

Sherwood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

26/04/2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS

Our Girls' football team have topped the Preston Schools' Football Championship this year. Congratulations to all our players in Year 5 and Year 6. A fantastic result! Next year, we return to competing in the Premier League. Our girls have also qualified for the final of the Dick Kerr Ladies' Cup. The final is taking place at PNE Deepdale on Tuesday 7th May at 3.30 pm. Tickets are £3.00 on the door – you are most welcome to attend to support Sherwood.

KURLING

A group of pupils from Year 6 attended the indoor Kurling competition this week and finished 5th overall. Well done!

SCHOOL BUSINESS SUPPORT OFFICER APPOINTMENT

We are delighted to share the news that we have successfully appointed a new School Business Support Officer. We welcome Miss Gemma Worthington next half term.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITY

Congratulations to our Year 5 children for delivering an incredible bake sale in School this week. The children raised £360 from the sale of cakes and cookies! £180 will be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charity who support families of children admitted to Manchester Children's Hospital. Well done Year 5!

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

We have updated our website with details of the services available from the [Child and Family Wellbeing Service](#) this term. Please also [click here](#) for an invitation to attend **Positive Minds** – a parent and carer support group. The support group provides guidance and strategies to support your [child's mental health](#).

MAY HALF TERM PROVISION

Please find attached details of Team Theme holiday provision running at Sherwood at May Half term. We've not printed a copy of the form for every child – paper copies are available at the office or email admin@sherwood.lancs.sch.uk and we'll pop a copy in your child's book bag. A great enrichment opportunity!

LANCASHIRE DANCE FINAL

Good luck to our Dance Team who compete at Blackpool Winter Garden's Opera House on Monday in the [Lancashire Dance Final](#).

Please [click here](#) to view our calendar for next week and [here to visit our Curriculum gallery](#).

Our Curriculum newsletters for the half term ahead are here for your information.

Kindest regards, Mrs J Lumb



COMMENCING NEXT WEEK:

Day	Time	Club	Drop Off/Collection Point
Tues	8am	Netball	Junior Yard
	3.30pm	Players in Education	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Y6 English Booster	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Coding with Codey Bolts	Y5/6 Cloakroom
Wed	8am	Ju-Jitsu	Main Entrance
	3.30pm	Y6 Maths Booster	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Tag Rugby	Y5/6 Cloakroom
Thurs	8am	Tennis	Junior Yard
	8am	Dance	Main Entrance
	Lunchtime	Chess	Class 5MH
	Lunchtime	Lego	Class 2KH
	Lunchtime	Pupil Newspaper	Class 6KS
	3.30pm	Cricket & Rounders	Y3/4 cloakroom
Friday	3.30pm	Performing Arts	Y1-2 Cloakroom
	8am	Tennis	Junior Yard
	8am	Gymnastics	Y1-2 Cloakroom
	8am	Multi-skills	EYFS/Infant Yard
	3.30pm	Cricket & Rounders	Y5/6 Cloakroom
	3.30pm	Art	Y3-4 Cloakroom

Our KS2 children are requested to wear their PE kits to school on a day on which they are attending a sporting enrichment club, thank you! EYFS, Y1 and Y2 children attending Gymnastics or Multi-skills may wear their own sports kit/clothes and bring their uniform to change into. Thank you!

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR KS2 YARD

A huge thank you for your fundraising support. We've added the following to our playground fundraising pot over the last term:

Non-Uniform Days: **£1271.00**

Bake Sale: **£180**

A fantastic boost to our playground fundraising pot! Thank you all!



Public Health Commissioning Team
NHS England North West
Level 3, Christ Church Precinct
County Hall
Fishergate Hill
Preston
PR1 8XB

March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware there are currently cases of measles in the North West.

To protect your child from infection, we recommend that all children have two doses of the MMR vaccine.

If you are unsure whether your child has been vaccinated, you can check your child's red book or your GP surgery should be able to check whether they have had one or both doses of the MMR vaccine and can offer them an appointment if there are any outstanding vaccinations for your child.

Or alternatively you can visit the following pharmacy that has the MMR vaccine and can offer this service for 5 – 11 yr olds on a walk in basis:

Broadway Pharmacy, 331 Garstang Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9UP

Tel: 01772 717574

Although this is a walk in offer, we do recommend you call ahead to ensure there is no waiting time for you.

Please scan the QR code below for further information on the MMR vaccine.

Yours sincerely,

Tricia Spedding

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Deputy Head of Public Health

NHS England – North West



Archbishop Temple
Church of England
High School

Stalls Music Food Dance
Inflatables

60th Birthday Celebrations

Fairground rides & much more!

Family Fun Day

£3 per ticket or £10 for a family of 4. (2 adults + 2 children)

Saturday 15th June 2024
10am - 4pm

Tickets available now from the school website.

Under 18's must be accompanied by an adult.

Come and join us!

SPRING

Evergreen Early Years would like to invite you to our family, fun-filled Spring Fair, charity event.

11am to 2.30pm

Saturday 11th May 2024

Evergreen Early Years –
Ladyewell, Fernyhalgh Lane,
PR2 5ST

British Heart Foundation



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MAY HOLIDAY CLUB 2024

AT SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUESDAY 28TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY

9am - 3.30pm (Drop off from 8.45am)

THIS COURSE IS ONLY AVAILABLE TO PUPILS FROM SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

1 DAY £20 - 2 DAYS £35 - 3 DAYS £45 - 4 DAYS £55 - 5 DAYS £60

Please fill in the form below and hand in all cash only to the school office by FRIDAY 24TH MAY



.....X.....X.....X.....X.....X.....

Please complete the form below with payment dependant on days attending. CASH ONLY which will be payable to TEAMTHEME

Please hand in to the **school office** by **FRIDAY 24TH MAY 2024**

PLAYERS NAME: AGE: D.O.B..... SCH YR:.....

ADDRESS:.....

POST CODE: e-mail:

PLAYER'S MEDICAL CONDITIONS:REQUIRED DAYS.....

Please complete on the reverse if you need to

EMERGENCY CONTACT No(s):SIGNED:.....

By completing & returning this form means that you are accepted & enrolled onto the course.

(PARENT / GUARDIAN)

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ONLINE SAFETY UPDATE

26/04/2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Summer Term Online Safety Update. This term we shine a spotlight on: age restrictions, parental settings and Whatsapp.

AGE RATINGS

Most social media platforms require users to be a minimum age to use their services. Lying about age and providing false information is very common among children. Unfortunately, many parents are aware that this is happening. **Apps have age ratings so that users are not exposed to inappropriate content.** For example: If your child is 7 but says they are 13 when they sign up for an account, here are the dangers:

- Your child may get used to lying when signing up to other apps and websites.
- They may get friend requests from older children.
- They may be added to groups without consent.

However, in 5 years time when your child becomes 12, the social media platform will believe that they are 18, an adult. When the app targets an adult audience:

- Your child will get friend requests from adults.
- Your child will see adverts targeted at adults.
- Your child will see content for 18+ years.
- Children safety settings will not work.

GAMING - THINK BEFORE YOU CHAT

Each game has an **age rating (PEGI)**. The rating indicates if the game is suitable for your child's age. Age ratings **do not apply to the chat part** of an online game. Most online games allow children to talk and message others directly whilst playing. Age ratings will not restrict the type of conversation or language used.

PARENTAL CONTROLS AND PRIVACY SETTINGS

Your Internet provider will provide parental controls to allow you to restrict access to the Internet on your home wi-fi network.

They can be very effective tools to help reduce the risks your children may face. However, they are not 100% effective, so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the Internet.

Mobile phone providers also provide a family app option that will support you in restricting use and the content that your child accesses.

WHATSAPP

This messaging service presents significant risks to our young children and may impact your child's emotional wellbeing. Please see attached.

For further guidance and advice, please [click here](#).

Kind regards, Mrs J Lumb



	Snapchat	13 years old
	Instagram	13 years old
	TikTok	13 years old
	YouTube	13 years old
	Facebook	13 years old
	WhatsApp	13 years old



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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