



## SPRING TERM

# NEWSLETTER 11 : February 10th 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

### SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

We know our children are coming to an age where they want to use apps. Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat are a few of the popular apps of today. Here is some information of some of the newer apps that are trending at the moment.



musical.ly

Users upload live videos of themselves lip-syncing and / or dancing to music with the objective of gaining likes and followers. With 252k daily users , this app is incredibly popular with young people. There are underlying risks including grooming and cyberbullying, as well as inappropriate sexualised or self harm content. Children often upload videos in their school uniforms, providing as easy means for predators to locate them.



Users create an account to communicate with other random users anywhere in the world. The app currently has 129k daily active users. Young people are at risk of contacted by predators, being bullied by others and are also incentivised to make in app purchases in order to boost their popularity on the app.



Often dubbed 'Tinder for Teens', users swipe left or right on profiles. Yellow has exacerbated the risks on snapchat ( where teens are sharing sexting images thinking they will disappear when they are actually being screenshotted and shared) Matches are automatically provided with a platform to chat and link to each other's Snapchat accounts, to increase their snapchat followers. This app is rapidly gaining popularity.



Users upload live videos of themselves doing anything and everything with the objective of gaining likes and followers. The freedom users have to upload anything they want results in a huge risk of young children viewing highly inappropriate content such as nudity and self harm. This app is not as popular as Musical.ly, however there is a greater risk of inappropriate content given the theme of posts is anything goes.'



Users broadcast themselves playing video games for others to watch. Users can also chat with each other. Twitch's online community promotes a pack mentality among users who are predominantly young males. Users who don't align with this attitude are ridiculed heavily.

The potential dangers posed by these apps are alarming. It can be easy as a parent to think that your child will exercise common sense when using apps, but the reality is that it is too easy for even the sensible children to stumble upon adult content or inadvertently place themselves at risk. The good news is that you don't have to be in it alone, Family Zone and their team of cyber experts can help you sort out what apps are appropriate for your child and provide you with the tools and resources to help you navigate this journey.

<https://familyzone/cyber-experts>.

### WATER

Unlimited water is provided for the children to drink during lunch and throughout the day. Please can you make sure that your child doesn't bring any additional drinks with them to school. Any drinks brought to school will be returned home unopened. We are a **plain water** only school, so please make sure that flavoured water and dilute pop are not brought into school as these can be bad for your child's teeth. Water helps the children to concentrate as your brain is made up of 75% water, helps stop fatigue, protects your heart and helps to regulate your body temperature.



### DINNER MONEY

Please can I remind parents whose children have a school dinner daily , that dinner money should be paid on a Monday morning ready for the week ahead. We currently have a large amount of outstanding dinner money which is having a detrimental effect on school finances. The office staff send out regular dinner debt letters. If you owe money please could you contact the office staff to make arrangements to repay the amount owing. Would you go out for a meal and pay for it at the end of the week or when you have the money?



### RED NOSE DAY

This year's Red Nose Day will be on Friday 24th March. To help raise money for this cause we will be having a non-uniform day which will cost £1 for the children to take part. We would like to dress up in something red. Please note that we will not be selling noses.



### FAMILY PHOTO EVENING

We have arranged with Purple Cow Photography to set up a Family Photograph Evening. This will take place after school on the 6th June. You will have the opportunity to come back into school , dressed up in your finery to have a professional photograph taken as a family. The cost of studio shoots is so expensive, this will give you the best of both worlds with a reasonable cost to the photographs. I hope that this is something you will all enjoy and you will have a keepsake that you will cherish forever.



**Government Target for Attendance in schools is 95% and above. Please help us improve our figure for last year which was below government guidelines.**



### **ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

The proud winners of the attendance awards over last week were:

#### **w/c 23rd January — 27th January**

Reception— 90.56%

Year 1— 97.73%

Year 2— 94.33%

Year 3—96.36%

Year 4—97.37%

Year 5—98.00% Well Done

Year 6—92.31%

#### **w/c 30th January — 3rd February**

Reception— 91.11%

Year 1— 99.09% Well Done

Year 2— 95.00%

Year 3—93.64%

Year 4—96.84%

Year 5—95.20%

Year 6—91.54%

**Attendance for the School Year up to the end of last week was**

**94.10 %**

**Government Target is 95% and above**

Across school persistent absences is now set at equal to or less than 90%. Children that fall into that category will have a Red attendance summary sent home & EWO Involvement.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

This week would like to wish

Edward Nicholson

Leon Gregory-Jones

Shayne Johnson

Elle Harrison

Ebony Liddle

Joe Moxon

Kai Shillito

Ian Anderson

**And in the holidays**

Elizabeth Smith

Mya Wood

Ellie Turner

Gabrielle Holmes

Scott Hedges

Daisy Hedges

Jasmine Winfield



**A very Happy Birthday to you all**

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Friday 10th February

Break up for February Half Term

Monday 20th February

School reopens for Spring 2 Term

Tuesday 21st February

Foundation Stage Inspire Morning—Maths

Wednesday 1st March

Year 3 & 4 Inspire Afternoon—Toy Making

Tuesday 7th March

Yr 5 & 6 Star Dome Day

Wednesday 15th March

Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 22nd March

PC Blunt—Yr 6 Anti Social Behaviour workshop

Friday 24th March

Red Nose Day

Thursday 30th March

Year 3 & 4 singing at Whin View Court

Monday 3rd April

Year 5 to HACA to watch Matinee performance of

Friday 7th April

Break up for Easter

Monday 24th April

School reopens for Summer 1 Term

Tuesday 2nd May

Yr 4 Bikeability—Playground Session

Monday 8th—Friday 12th

**SAT's WEEK**

(Please DO NOT book holidays during this week if your child is in YR 6)

10th, 11th, 12th and 15th May

Year 5 Bikeability sessions

Friday 26th May

Break up for Half Term holidays.

**We hope that you have a lovely  
Half Term Holiday**