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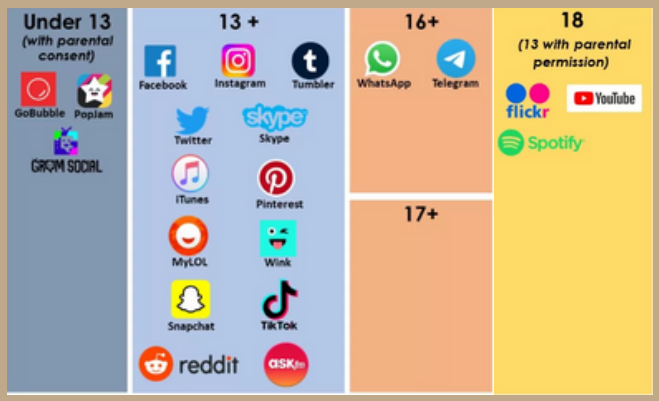
Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you and your families are well rested and the children are raring to go now that we are back at school. Personally, Spring Term is my favourite term of the year as the days begin to get lighter and we can start to fully make use of our fantastic outside areas. As always, teachers have excellent and engaging learning planned across the term, including opportunities for you to come in and read with your children. In Spring 2, I will be altering the day of the reading morning to allow for as many parents/carers to attend these sessions as possible. Please keep up to date with your child's class Instagram page and also the school account so you can see what is going on. Our Celebration Assembly will continue to be held on a Monday at 3pm with an open invitation for all.
Mrs. Brook

Year 3 Classroom update

As you will be aware, the repair of the Year 3 classroom roof is ongoing and progress is being made however, the situation is far from ideal and I share the frustrations of parents/carers but we have full support from the Trust in managing this and they are guiding school through the necessary procedures. I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to parents/carers for the ongoing support during this time and reassure you that the children are completing all of their curriculum learning as they should be.



Use of devices

As part of the curriculum, all children learn about keeping safe online and how to be a responsible device user. During the Autumn Term, I was made aware of several occurrences of inappropriate and potentially unsafe online behaviour by children on their devices outside of school.

Please can I remind you all that due to the dangers that Social Networking can present, the legal age for a child to have a Facebook Page, Snapchat and Instagram amongst others is 13. The legal age for children to have a WhatsApp account is 16. Please do check children's electrical devices on a regular basis. The NSPCC website has some fantastic information for parents on how to help keep your child safe online.

Attendance

"Improving attendance is everyone's business" DfE 2023

Firstly, thank you so much for your continued support with attendance across school. I am delighted to say that within our Trust of schools, our average attendance sits second highest in comparison to all other schools! At the end of Autumn Term, our attendance was 95.7%. Moving forward, and to continue this high level of attendance, there will be certificates and incentives on offer for children who's attendance sits above 95% during that term.

Reminders - Please make any medical/dental appointments out of school time but where this is not possible, please contact Mrs. Pal to arrange. The morning register closes at 9am so if your child arrives at school after this time, please enter through the main entrance as a 'late' mark will be registered.

As part of our duty of care and safeguarding, if any child is absent for a number of consecutive days, either through illness, unauthorised absence or other, a welfare check may be carried out by members of school staff. This is in line with both our attendance policy and also the statutory guidance of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education',

Clubs Update

I'm aware that some of the existing sports clubs offered after school haven't seen the usual uptake, which suggests your children may like some alternative clubs offered, alongside the excellent offer from SM Sports. I am looking in to how we can broaden our range of extra curricular clubs for children.

Through the use of 'Mrs. Brook's suggestions box', many children across school have volunteered to run their own clubs at lunch time for others - these clubs range from walking club to maths club. This is amazing and these clubs will be starting to take place throughout the Spring term.

Loving – *loving God, each other and creation*

Living – *living in hope, faith and joy*

Learning – *fulfilling potential with purpose and bravery*