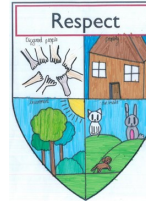
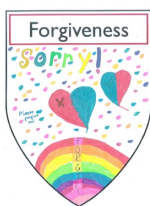


Oldswinford Cof E Primary School

'Believe, achieve and shine brighter together'



Autumn Newsletter: 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I received this message from Pastor George at Giving Hands food bank...

Dear Mrs Game,

We just want to say a big thank you for the harvest donations, this means so much to us as it has always been over the years. Specifically, this is unique because local people are currently facing severe deprivation and hardship due to the rising energy bills and the rise in prices of food and non-food items.

Now with your help, we can assuredly support more local individuals and families in need. We are sincerely grateful to you and the team, Oldswinford Church of England Primary School, the parents and guardians, and indeed all the children. Thank you very much and God bless you all.

Warm regards,

George Peter

Thank you so much for all your Generosity and to the parents who helped deliver the donations.
Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

Value of the half term...

Thankfulness

This week we learnt about World Mental Health Day in worship and said thank you that we can be who we want to be. We celebrated diversity and looked at how we can each have different qualities that make us special and help us to shine.

The Lord
does not look
at the things
man looks at.
Man looks at
the outward
appearance,
but the Lord
looks at the
heart.
- 1 Samuel 16:7 -

Parking

Please can I remind parents/carers that the car park at the front of school should not be used by parents before and after school.

Thank you for your support with this.

"Happier Minds"

Mental wellbeing support for young people, parent carers and school based professionals in Dudley. A new website has been launched to help young people, parent carers and professionals find information about mental health in Dudley borough.

www.happierminds.org.uk

Happier Minds can help you find the mental wellbeing information you need. It also provides information on how to get help urgently for people in crisis.

The website has 3 sections – for young people, parent carers and school based professionals, all sections contain useful support and information.

The young people section for those aged 11 yrs and over (secondary school and college), has video resources and useful contacts.

For parent/carers, there is information to help them to support their child and also resources to support their own mental wellbeing.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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TRAFALGAR DAY

21ST OCTOBER 2022

Duke of Bronte's - Cheese and Tomato Pizza

(Referring to the town of Bronte in the province of Catania, Sicily. Dukedom was granted on 10 October 1799 at Palermo to the British Royal Navy officer Horatio Nelson by King Ferdinand III of Sicily, in gratitude for Nelson having saved the kingdom of Sicily from conquest by Revolutionary French forces under Napoleon.)

Nelson's catch of the day - Fish Cake

(Nelson was a Colonel of Marines from 1795 to 1797 and voted a Freeman of the cities and boroughs of London (10 March 1797), Bath, Salisbury, Exeter (15 January 1801), Plymouth, Monmouth, Sandwich, Oxford (22 July 1802) Hereford, Haverfordwest (in 1802) and Worcester (30 August 1802)

Nelson Shaped Shortbread Biscuit



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