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Happy weekend everyone, It's been a busy week with lots of lovely work going on. Year 6 did a fabulous Remembrance assembly last week and we enjoyed our prayer morning this week. Our next prayer assembly will be combined with our Carol service and held at Aston Parish Church. We really hope you can join us for that one as the children always sing so beautifully. Let's look at all those greens on the attendance last week. Well done guys, keep it up. Have a lovely weekend. See you all on Monday.
Miss Shryane

Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.



Important Upcoming Dates

November	22.11.23	Y4 Class Assembly
	23.11.23	Y3 Class Assembly
	27.11.23	Y5 Class Assembly
	28.11.23	Individual school photos
	29.11.23	Y2 Class Assembly
December	6.12.23	Y1 Class Assembly
	12.12.23	EYFS, Y1-3 Christmas lunch (times tbc)
	13.12.23	Y4-Y6 Christmas lunch (times tbc)
	15.12.23	Community Christmas lunch (12.30– 2.00)
	18.12.23	Shining Stars Assembly 9.00am start
	19.12.23	EYFS & K1 Nativity 2.00pm start
	20.12.23	Prayer morning & Carol Service (AM) At Aston Parish Church 10.45 am start
	21.12.23	Whole school Christmas Concert 9.30am start Christmas Disco & parties (PM)
	21.12.23	Last day of term
	22.12.23	School closed 22.12.23– Teacher training day

This Week's

Star Pupils

Chidinma & Adam

Khaziama & Isam

Haroun & Shayla

Salma & Aminah

Aliyssia & Makail

Lunchtime Star

Inaas Mahmud

Head Teacher: Miss Shryane
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Assistant Head Teacher: Mrs Fox



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Safeguarding:

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TIKTOK is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TIKTOK is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering \$99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

TIKTOK can be addictive, especially for young people; compulsive repeated use can interfere with sleep patterns and be a distraction from other activities. The platform recently introduced default usage time limits of 60 and 120 minutes for new members under 18 (in the UK, children with TikTok average 102 minutes per day on the app). But these restrictions can easily be removed in the settings.

TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the "TikTok Now" feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs: increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

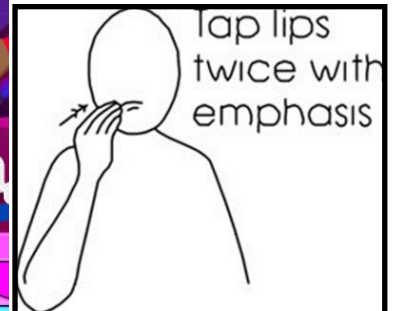
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#WakeUpWednesday

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We are looking for volunteers to help organise and run a Christmas fair this year. It would be great if a member of the PTA caught up with a member of the leadership team to arrange a meeting to discuss.



The sign of the week is 'eat'

Our values focus this half term

Hope



Attendance Punctuality

Rec -94%

Rec - 9

Year 1 - 97%

Year 1 - 16

Year 2 - 99%

Year 2 - 9

Year 3 - 97%

Year 3 - 15

Year 4 - 98%

Year 4 - 13

Year 5 - 97%

Year 5 - 12

Year 6 - 98%

Year 6 - 6

Attendance and punctuality are very important to help assist the children with their learning. Being absent or late disrupts not only their learning but that of their classmates.



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