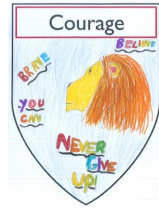
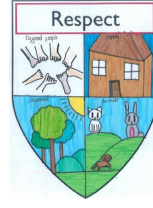


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Summer Newsletter: 26th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely sunny week we have had in school - this has been especially great for our Year 6 children who have been having an amazing time at Pioneer. The pictures of the raft building looked so much fun and they have used so many of our school values to try the climbing wall, zip wire and caving. Well done everyone!

Thank you for all your support this half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 5th June.

Have a lovely holiday,
Ellie Game

Attendance

Reception - 96.8%

Year 1 - 97.1%

Year 2 - 96.8%

Year 3 - 95.6%

Year 4 - 95.8%

Year 5 - 96.4%

Year 6 - 94.3%

Well done Year 1 for having the best attendance!

Value of the half term...

Loyalty

This week we have been really lucky because Open the Book and Rev'd John have been in leading our worship.

We also learnt that 28th May is the Christian celebration of Pentecost. Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter and is when Christians remember the gift of the Holy Spirit.

FC Crystal

8 boys from Year 3 and their football team, FC Crystal, have achieved the most incredible thing. They have raised over £8200 for the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) and in their new season they are going to have the charity on the front of their football kit in place of a sponsor. They have been awarded some very special medals from the CCLG which we were able to give out in our celebration worship today.



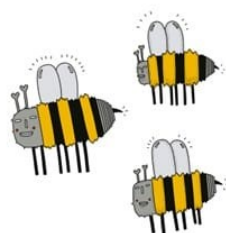
A huge well done to Antony, Harry, Harry, Sam, Alfie, Quinn, Toby and James.

The link to the justgiving site is below if anyone else is able to show their support.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SPOTIFY

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Spotify is a digital music, podcast and video service which gives users access to millions of songs and other content from creators all over the world. Since launching in 2008, Spotify has revolutionised the way music is listened to: it now offers the ability to manage and share more than 100 million tracks and five million podcast series, plus personalised recommendations, new release updates and the option to create collaborative playlists. As of February 2023, it is the world's most popular audio streaming subscription service with 489 million users globally.

EXPLICIT LYRICS

As per Spotify's terms and conditions, people need to be at least 13 to use it. That said, the platform doesn't censor lyrics unless instructed to do so in the settings – so it's worth noting that young teenagers could still be exposed to age-inappropriate songs which contain explicit references to sexual behaviour, violence, discriminatory language and swearing.

GROOMING TACTICS

Although Spotify doesn't come with dedicated chat functionality, concerns were raised in January 2023 after reports of an 11-year-old girl being coerced into sharing explicit pictures of herself on the platform. The case highlighted predators' tactics of sharing empty playlists with other users: their messages were being exchanged undetected through edited song titles and descriptions, bypassing security measures.

OVERSHARING

Spotify provides a perfect way to play music, with the ability to connect to another device, such as a Bluetooth speaker or an in-car stereo. While this is a useful feature, it's also easy to forget your surroundings and inadvertently play content which isn't appropriate for all listeners (especially those under the age of 18), potentially causing alarm or distress.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE PODCASTS

Spotify's podcast community has grown exponentially and it's become a popular base for millions of users to listen to shows, stories, interviews and more – with content covering an array of topics. This includes some material which isn't suitable for minors, including audio which is obviously adult-themed, but can be just as easily accessed as everything else.

ACCESS TO SPOTIFY LIVE

If your child has a Spotify account, they'll also be able to access the platform's audio-only chat service: Spotify Live. While it's a separate stand-alone app, Spotify Live allows people to listen to live discussions on the main Spotify platform and, more notably, lets users enter virtual rooms to chat with other users, opening up direct conversations with strangers and individuals who might not necessarily be there for the right reasons.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SWAP TO SPOTIFY KIDS

If you're concerned about what your child might hear while streaming music, Spotify Kids is a separate, ad-free service specifically designed for children aged 12 and under. It allows younger users to enjoy human-curated, child-friendly content (such as music and audiobooks) and is available to users with a Spotify Premium Family subscription – meaning that parents can view and manage the content their child listens to.

CENSOR EXPLICIT CONTENT

Regardless of what type of account your child uses to access Spotify, there is an option to turn off explicit content in the settings – greying out all songs marked with an 'E' tag. If your child has their own individual account, it's easier for them to turn it back on – whereas with a family plan, you're in control and your child can't alter the setting without knowing the password.

TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

As with any platform, it's good practice to talk to your child about what they should be aware of when using Spotify. For instance, it's important they're aware never to share any personal information with strangers, and what they should do if they're exposed to inappropriate content. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear so that they feel comfortable raising any concerns with you.

KEEP AN EYE OUT

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Spotify or you've noticed they're being particularly secretive about how they're using it, encourage them to talk about what they're listening to. It's always prudent to show an interest in their online habits from the outset – so you're confident they're using apps and services in the right way, for the right reasons, and they're not being drawn into anything they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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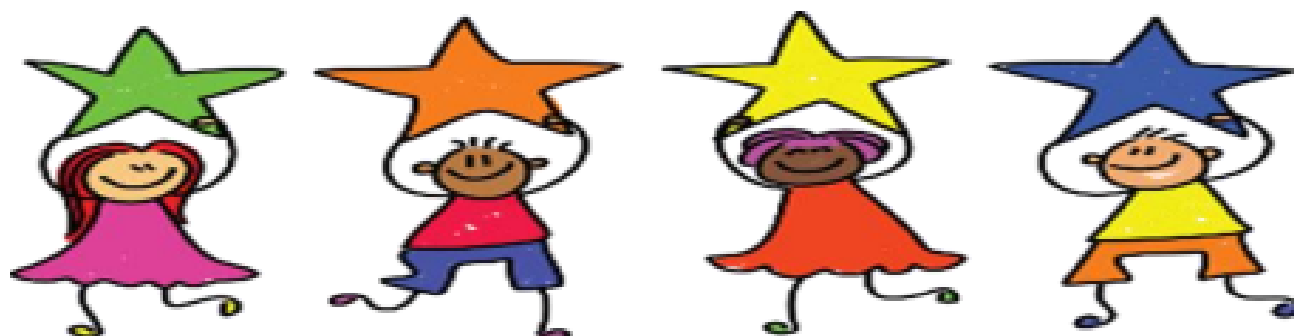
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WRAPAROUND CLUB



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Our Wrap Around Team:

Manager: Debbie Kirby

Assistants: Savannah, Lynne, Taslima and Debbie

Our Pure Sports Team:

Tom, Dean, Shane, Luke and Dexter

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Wraparound@oldswinford.dudley.sch.uk

Mobile No: 07548 342643

Opening Times:

Early Bird Breakfast Club	7.30 am
Breakfast Club	7.45 am to 8.55 am
After School Club	3.20 pm to 6.00 pm

Holiday Club

We will be offering a Summer Holiday Club on 26th and 27th July, 15th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th August 2023. Opening times – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. For further details or a booking form please contact Debbie Kirby.

Update to Parents/Carers:-

We continue to offer our Early Bird Breakfast Club sessions, which commences at 7.30 am. If you would like further details of these sessions, please speak with Debbie Kirby, who will be happy to assist.

Our children have continued to enjoy the Breakfast Club sports activities in the Lower Hall, but this term, we will also arrange sports activities on the Lower School Playground from 7.50 am to 8.30 am, which will enable children to enjoy the summer mornings. We will also continue to offer play activities prior to school in the outdoor classroom area.

At the After School Club, we also offer sports activities for our children in the Lower Hall or on the playground/field, weather permitting. Along with the sports activities, we also continue to offer a selection of craft and play activities in the outdoor classroom.

Sun creams and hats

Please could we also ask parents to put hats and sun cream in their child/children's bag(s) to enable children to play safely outside in the sun.