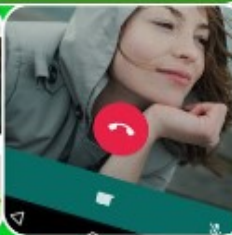




WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp



AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



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Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam.'

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once. If they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone.' The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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