

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Weekly Newsletter**

Dear Parents,

**EID Mubarak!**

This week it has been wonderful to be part of our diverse and inclusive Wheeler Family as the children have learnt more about the EID Celebration. Last week the Iman from the local mosque led an assembly for all the children to give them an insight and understanding of EID. Thankyou to the generous families who also brought Eid gifts for the children to share and enjoy.

**Year 6 Social Action Group**

Well done to our Year 6 children who worked with Les from Youth in Nature this week. The winning children are now engaged in a project to develop 'Hedgehog Awareness and Preservation' in the local community. It makes you very proud to see how our children are developing into 'Change Makers' and can positively make a difference to our local area. Thanks to Les and Mrs Wadley for organising this exciting project.

**Attendance and Punctuality**

We are closely monitoring attendance and punctuality and will be contacting parents after half term who have children who have **attendance falling below 90% for this half term period**. The Government expects all children to now be back in school full time (unless they have a COVID related absence or sickness).

We completely understand that some children have been working at home because of bubble closures, but this does not affect their attendance as long as we can see evidence that they have engaged in the remote learning that has been set. The lost learning time all children have endured because of the pandemic is a concern for us all and we know that children can only close the gaps if they are in school on time and attend regularly. If your child is absent and we have been unable to contact you we will always come and carry out a home visit to check that you are all ok.

**Please help by:**

- **Making sure your child is here on time**
- **Contacting school before 9:00am (call 353125) if your child is going to be absent giving the reason and symptoms.**
- **Avoiding any holidays during term time.**

**Social Media and APPS**

We have had an increase in issues which have happened out of school mainly via social media platforms that then impact on the children in school. Often when we investigate these issues to try and support the children, we discover that many of them are using platforms that are not intended for children and have age restrictions in place. We thought it may be useful for you as parents to remind you what the restrictions are upon these platforms and encourage you to monitor if your child is using them and what they may be engaged in and with whom. We are very much wanting support all the children to develop happy, safe, and healthy friendships as we come out of lockdown and have been doing this in school by encouraging to take part in outdoor play and learn some of the fun games we used to play as children. In terms of mental well-being research tells us that getting out in the Fresh air and connecting with the outdoors is essential for both children and adults.



## Minecraft

Minecraft is a game that lets you build and create a virtual world using building blocks. Other activities include using the multiplayer function to explore the worlds created by other users and to combat, chat and play with them. Minecraft has a PEG age rating of 7+.

7+ Official age rating



## Roblox

Roblox is an online game and app where you can create your own games or play games that other users have made. There's the option to chat to other players, but you can change this to private or friends only.

7+ Official age rating



## Instagram

Instagram is a picture and video sharing app. Users can post content on their profile grid or to their stories, which last 24 hours. You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and companies on Instagram. Instagram also has a live streaming feature.

13+ Official age rating



## Snapchat

The Snapchat app lets you send photos, short videos or messages to your friends. Pictures and videos, known as 'Snaps', usually appear temporarily before disappearing, though they can be captured via screenshots.

13+ Official age rating



## Apex Legends

Apex Legends is a free-to-play Battle Royale game where players can team up with two other players to make a squad, and then compete against nineteen other squads in a bid to be the last ones standing.

16+ Official age rating



## Among Us

Among Us is a game set on a spaceship played with 4-10 other players. Players can choose to join a game with people they don't know or create their own private game with friends. The game randomly selects one of the players to be an 'imposter' who the other players must defeat to win the game. You can play it on mobile and desktop.

7+ Official age rating



## Facebook

Facebook is a social media site which lets you connect with others and share things like comments, photos and videos through your own profile page. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games. You can also live broadcast a video to your Facebook contacts.

13+ Official age rating



## Fortnite: Battle Royale

Fortnite is a popular survival action game where up to 100 live players can fight each other to be the last one standing. The game includes heavy violence but with little blood or gore. You can talk to other players using public, private and voice chat.

12+ Official age rating



## WhatsApp

WhatsApp is an instant messaging app which lets you send messages, images and videos in one-to-one and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

16+ Official age rating



## TikTok

TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people's videos and interact with them.

13+ Official age rating

### POP and Shop Every Thursday at 3pm

We have lots of lovely items available weekly from our 'Pop and Shop. Any 5 items a £1 and a warm welcome guaranteed. We also have a confidential food bank service with help from Reverend Jonathan should you ever need support. Just ask for Mrs Wardell or Mrs Gray at the main office if you ever feel you need help during these financially difficult times.

### Breakfast and After School Club

Just a reminder that ALL places must be pre booked for both breakfast and after school club. Unfortunately, if your child has not been booked in then they will not be able to attend. This is due to the Risk Assessment and our ability to maintain bubbles and keep everyone safe.

### Key Dates -SUMMER TERM

Close for Whitsun Holiday	Re Open to children	Close for the Summer Holiday
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Weds 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

## COVID Update

We have not had to close any further bubbles this week so thank you for your vigilance and co-operation. If your child has had to isolate then they must not be on the school site at anytime. This is to protect everyone and prevent any potential transmission. If your child presents with any illness please help us by informing the school on their first day of absence of the nature of their symptom so we can offer you the best advice.

## What do I do if someone in my household has symptoms of COVID 19 ?

As always – any person with Covid 19 symptoms will need to isolate and seek a test. Please keep your child at home if they are unwell and have one of the following symptoms and seek advice by contacting NHS on 119.

- Loss / change to sense of taste or smell
- New or continuous cough
- High temperature

You can always contact out of hours by emailing either myself or Mrs Scowen with any COVID-19 related issues:

[Claire.Mudd@hcat.org.uk](mailto:Claire.Mudd@hcat.org.uk)

Paula. [Scowen@hcat.org.uk](mailto:Scowen@hcat.org.uk)

## **Menu for next week (vegetarian hot options available daily)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Wheeler Happy Meal	Friday
Beef burger in a bun served with potato waffles and seasonal vegetables.  Or Jacket and beans  Fruit, jelly, whip or cake.	Chicken roast dinner served with mashed/roasted potatoes and seasonal vegetables.  Or Cheese sandwich.  Fruit, jelly, whip or cake.	Meatballs with pasta served with garlic dough balls.  Or Jacket potato with tuna.  Fruit, jelly, whip or cake.	Chicken or nuggets with French fries.  Quorn nuggets with French fries Or Burgers with French fries  Rainbow cake  A small toy given with all meals.	Fish cakes served with curly fries, peas and bread and butter.  Or Cheese sandwich.  Fruit, jelly, whip or cake.

## **Shout Outs**

- Year 5 who have been brilliant at lining up on the playground in a morning.
- Year 1 parents and children who have made an outstanding effort with Home Reading this week.
- Les form Youth in Nature for his time this week
- Mr Richards who has really made the staff team giggle this week and kept spirits high.
- The parents who sent lovely EID treats into school this week.
- Andrew in the nest for being kind and welcoming to a new child.

