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Newsletter 5th May 2023

PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Reception	Sophie H
Year 1	Thomas
Year 2	Nieve
Year 3	Adelaide
Year 4	Lucy
Year 5	Madeleine
Year 6	Lulah

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GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

Our Golden Book Awards are to celebrate the excellent behaviour we see at lunchtime. Each week, the lunchtime staff choose 5 children from across the whole school to be written into the golden book. These children will receive a certificate at Celebration Assembly on a Thursday. This week, the lunchtime staff have chosen the following children:

Child	Reason
Jacob – Y2	<u>All for:</u> Exceptional manners Fantastic behaviour
Elsie - Rec	
Ivie - Rec	
Ronnie – Y5	
Charlie – Y5	

FRIENDLY REMINDERS



- We are a NUT FREE SCHOOL – please don't send food items into school (snacks or packed lunches) that contain nuts.
- If your child is going to someone else's for tea after school, please ring school to tell us.
- We are closed on Monday 8th May for the Coronation Bank Holiday
- Year 6 SATS take place from the 9th May to 12th May
- Year 2 SATS will be taking place the week commencing 15th May
- Year 6 are on their Residential Trip from Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th May
- School is closed on Friday 26th May for INSET

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads for School are:

Mrs White

Mrs Madeley

Mr Stell

Mrs Burcher

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns at all about children's welfare.

Congratulations

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Carter, one of the Teaching Assistants in EYFS, has passed her Higher Level Teaching Assistant Assessment and is now a qualified HLTA.

This took a lot of dedication and hard work for Mrs Carter and we are so pleased that she has been recognised for this.

Congratulations from us all!



Good luck

Next week our Year 6 pupils sit their SATS. We want to take this opportunity to wish them all good luck and remember...we are proud of you every day. You are all amazing children 😊

Dates for Diaries for Summer 2

Mon 5 th June	SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 9 th June	Year 4 at The Anderton Centre
Mon 12 th June	6pm – Reception 2023 Induction Meeting
Thurs 15 th June	Year 2 Trip to Lytham Lifeboat Station
Fri 16 th June	Year 5 at Anderton Centre
Mon 19 th June	Year 6 Dental Survey
Wed 21 st June	Year 6 STEM afternoon with Johnson Matthey
Thurs 22 nd June	Reception to Blackpool Zoo
Fri 23 rd June	SPORTS DAY
Sun 25 th June	Duck Race
Mon 26 th June	Year 6 Bikeability for 4 days
Tues 27 th June	Race for Life
Mon 3 rd July	Ribblesdale High Transition Day for Year 6
Tues 4 th July	Bowland High Transition Day
Wed 5 th July	Bowland High transition Day MOVE UP MORNING in School
Thurs 6 th July	Summer Music Concert in the afternoon
Fri 7 th July	Prayer Day (Weather Dependent)
Mon 10 th July	1.30pm – 2.45pm – Ballroom Tea Party at West Bradford Village Hall for Year 6
Thurs 13 th July	1.30pm - Year 6 play 6.15pm – Year 6 play
Mon 17 th July	End of Year Reports to go out 6.30pm – Leavers’ Service at St Catherine’s Church
Wed 19 th July	6pm – Year 6 Confirmation
Thurs 20 th July	9am - Final Celebration Assembly 2.30pm – Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Year 6 parents invited) Close at normal time for Summer Holidays

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Reception - Walk and Talk

This week, appropriately, EYFS have walked all the way to The Coronation Gardens in Waddington. We saw lambs feeding, lots of beautiful flowers, the brook and bridge, St. Helens church, gargoyles and Union Jack flags.



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The King's Coronation!

This week we have celebrated the King's Coronation in many ways. We created a Union Jack Flag with the children and filmed it with a drone as well as learning a special song to sing in worship. Reception also went for a walk to the Coronation Gardens in the village.

Each class has also completed some art work (photos to follow next week) and we've ended the celebrations with a party day and a special Coronation Lunch.

We hope you all enjoy celebrating our King's Coronation over the long weekend.



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Year 4 Forest School

Today we had our first session of Forest School in Year 4.

We made bows and arrows and built a den. We enjoyed playing games in the amazing outside space that we are so lucky to have at our school. 🌳

Also a huge thank you to Mrs Bristol for the donation of wonderful plants for our garden area 🌿🪴



Attendance

Week commencing 2nd May 2023 (4 days)

We are aiming for every child/class to have at least 96% attendance

Class	Attendance Percentage
Reception	97.8%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	99.5%
Year 3	92.3%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	90.5%
Year 6	95.8%

Well done to Reception, Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Rainbow (House) Team Points

The Rainbow team that has the most points at the end of the half term gets to come in non-uniform the first Friday back after half term.

Week	Winners
W/C 17 th April	Red
W/C 24 th April	Orange
W/C 1 st May	Red

Reminder for Year 6 parents:

The Year 6 Confirmation Service is at 6pm
on the 19th July.

Online Safety

Based on this week's online safety poster, please can we remind all that Smart Watches are not allowed in school.

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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.



AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, What? PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly on a wide range of technology panels on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 4 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



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CONTACT US



Please always request to speak to your child's class teacher as first point of contact if you have a query or concern. If it cannot be resolved with the teacher, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will aim to make themselves available to you as soon as possible.

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