

Weekly Newsletter: WC 20th November 2023

Throughout this week the children have demonstrated great learning and showcased their skills. It has been brilliant to see the work being produced from some incredible RE work in Key Stage 1 to the presentation standards of the work up in Year 6. It has been wonderful to see it all and hand out Headteacher awards for all that has been completed. The children are certainly shining each week with everything they produce. We always say to the children, “it is not about being the best in the school or even in your class, but can you do better than you did yesterday” and you children are certainly doing that!

Worship

During collective worships this week we have been focusing on ‘shining like a star with willpower’. This is all about resilience and the ability to keep going, even when it can become difficult. Our children do this on a daily basis and were able to give wonderful examples of how to do this within school. The children have then shown this within their work this week by ensuring they are able to keep working hard, even when it can be tricky. We have spoken to the children about work begin hard and that this challenge is to support them in learning more. We encourage the children to make mistakes and that these are learning opportunities as we only succeed or learn from the work we do. A real highlight this week has been the children supporting one another with their work and congratulating them in their achievements.



PTA: Family Quiz Night

On Thursday evening we held our first family quiz night – this was a wonderful evening with lots of laughs and some excellent knowledge on display. The PTA work incredibly hard to put on these events for our school community and all



funds raised go towards the children and their experiences within school. The children enjoyed answering the quiz, especially the secret round of baby photos of staff! We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTA for setting up the evening and organising all of the food for us.



Attendance matters:
every day counts

Why is it important to attend school regularly?

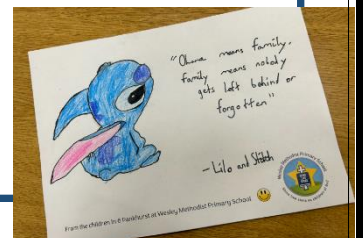
School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. Higher attendance in school leads to; giving children the best possible start in life; the ability to keep up with their work; they achieve better results; and they will develop further friendships and social skills.

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
0 days	100%	0	Perfection
2 days	99%	10 lessons	Excellent
5 days	97%	25 lessons	Good
10 days	95%	50 lessons	Slight concern
20 days	90%	100 lessons	Concern
30 days	85%	150 lessons	Significant concern

**It is fantastic to see attendance see an up turn this past week with all classes seeing an improvement on the previous week which is fantastic! Our attendance winners this week were:
Year 3 Garvey with 97.7%**

14 days of Kindness

Over the past two weeks the children will have been completing their 14 days of Kindness booklets at home and we are really excited to see them in school and to discuss all that has taken place and how wonderful it has been to see these acts of kindness taking place! Please can all children bring back their booklets on Monday so they are ready to be discussed as a class next week and to celebrate everything that has taken place.



Don't forget parents' evening!

Parents' evening

We have our parents' evening coming up on Tuesday 28th November – this is a great time to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress that has been made so far this year and what targets are in place to ensure your child achieves their potential this academic year. Do make sure you have made a booking for this meeting.

Online Safety – what parents and carers need to know about sharing photos online

All 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. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, tips and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and while that's a lovely thing to do, it does come with some risks attached. Our guides can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, as it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up. Just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches common on social media, information like this could easily be mined by an individual with malicious intentions.

MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could earn an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to pretend some "common ground".

PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share reliable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see those posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Revisiting your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school: even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

Meet Our Expert

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Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **William P**

Reception Sissay: **Olivia S**

Year 1 Peel: **Noah H**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Thomas A**

Year 2 Rashford: **Jordy T**

Year 3 Garvey: **Frankie D**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Darcey R**

Year 4 Lowry: **Leela G**

Year 5 Boyle: **Oscar Mc**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jack H**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Harry R**

These children have done amazing:
"shining like stars with willpower"



Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Ivy B**

Reception Sissay: **Sofia H**

Year 1 Peel: **Miya H**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Drew D**

Year 2 Rashford: **Phoebe C**

Year 3 Garvey: **George G**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Elizabeth C**

Year 4 Lowry: **Evelyn R**

Year 5 Boyle: **Beau-Lily B**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Tyler-Rose S**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Callum W**

Well done to all of these children – we are
so proud of you!

