



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum”

Humility, service, forgiveness

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Links to newsletters – class newsletters are on our website: <https://stmaryspulborough.eschools.co.uk/website/classes/57308>

Kindness shield – January – Well done to Martha Lewis who has been awarded the Kindness shield for this month.

Martha – you are always looking out for others and putting others before yourself. There have been so many times but two that are memorable when you went out of your way to sit with someone at break time and ensure they had someone to play with and then a time in class where someone was on their own and you made it your mission to support them when they needed someone. You really do think of others before yourself. Thank you.

Miss Dunstall – Miss Dunstall is currently on leave. She will be returning on Thursday 30th January. Mrs Warwick, who is already known to the children, will be covering the class in the meantime.

Film Night – Thank you so much to the volunteers that helped with Film Night this week. Also a huge thank you to Raylene Barnes, Sharon Ansell, Amy Hayes and Claire Hales for putting both evening on for the children. KS2 had fun watching Pokémon Detective Pikachu and KS1 watched Toy Story 4.

Drum lessons – Jake our new Drum teacher was in school on Thursday 16th January. He worked with a number of pupils and he was amazed with the talent and enthusiasm that the children showed. If your child is interested in taking up the drums, please contact the school office who will give you further details.



Hawking about – Ireland and New Zealand class were in awe as Hawking About visited this week. The children learnt about Peregrine Falcone, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl and a Kestrel. The children had an opportunity to touch the birds, fly them and examine their poo! This visit will now link in with their studies and give them information about these birds of prey.



Sports relief – This is on Friday 13th March, the children will need to come to school in their sports kit and a £1 will go towards this charity.

Walking Bus – We are still running the very popular walking bus from the Social Club to the School every morning, we are also looking for another adult volunteers to help one or two mornings a week.

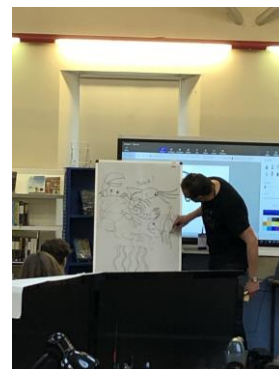
Therapy reading dog – Meet 'Nancy' who is from the charity 'Pets as Therapy' who will be joining us every Thursday to help our reluctant readers to enjoy their reading sessions.



Willow Dome – Our lovely Willow Dome is in need of some care and attention, if we have any experts out there that can spare us some time and give us some advice, please contact the school office.



Weald Book Awards – Meet the author – Some of the Year 6 children were lucky enough to meet Thomas Taylor, author of Malamander. He spoke to them about how he came up with the book, the settings and the characters and then he helped them to develop their own characters to become real writers. It was an inspiring talk.



Nurture Group – Park Mount to investigate - The Nurture Group, led by Judy Agate from Green Caterpillar, went on a ramble on Thursday morning. With the wind and rain in their faces, they had the exhilaration of climbing up to the top of the Motte and Bailey earthworks at Park Mount and finding a World War 2 Gun Emplacement enroute. They raced to the top of the earthworks (a very steep climb) and home in time for lunch. This was a great way to find out about the local area and the history of Pulborough.



The week ahead:-

Tuesday 21st - 'PJ party' for our Early Years (Austria & UK class) on from 5pm – 6pm.

Tuesday 21st - Thailand class Forest Schools

Wednesday 22nd - Careers Day, which we will be looking forward to hearing about lots of different professions.

Thursday 23rd - Frederick Afrifa an International Sprinter will be here to speak to the pupils and join in with the fund raising fitness circuit to help raise money for new sports equipment in school – Remember you can donate to this on line at:

<https://www.sportsforschools.org/event/sfs205/>

Little Explorers – This week we have been looking at 'winter' and been busy with lots of winter themed activities. We have been looking at books and listened to stories. We have been counting snowballs on mittens, done frozen painting using blocks of coloured ice, explored the artic animal sensory tray, played lots of counting and colour matching games, made penguins which helped with them practising their scissor control and joined in a seasonal clothes sorting activity where the children hung the clothes on the washing line, which they loved. Our phonics sessions started again this week and the children learned the sound for the letter 'M'.

Attendance by classWeek beginning 13th January 2020

Overall attendance was 97.4%

Target 96.5%

UK Class	99%	Ireland Class	98.5%
Austria Class	95%	USA Class	95.5%
France Class	99%	Sierra Leone Class	97%
Thailand Class	98%	China Class	98%
India Class	99%	Mexico Class	97.5%
New Zealand Class	95.5%	South Africa Class	95%
		Japan Class	98%

E Safety – Tik Tok Guidance

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
12+
Under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

What parents need to know about TIKTOK

MATURE CONTENT
On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as Parental guidance recommended. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC
TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME
TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS
As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE
Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES
Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.

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Safety Tips For Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS
Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS
Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media stardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.

ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE
In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.

EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF
Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even teach your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.

LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME
As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.

Meet our expert
Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.

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Is your child struggling with daytime toileting?

If the answer is **YES**

We have organised a support session on
Wednesday 26th February 2020, 9am-12pm
At The Hub, Upper Beeding, BN44 3HP



Please contact The Healthy Child Programme on
01273 696011 ext 4524 to find out more information and book
on.



Excellent care at the heart of the community

February Fun Frenzy

A cake sale will also be happening at 12pm, so please bring some pennies.

U7—10 EVERYONE WELCOME OF ALL ABILITIES

Date: Wednesday 19th February

Time: 9-12pm

The chance to:

- Learn new skills
- Meet new friends
- To play and enjoy netball
- Work with a level 2 coach and some of our young leaders.



If you are interested in joining us
please contact us at
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**Training held at our
Crawley Office**

Training
starts:
24th Feb for 6
weeks