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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed your long weekend and a warm welcome to edition number 30 of our weekly newsletter this year. We really hope you prefer the weekly updates – let us know if you have any feedback.

Last week saw Mrs Fawcett joining our school team. Mrs Fawcett is our new Learning Mentor and Parent Support Worker. She has spent the first week getting to know children and parents and has made so many positive relationships already. We are so glad to have her as part of the LMS Family!

Next week sees a big week for Year 6, as they complete their SATs (National testing for Year 6). As I mentioned last week, SATs are not the be all and end all of LMS, they are just a part. I saw the poem below on Twitter this week and thought it summed up our school;

*SATs don't measure sports,
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.*

*SATs don't see your beauty
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons
You were put upon this earth.*

*SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.*

*SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.*

*SO sitting at your table,
With a pencil and your test
Remember SATS aren't who you are,
Remember you're the best!*

Our school prides itself on all of the above, plus high academic aspirations – for me the perfect balance. This group of children have been and will continue to be amazing, I would wish them luck but I know they won't need it!

Finally this week, just like my own children have been, some of our children have been using 'Tik Tok'. I have attached a parent factsheet for you so that we can all protect our children from the unknown. We don't know what we don't know!

Have a super weekend all and see you all next week!

Mr Gray
Head Teacher



Congratulations to

Thistles

who achieved **100%**

attendance this week!

**Well done
everybody!**

PARENTPAY

Thank you to those families who have activated their accounts— almost 25% of the school have already done so! This will soon be the only way to pay for trips and meals so please activate when you can and let us know if you have any issues or would like some help. Within the next two weeks we will be sending out some instructions on how to book your child's meals for the first week after half term so keep an eye out for those.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We have recently adopted a new Free School Meals application package which we hope will be much more user friendly for parents; further details will follow soon. Parents will still apply online or they may authorise the school to complete the application on their behalf.

Children in Year 2 no longer receive school meals when they move to Year 3 so if you believe your child may qualify for free school meals, please contact the office for more information.



Parent factsheet

Child safety on TikTok

TikTok is a video-sharing app. Users can upload and share short videos of themselves lip-syncing to songs or acting out comedy sketches, and add special effects. They can gain followers ('fans') and browse other people's videos.

You may have heard of the app by its previous name: Musical.ly. Everything that was on Musical.ly is now on TikTok. If your child previously had a Musical.ly account they will be able to access their content on TikTok.

The age recommendation is 13 and above. However, you don't have to prove your age when creating an account, so younger children can still use it easily. It's most popular with under-16s.

TikTok is free to download on Android and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It carries ads and offers in-app purchases. It has about 150 million active users worldwide and is available in over 30 languages.

What are the concerns?

On the surface, nothing. TikTok has a reputation for being unusually free of trolling and danger.

But you may have seen news reports or heard concerns about some users harassing children for nude images and videos.

What should I look out for?

- User profiles which talk about 'trading' or swapping pictures/videos
- Use of emojis that are commonly considered to be sexually suggestive (such as the aubergine)
- Hashtags, such as #tradefortrade, which clearly suggest the user is looking to trade illicit content

- The lyrical content of some songs – parents have raised concerns that it's not always age-appropriate

Users cannot exchange images and videos via in-app messaging, but once they've made contact they move on to another platform to trade, such as Snapchat.

TikTok has taken steps to remove users who it suspects are soliciting underage users. However, there are still many suggestive profiles and TikTok has committed to almost doubling the number of content moderators it employs to 10,000 to address this.

What safety options are available to parents?

Control who can view your child's videos

Set your child's account to 'private' so that your child can control who sees their videos or keep them completely private. Your child will be able to approve or deny people as 'fans', and will only be able to accept messages from followers.

Instructions for this are here:

🔗 [Setting up a private account, TikTok](https://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/setting-up-a-private-account)

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Remember:

- Accounts are set to 'public' by default. Public profiles can be viewed by anyone
- Even with a private account, your child's profile information can be seen by all users. Make sure your child doesn't reveal personal information on their public profile





Restrict how your child uses the app

Use TikTok's digital wellbeing feature to control the time your child spends on the app and limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate:

Digital wellbeing, TikTok

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/digital-wellbeing>

Most devices also allow you to set time limits on game play, set age limits for content, and restrict in-app purchases. Check the user instructions for your child's device.

Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

Your child can use the app to report content that makes them feel uncomfortable, including accounts, videos, comments and chats. You can too. Instructions for this are here:

Report inappropriate content, TikTok

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/report-inappropriate-content>

You or your child can also block 'fans' at any time:

Delete fans, TikTok

<http://support.tiktok.com/knowledge-base/delete-fans>

What else can I do?

Further tips

- Read more about privacy and safety on TikTok at <http://support.tiktok.com/article-categories/privacy-safety>
- Download and use the app to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that upsets them
- Check your bank statements regularly for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

More sources of support

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together 5 top tips to manage children's screen time: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/>
- The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) has advice and resources for parents on online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents on setting up parental controls, privacy settings, etc. Call the free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or book an appointment with an 'O2 Guru' in an O2 store: <https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>

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Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23 April	School begins
Friday 3 May	1HJ Sticklebacks Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 9 May	Y3 Caldecotte parents' meeting 6:00 pm
Friday 10 May	3KM Hogweed Class Assembly
All of May	Key Stage 1 SATs: Year 2
13 – 16 May	Key Stage 2 SATs: Year 6
13 - 17 May	Y4 Everdon trip
Thursday 16 May	Y5 Frontier Centre parents' meeting 6:00 pm
Friday 17 May	1CP Pondskeepers Class Assembly
Friday 24 May	Last day of half term
25 May – 3 June	HALF TERM
Monday 3 June	School begins
4 –5 June	Y3 Caldecotte trip
12 – 14 June	Y5 Frontier Centre trip
Thursday 13 June	Y6 Isle of Wight parents' meeting 6:00 pm
Friday 14 June	EYCW Tadpoles Class Assembly
Wednesday 19 June	Y2 Performance 1:45 pm
	New Intake Parents' Evening 6:30 pm
Thursday 20 June	Y2 Performance 6:00 pm
24 – 28 June	Fair Trade & Culture Week
Friday 21 June	3RF Bracken Class Assembly
Friday 28 June	Food Fair
Monday 1 July	Pupils meet new teachers
Tuesday 2 July	Key Stage 2 Sports Day 9:30 am
Wednesday 3 July	Early Years / Key Stage 1 Sports Day 9:30am
3 – 10 July	Book Fair in Reception Area
Friday 5 July	EYRA/SB Minnows Class Assembly
	Reports to parents
	Y2 Night Under the Stars
8 – 12 July	Y6 Isle of Wight trip
Tuesday 9 July	Y2 to Y3 Transition meeting 6:00-6:45pm
	EYs to Y1 Transition meeting 7:00-7:45 pm
Monday 15 July	Open Afternoon
Tuesday 16 July	Open Afternoon
Wednesday 17 July	Early Years & KS1 Awards Assembly pm
	Year 6 performance pm
Thursday 18 July	Years 3 & 4 Awards Assembly am
	Years 5 & 6 Awards Assembly pm
	Y6 Leaving party
Friday 19 July	Last day of term
Monday 22 July	INSET day – no children at school



Dates for the Year

2018/2019

Summer Residential Visits

4 – 5 June
Thursday 9 May

Year 3 Caldecotte
Parents' Meeting – 6:00 pm

12 – 14 May

Year 4 Everdon

13 June – 15 June
Thursday 16 May

Year 5 Frontier Centre
Parents' Meeting - 6.00 pm

8 July – 12 July
Thursday 13 June

Year 6 Isle of Wight
Parents' Meeting - 6.00 pm