

Friday 5th July 2024

Dear Parents,

What a lovely week we have had here in school! We particularly enjoyed Sports Day on Tuesday!



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Class Arrangements for September

As you already know, there will be a slight change in timings of the school day;

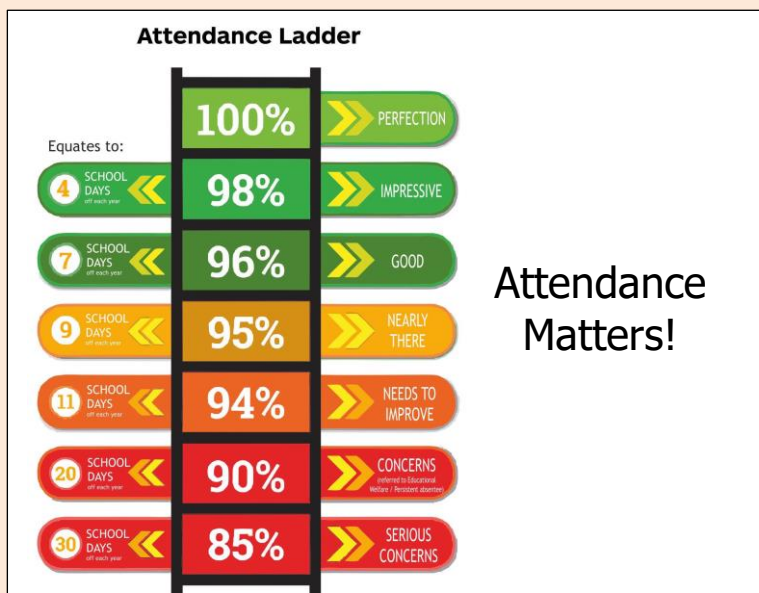
School will start at **8.50am** and home time will be **3.20pm**.

Our classes, teachers and support staff will be as follows

Early Years – Mr Harrison and Mrs Hardcastle / Mrs Blenkarn.

Class One (Year 1 / 2) we have a new teacher joining us in the mornings and her name is Miss Barnes. In the afternoons, Class One will be joining Early Years.

Class Two we have Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Clark (Mrs. Robinson will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs. Clark will be working on Thursdays and Fridays.) They will be supported by Mrs. Dent every day.



Praise Assembly

Thank you so much to all parents and carers who joined us for our first Praise Assembly today!!

Next week it is our trip and the week after we finish at 1pm (Friday 19th July)

So, our Praise Assemblies will resume in September – It was so lovely to have a little trial run today and we feel it went well! Thank you!

Transition Day – Tuesday 9th July

All Year 4 children will be going to visit HMS for the day and all other children will be moving into their new year groups, Miss Barnes will be coming to spend the morning with her new class too.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10th July – Lego league Event (Class 2)

Friday 12th July – Whole School Trip (excluding nursery) to the Discovery Museum and Safety Works

Thursday 18th July – First Aid Responders Workshop

Friday 19th July – 9.15am Leavers Assembly in church – School finishes at 1pm

Parents coffee drop in – Thursday 18th July straight after drop off.

Staying safe online

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Did you know
About Youtube

Have a lovely weekend
everyone!

Mrs Hayward ☺

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if auto-play is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offering gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

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