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Together Everybody Achieves More



Message from Mr Taylor

There has been a festive buzz around school this week as December arrived. Staff worked like Christmas Elves after school during the week sprinkling some festive cheer in preparation for the children on December 1st. Although Christmas is just around the corner, we still have lots of work to be done, staff and children will continue to make excellent progress right up until the very end of term.

This week, a group of children from Year 5 and 6 were joined by Dan and Marc from F2D as part of their entrepreneurship programme. They have designed their team hoodies and are eagerly awaiting their final products which have been sent to print.

We were also joined by colleagues from 'Spark active' who provided playleader training and workshops for a group of Year 5 children. This will see us build on the range of exciting lunchtimes games and activities that are available for your children.

Our Christmas raffle has been a huge success, so much so that we have even had to invest in more tickets! These can be purchased before school each morning at your child's entrance. There are some fantastic prizes on offer so make sure you get your tickets so that you are in with a chance of winning .

Mr Taylor

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER



Raffle tickets will be on sale before school everyday at your child's entrance.
1 strip for £1
6 strips for £5

Here are some of the great prizes we already have for our raffle.

£100





DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thur 8th Dec	School Book Fair
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Fayre 15:30 -17:30
Fri 9th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day (non school uniform)
Wed 14th Dec	** EYFS Nativity ** (Change of date)
Wed 14th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Fri 16th Dec	School closes for Christmas at 12:00
Tue 3rd Jan 2023	Staff Training day School closed
Wed 4th Jan 2023	Children return to school



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Reception places

A reminder that applications are open for primary school entry in September 2023. **The closing date is 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm.** You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at Warren Farm. There are lots of exciting plans in place for the future that will ensure that Warren Farm becomes the school of choice in Kingstanding. More information can be found here: [Apply online for a primary school place](#)



School Uniform

Since starting at Warren Farm, I have been immensely proud of the pride you and your children take in wearing the correct school uniform. In recent weeks, there have been a number of cases where standards have dropped with some children wearing incorrect uniform or footwear. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform to school every day and they also have the correct P.E or swimming kit in school with them. There is a small stock of uniform that can be purchased from the school office and we also have a selection of pre loved items if you require support.

Inhalers

If your child has been prescribed an inhaler by their doctor, it is vital that they also have one in school. This **must** be brought to the school office so that appropriate paperwork can be completed by the parent/carer. The school can then keep accurate records of each time your child uses their inhaler in school.



Attendance

We are on a continual drive to improve school attendance and standards. In order to safeguard all children, there are a number of absence procedures and actions that the school **will** enforce where absences occur. If your child is absent and we have not received notification from parent/carer a phone call will be made for you to provide a reason for absence. If a child has been absent for 3 days, the school will carry out a home visit. This is to ensure that children are safe and well. Where we make a visit and we are unable to make contact and see the child on this day then we will request a police safe and well check to be carried out.

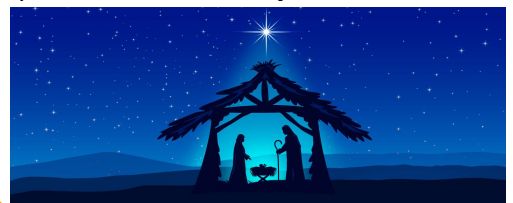
If you have any attendance concerns please contact the school office and an appointment will be made to speak to a member of the attendance team.

★ NAH	100%
RSB	82.2%
RLM	95%
1CO	95%
1/2KT	88%
★ 2HM	99%
3CW	82%
3/4SK	85%
4DN	95%
5AG	80%
5/6NW	93%
6EC	93%

Early Years Nativity

**** Change of Date ****

The Reception and Nursery Christmas Nativity performances will now take place on **Wednesday 14th December**



Christmas Jumper Day

On **Friday 9th December** children and staff can put on their jazziest Christmas jumpers for one day in support of Save the Children. Please send your child with a £1 donation.





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Swimming Awards

What an amazing term of swimming we have. 2HM, 4DN and 6EC have worked so hard since September to improve their swimming. Everyone has put 110% effort into their swimming sessions by listening well to the teachers and trying everything that was asked of them! They have been rewarded by achieving some amazing swimming badges ranging from 5m to 1000m! Fantastic achievements by all! Miss Kelly is very excited to take 1/2 KT, 3/4SK and 5AG swimming after Christmas for the Spring term!



Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus is criminal exploitation and gang culture. It is not illegal to be in a gang, however when a gang is involved in criminal activity this is when the parents need to be concerned. Signs to look out for; your child going missing for long periods of time, wearing clothes with branded logos and being isolated and withdrawn. There are many agencies who support with removing children from gangs. For further information and advice see the nspcc website <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/gangs-criminal-exploitation/>.



NAH	Ibrahim Mohammad
RSB	Tommy Tabb
RLM	Isaiah Reid
1CO	Harrison Sanders
1/2KT	Adele Matangwe
2HM	Georgia-Li Hanna
3CW	Selassie-I Berry
3/4SK	Lola Simmons
4DN	Andre Harris
5AG	Crystal Foster
5/6NW	Aamilah Ishtiaq
6EC	Selma Haddouche

Handwashing

We are at that time of year when children begin to pick up bugs. When children come into contact with germs, they can become infected just by touching their eyes, nose, or mouth. Once they're infected, it's usually just a matter of time before the whole family or class comes down with the same illness!

So don't underestimate the power of hand washing! The time you spend at the sink could save you trips to the doctor's and days off school. **Wet your hands** with clean, running water. **Use soap** and rub your hands for about 20 seconds. Antibacterial soap isn't a must — any soap will do. Make sure you **get in between your fingers**, on the backs of hands, and under the nails where germs like to hang out. **Rinse and dry** well with a clean towel.

Christmas Fayre

The school Christmas Fayre is just 1 week away and teachers are busy ensuring that it will be a great event for our children, families and the wider community.



On the day of the fayre there will be stalls in the main school hall selling christmas goodies and games. Santa's Grotto and a tombola of fantastic prizes will be located in the school dining hall. There will be a selection of hot drinks and food available to be purchased on site.





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

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dance trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

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CENSORED

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or by minors using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to anyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive; figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

Meet Our Expert

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Fifa World Cup Qatar 2022



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*Celebrate the Fifa World Cup 2022
with Warren Farm!*



FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar 2022

Fifa World Cup Competition

Children can choose a country that is competing in the World Cup and present information about this country in any way they choose. Be as creative as you like!

You can use some of the following ideas if you wish:

- Footballing history of the country
- Their current team
- How successful have they been in the past?
- Famous players
- Facts about the country- landmarks, population etc.



Top 3 prizes will be presented in each phase- EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2.

All entries need to be handed in by: Monday 12th December 2022



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