



Parents' Weekly Newsletter

'Thriving to achieve our best - together'

18th June 2021

Message from Dr Craddock

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really proud of our children who have been completing their GL assessments this week. They have worked incredibly hard and tried their best which in light of the exceptional times we find ourselves in, is all anyone can ask of them. We look forward to sharing their school reports with you later this term.

I would like to raise awareness of the following:

DONATING OLD Y8 UNIFORM

As we get nearer to saying farewell to our brilliant Y8 pupils we ask if parents and carers would kindly donate any uniform back to the school for future use if you wish to. It would be much appreciated and help with our Eco-school values.

ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS

Please don't forget that in good weather conditions, every Friday at lunch time, the PTFA will be selling ice lollies. These will cost only 50p.

E-SAFETY

Do you want to know more about Live Streaming? Please see the poster overleaf for more information. In addition, if you would like to know further information about live streaming and online video apps, please follow the link [here](#).

I hope that you have a lovely weekend with your families.

All best wishes,
Dr Deborah Craddock



Rights Respecting News

Article of the Week

This week, we are exploring World Refugee Day, which is marked every year on the 20th of June. World Refugee Day is about building understanding and solidarity with people all around the world who for a range of reasons have been forced to leave their homes and leave their countries because home is no longer a safe place to stay. The circumstances of the last year and a half has probably made a lot of us appreciate our homes more. It is difficult to imagine what it must be like to lose the safety of our homes. World Refugee Day can be linked to article 22 - the rights of refugees and article 10 - the rights of children with parents who do not live in the same country. It's important to take the time to understand some of the real issues that are facing refugees and listen to their voices. This can include thinking about how welcoming our school and local area is for people that have gone through so much to find a place of safety.

Event days in July

World Population Day (Date: 11 July)

What is it: This event raises awareness of global population issues. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989.

Rights Link: Article 15: Freedom of association

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Live streaming is the term used to describe the broadcast of a real time video from a mobile device, tablet or games console. Many live streaming apps have functionality for interactions from viewers, such as commenting, live chats and sending reactions during the broadcast. Live streaming opens up a world of excitement for children, where they can watch live concerts, their favourite celebrities and bloggers/vloggers, connect with their friends, watch live gaming and much, much more. Whilst there are many positives with live streaming, it creates a worldwide platform for unsuitable content to be streamed and creates a host of dangers for children.

98%
of child sex abuse live streaming victims are 13 or under

IWF
Internet Watch Foundation



What parents need to know about LIVE STREAMING

SIGN UP PROCESS & AGE RESTRICTIONS

Most live streaming apps have an age restriction of 13 and above. It is important to note that some platforms do not require proof of age when signing up to the app, meaning that anyone can register for an account. This also opens up the opportunity for people to lie about their age to seem older or younger.

WHO IS WATCHING YOUR CHILD?

If your child's privacy settings are not set up effectively, anybody can be watching their live streams. One of the main characteristics of live streaming is its ability for videos to be instantly shared all over the world, but this creates the opportunity for more people to watch anybody regardless of whether they know them.

LIVE CONTENT

As the streams are live, children can instantly be exposed to anything inappropriate. Most live streaming apps will have filters, rules and guidelines in place to ensure their services are monitored. They will also have report buttons where inappropriate content will be sent for review. Bear in mind that a report may not be dealt with instantly, which means your child may be further exposed to inappropriate content during a live stream.

RECORDINGS OF YOUR CHILD

Each streaming app and website that allows live streaming has different rules about how they store their live videos once completed. For example, a live stream on Periscope will be automatically deleted after 24 hours, but apps such as Facebook and YouTube allow the video to be posted on the app and will only be deleted once the creator decides. It is important to realise that deleting a video will not stop it from being shared. A live stream can be recorded (or screenshots can be taken) by other viewers using certain software and then shared on other platforms. Research conducted by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) discovered that apparently recorded illegal videos of live streams were redistributed on other sites.

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD WATCHING?

Live streaming apps don't just allow children to stream their own videos, they can also watch other people's streams. Anything can be streamed at any time and any place, including violence, graphic imagery, nudity, illegal behavior, drug use, profanities etc. Most live streaming apps claim to monitor live streams and will take action to stop any that do not adhere to their guidelines. However, with millions of live streams each day, it is extremely difficult to monitor them all.

GROOMING

There have been recent reports of paedophiles coercing children as young as three on live streaming apps. Due to the anonymous nature and lack of identification needed to sign up to some apps, almost anyone is able to sign up and use the service. Users can use fake identities to sign up to the apps and watch/stream videos. Recent research by the IWF revealed that children may be asked to do things and perform 'suggestive acts' during their live stream by strangers.

Top Tips for Parents

BE PRESENT

In a recent three month study by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), 94% of streams showed a child on their own, often in their bedroom or bathroom. If your child is going to conduct a live stream, ask them if you could be present for it. This will give you a greater knowledge of what your child is doing during their live streams and who they are streaming to.

PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Your child may unknowingly give away personal information during a live stream, including their location. Talk to them about what constitutes 'personal information' and make sure they do not disclose anything to anyone during a live stream, even to their friends. Advise them to remove any items in their live stream (school uniform, street name, posters etc.) that could potentially expose their location or personal information.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

Ask your child which live streaming apps they are using and how they are using them. Are they watching live streams or making their own? What types of live streams do they like watching? If they are under 13, it is strongly advised that they are not using any live streaming apps due to the dangers involved, but you may feel that they should not be using the apps even if they are over the age limit. With live streaming being such a popular feature on apps, it is important that you are aware of the dangers associated with it in order to protect your child effectively.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Each live streaming app will have its own privacy settings with options varying from platform to platform. Generally, we advise that your child's account is set to private. This will ensure that only their friends/followers will see their live stream. It is important to check each app to ensure that the privacy settings are in place to protect your child from strangers viewing their streams and engaging in conversation with them. The settings on most apps will allow you to turn off the chat feature during a live stream, restricting conversations, but live chat is part of the 'fun' when it comes to live streaming.

PROTECTING THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

What your child does now may affect their future opportunities, and it is important that they have a good understanding of this. As the videos are live, it may lead to the misconception that whatever happens in the video will disappear once the live stream ends. This is incorrect. Tell your child that their live streams cannot be undone and this has the potential to affect their online reputation.

REMOVE LINKS TO OTHER APPS

Some live streaming apps/websites give users the ability to link and share the content through other social media platforms to share their video further. For example, a live stream on Periscope, can be shared on Twitter and Facebook during the stream if the accounts are connected. While it may seem like a good idea to show the video to more people, the privacy settings may differ on each app, opening up the potential for unwanted viewers to join the stream. We suggest checking the privacy settings on each app and where possible, only streaming on one app at a time in order to have greater control over who sees the live stream.

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/> <https://www.pscp.tv/content> <https://www.channel4.com/news/children-bombarded-with-sexually-explicit-chat-as-musical-ly-and-live-ly>



A whole school community approach to online safety
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/paedophiles-child-sex-abuse-live-stream-direct-webcam-mobile-online-a8351986.html>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-44233544?utm_campaign=71916416&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter



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Article 22 Refugee Children



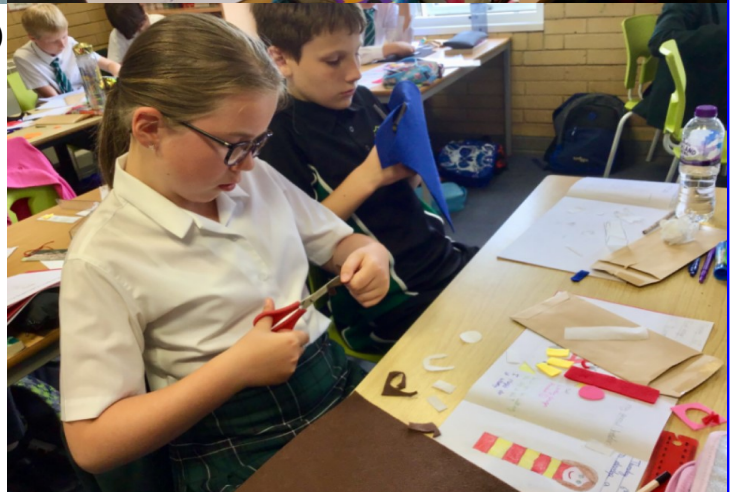
Children have the right to special protection and help if they are refugees (if they have been forced to leave their home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.



International Day of Friendship (Date: 30 July)

What is it: International Youth Day (IYD) was established by the United Nations in 2000 as a means of raising awareness of issues affecting young people around the world.

Rights Link: Article 31: Leisure, play and culture



Article 10 Family Reunification

Families whose members live in different countries should be allowed to move between those countries so that parents and children can stay in contact, or get back together as a family.



In Year 5, the children have been busy designing and cutting out their own bookmarks this week.



In Year 8 this week, the children have been learning about reproduction. They have had lots of class discussion and produced some interesting work. This week in small groups, they have been planning "Television programs" in order to teach the rest of the class the knowledge learnt so far. Each group will then develop their revision techniques by taking notes and using them in a later lesson.



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Fun in the Sun at Forest School

Year 7 were swinging about in the trees today after learning to fasten the rope to the branch, so that it is easy to remove later! They also dug in deep for a Tug of War match showing great resilience and the ability to bounce back if it went wrong.



In Year 6, we introduced a new game with a simple stick – Ninja Stick. Working in pairs, one would drop a stick to test the reflexes of their partner who's aim was to catch the falling stick. Later, they enjoyed a match of Tug of War, taking turns to referee.

In Year 5, the children practiced their hand-eye co-ordination in a game of Aunt Sally – throwing a stick to knock over the 'dolly'. Later they were being creative by stacking the tyres to create motorbikes! Vvvoom!



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Blue Skies Programme

This week, 'The Jon Egging Trust' has offered some of our KS3 students an amazing opportunity to take part in their 'Blue Skies Programme'. This is an intensive, targeted, early intervention programme working with young people from the age of 10 plus. It concentrates on raising confidence and aspirations; providing life skills that support students to reengage with learning and to realise their full potential. Based on core values of teamwork, leadership, and inspiration. Our students have completed the first two workshops and have thoroughly enjoyed them. Below are some quotations from our learners:

I found the JET session exceptional fun. It really helped me improve my teamwork skills and build relationships with others. I would also like to point out that Nikki (our team leader) was lovely. She was great fun and I wasn't worried to talk to her and be honest. I am really looking forward to our next workshops and building up more helpful skills. Sarah

I think my experience at the JET workshop was extremely entertaining as we did lots of activities that included teamwork and communication skills. Also, I think that Nikki was a brilliant JET staff member as she taught us many skills that would benefit us. Leon

I enjoyed the JET workshop as it allowed me to have fun whilst thinking about improving my skills for my future. I also enjoyed taking part in the team game activities. Our team leader was really friendly, kind and fun. I cannot wait for the next workshop! It is so interesting to be finding out about all these amazing skills we can use in our life. Ryan



In order to improve prompt communication between school and home, please remember to regularly check parent mail for all key information such as; events information, newsletters, trips and special events.



Lastly, thank you for all your kind messages of support over the past few days and appreciation of my team's hard work and efforts. These have meant so much to us and brought smiles to so many. Thank you for taking the time to care and support our school community.

School Year: Term Dates & Holidays

Summer Term 2021:

Term ends on Friday 23rd July 2021

Summer Holidays Monday 26th July -
Monday 6th September 2021

Autumn Term 2021:

September Inset Days Thursday 2nd &
Friday 3rd September 2021

First day of Term Monday 6th September

October half term Monday 25th - 29th
October 2021



Finally.....For the latest news and updates and to see more photos of our children learning, please follow us on twitter at: [@westmoors](https://twitter.com/@westmoors)



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