

26TH APRIL 2024

Monthly Online Safety Newsletter

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e are delighted that this week we are launching our new online safety Newsletter for parents. Each month we will send to you a Newsletter which will be totally dedicated to keeping you up to date with information about keeping your children safe online.

Each addition will provide parents with up to date relevant articles focussed on online safety as well as links for parents to watch online videos to support you in keeping your child safe online.

A recent survey by 'CHILDWISE' showed that mobile phone ownership and usage is significantly up among children between the ages of 5-10 with most children now phone owners by the age of seven! With this increase more children of all ages are using their phones to access the internet, increasingly from their own room or when they are out and about. More than half admit to 'always sleeping with their mobile next to the bed' – and say they wouldn't know what to do if they lost their device.

The report states that 'Mobile phones have won over tablet computers and now dominate children's lives with 47% of 5 to 10-year olds now owning a mobile, up from 38% last year. This year, young children have increasing access to mobile phones and they are using them for longer periods of time. With the majority of children now phone owners by age seven, average daily usage among 7-10 year olds has gone up by almost an hour a day.'

With these statistics it is more important than ever that we work together to keep our children safe online.



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Thank you to everyone who is supporting our attendance policy and we are pleased that our school attendance has now risen to 95.7%. This means that we are getting closer to our pre-pandemic whole school attendance that was 96.5%.

Your support really is appreciated and if we can help you in anyway in supporting your child to increase their attendance then please don't hesitate to contact school.

Thank you once again for your support.



Our School Attendance Target is 96% This weeks attendance is 97.4% which is above our school target.

Reception	96.7%
Year One	97.3%
Year Two	97.3%
Year Three	98.2%
Year Four	99.4%
Year Five	98.3%
Year Six	94.4%

Nursery - Ash End House Childrens Farm and Raising Chicks

A reminder please if you haven't already, to head to ParentPay to make your voluntary contribution for the



upcoming Ash End House Children's Farm Visit on 2nd May. The cost of £38 also covers the exciting opportunity of raising chicks in the classroom, where the children will have first-hand experience in caring for the chicks and watching them hatch and grow.



Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit / chick rearing experience may need

to be cancelled.

Parent Survey

P lease see the link below for a survey you may wish to take part in.

The survey is aimed at parents of early years children and those expecting a baby.

The survey is to find out your experiences of childcare and what you may need in future.

The survey closes on the 12th May 2024.

https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/ embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/34940

https://shorturl.at/LUW18



ParentPay 'Tuck' Order Changes

ParentPay have recently made some changes to the times that they upload the data for schools.

As a result any tuck items need to be ordered by midnight to enable your child to have tuck the next day.

This only applies to tuck orders, not school dinners. School dinners can still be ordered up until 8.00am on the day.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Reception Visit to

Blists Hill

n Friday 3rd May our Reception class will be visiting Blists Hill Victorian Town.

We rely on voluntary contributions for visits to take place. The cost of the trip is £28.00. If you haven't already please head to ParentPay.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.



Music

Over the coming weeks our peripatetic music teachers will be doing demonstrations of their instruments for their lessons starting in September.

Further information will be sent out over the coming weeks via ParentMail.



Year 3 and 4 Liverpool Visit

On 2nd May our Year 3 and 4 children have the opportunity to visit Liverpool as part of their geography unit.

Contributions of £26.75 are invited towards the cost, payable via your ParentPay account.

Please note that if there are insufficient contributions the visit may need to be cancelled.

Many thanks.



Sporting Fixtures

Monday 29th April—Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Football Competition at Oakridge

Tuesday 30th April — Year 3 and Year 4 Football Match v Woodseaves at Oakridge

Wednesday 1st May—Year 5 and Year 6 Tag Rugby at Stafford Rugby Club



<u>Thursday 2nd May</u>—Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country at Stafford Grammar

<u>Friday 3rd May</u>—Year 5 and Year 6 Netball at Stafford Grammar



Pre-loved Uniform

reminder that we now have a preloved uniform request service.

Request slips are available at the office. Once completed please return back to the office.

You will then await a confirmation message letting you know your items are ready to collect. If we cannot provide you with all items you have requested right away, we will keep a record and once any become available we will be in touch.

Clothing items are £3 each except ties which are £1.50, <u>cash only please</u>.

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UMIFORMS

Year 6 PGL Residential

Please ensure that the full balance is paid by 30th April 2024 to confirm your place.



Reminder Bank Holiday Monday 6th May School Closed The Dragon in Question By Alex Wharton

> The dragon in question is more like a mouse. He isn't a mouse but he lives in a house. Not IN the house but under the house, the dragon that's more like a mouse.

He's tiny you see, not as small as a flea, but smaller than what you'd imagine he'd be! He's more like a mouse living under the house, he burps tiny flames from his miniature mouth.

And would you believe, he loves cheddar cheese -It's yummy he says, very yummy. Before scurrying away in a mouse-like way with plenty of cheese in his tummy.

> I'll never know why, he never does fly, but I promise you this, I'll tell you no lie, the dragon in question is more like a mouse, he's more like a mouse living under the house.

Taken from Doughnuts, Thieves and Chimpanzees by Alex Wharton © Alex Wharton 2023





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JC Academy Holiday Camps are dedicated to providing engaging and enriching experiences for children aged 4+ during school holidays. We are excited to offer a wide range of fun and educational activities tailored to suit various interests and ages. You can read more about our activities and pricing on our website.

Camp Oakridge will be open every school holiday with several time slots to choose from. We accept childcare vouchers, tax-free childcare and also have book now pay later options.



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Venue: Oakridge Primary School Silvester Way ST17 0PR

All children are entitled to one FREE trial with us. If you haven't claimed yours, contact us via email to redeem.



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WWW.JCACADEMY.CO.UK