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NSPCC

This week, following assemblies on Monday delivering the message 'Stay Safe, Speak Out', we were visited by the NSPCC representatives who lead workshops with Y2 and Y5/6 classes. The assemblies and sessions helped the children gain a greater understanding of their own rights, responsibilities for themselves and others and know who to turn to if they ever felt unsafe.

Swimming Gala

On Thursday, some of the children in Year 5/6 took part in a Snaith Primary Swimming Gala. Children had a great time racing against each other. Staff, including our SSCO, was very impressed with the children's behaviour and organisation. We look forward to some children now representing our school at the East Riding swimming competition in Beverley.

In addition:

The teachers were extremely impressed with the facilities at Askern Leisure Centre and are looking forward to taking the Year 4 children there for their swimming lessons. The water was of a nice temperature, the flooring around the pool and the changing facilities were all of a high clean standard.

French Language competition.

This week Mr Clarkson and Mrs Radmall held our in-house French Language competition. Ten children demonstrated their fantastic linguistic skills in KS2 assembly. In true 'Mastermind' style (music included as each brave contestant entered the room to take the chair) children, individually, were given words in English to translate into French and to see who could accurately translate the most words in one minute. The winners will be announced in school next week and practice will begin in earnest for the next round which will see a team of four Snaith students compete against other schools in the Local Authority. A huge 'Tres bien' to all children who took part. I can tell you the competition was steep!

Curriculum updates and overview

In addition to the information we share each week on Class Dojo, please see the school website for this terms overview of what children are learning about in each year group.

WHATSAPP

While children of primary school age should not be accessing WhatsApp due to the age restriction, I am aware that some children do use this social media platform. Therefore, please see the information below giving details of 'what parents & carers need to know about WhatsApp'. Further more, since receiving this poster, the media have reported today, that on Thursday of this week, Meta has reduced the age limit from 16 to 13!

Baby News

We are delighted to share the news that Mrs Johnson, last week, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, George. We know you will join with us in sending her and her husband our congratulations and very best wishes.

Diary Dates

Summer Term commencing Monday 15th April – Swimming lessons for Year 4 and some Year 5's weekly for 11 weeks.

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 Sats Week

Thursday 6th June – Colour Run after school (provisional)

Wednesday 12th June – Year 6 Growing Up Talk

Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June to Year 6 Residential
Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th July – Year 6 Transition days to The Snaith School

School Holidays

Please click on the link below to view the school holidays, these can also be found on the school app under Useful Links.

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=91>

Term Dates 2023-2024

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2719&type=pdf>

Term Dates 2024-2025

<https://www.snaithprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2891&type=pdf>

Please can I remind parents that school is not able to authorise any holidays during term time. Therefore, it is important to consult these dates before making any booking.

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance, and any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% becomes a cause for concern. Attendance below 90% is classed by the Government as persistent absence. If a child's attendance falls below 90% we refer all cases to the Education Welfare Office at East Riding, who is likely to

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users, exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and only the person you send it to. WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to give such encryption on private messaging. WhatsApp claims it's not possible and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service from the UK unless the legislation changes.

MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a favourite hunting ground for scammers. Scams are designed to make you feel like you're in a 'special emergency' group or a 'verified' group and ask you to send money. They often use a 'verify' button to make you feel like you're in a 'verified' group. This is a scam. WhatsApp is not a verified group. If you're in a 'verified' group, you should be able to see the group's name. If you're not, it's a scam. WhatsApp is not a verified group. If you're in a 'verified' group, you should be able to see the group's name. If you're not, it's a scam.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone who reads the mobile number of the person you want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them on WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, by accident, or because other people find they aren't known).

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be spread rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app will display a 'Forwarded' warning. However, someone in your child's contacts list or in a group chat could still send them. This makes users aware that the message may not be true and is not a verified source. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, by accident, or because other people find they aren't known).

ONLINE

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or videos, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them once to look at screenshots of them. This has led to some users using this 'disappearing content' as a way to share inappropriate content. WhatsApp has now added a 'disappearing content' feature to help protect this, giving someone privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or photos in a separate 'Secrets' folder, locked behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this feature creates the potential for young people to make conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's new location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe on the way home. For example, someone in your child's contacts list or in a group chat could still send them. This makes users aware that the message may not be true and is not a verified source. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, by accident, or because other people find they aren't known).

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy' then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'Two-step verification', set up two-step verification for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you have a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an experienced educational psychologist at the University of York. She has worked in educational settings for over 20 years and has a wealth of experience in supporting children and young people with a range of needs. She is also a member of the British Psychological Society and the Educational Psychology Society.

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NOS National Online Safety

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Community Notices



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