

Weston Turville C E School

"Inspire, Believe, Achieve - Together"

Weekly Notes 1st May 2024

Dates for the diary

Friday 3 rd May	PTA bags to school
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 10 th May	School Class Photos
Friday 17 th May	PTA Brush Party (details below)
Thursday 23 rd May	Y5 trip - Chiltern Open Air Museum
Friday 24 th May	PTA Make the Rules Day (details below)
	School closes for half-term
Monday 3 rd June	Staff Inset Day (School closed for children)
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens for children following half-term
w/c 3 rd June	Y6 Bikeability
w/c 17 th June	Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 4 th July	Sports Day – Early Years – PM
Friday 5 th July	Sports Day – Infants - AM
	Sports Day – Juniors - PM

Internet Safety - WhatsApp

WhatsApp, like many social media platforms, has a minimum age requirement of 13 years old to create an account. However, we are aware that a significant number of our students are using WhatsApp despite being underage. While WhatsApp can be a convenient communication tool when used correctly, it's important to consider the potential risks associated with underage usage. These risks include exposure to inappropriate content, swearing, cyberbullying, communication with strangers, and potential privacy concerns. We have seen children become anxious, worried and confused as they do not know how to navigate this instant form of communication. All too often, group chats can become negative spaces or even abusive. We advise children to tell a trusted adult, take screenshots, avoid getting into any discussions and click 'Leave Group'. A recent Uswitch survey showed that almost half of children surveyed (47%) kept concerns about social media a secret from their parents.

We kindly request your cooperation in monitoring and guiding your child's online activities, ensuring that they adhere to age restrictions and use platforms that are appropriate for their age group. Additionally, please take this opportunity to have open discussions with your child about internet safety and responsible digital citizenship. Further information is available below.

Ms Fitzpatrick

Year 4 – Woodrow Residential













Our Class 4's have completed their residential stay at the wonderful Woodrow House, and I am sure they will have stories to tell and lifelong memories of their experience! The Woodrow staff commented on how well the children behaved throughout their stay, showing themselves to be excellent representatives for our school.

Throughout their stay, the children embraced the spirit of adventure with gusto, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and embracing new experiences. Whether conquering a blind challenge, building rafts or navigating a forest trail, each moment was an opportunity for growth, teamwork and self-discovery. I am sure you will join me in thanking our staff team Miss Butcher, Mrs Ferris and Mrs Burns for ensuring the trip was a great success.

School Class Photos

Please ensure children are in full uniform on Friday 10th May, ready for their class photos.

Hot/Cold Lunches - ParentPay

Following the technical issues AiP experienced on ParentPay at the beginning of term – all lunches unfortunately had to be cleared and reset. Please could we ask you to log into the system and review all your bookings and ensure they have been saved. You are able to enter lunch choices until the end of July. Thank you for your cooperation.





W/C 15th & 22nd April

Stars of the Week

F2 – Jack Class 1 – Keya, Alice Class 2 – Mona-Lisa, Mahir Class 3 – Ralph, Aimee Class 4 – All of year 4 Class 5 – Tyler, Michelle Class 6 – Mason G, Harrison **English Champions of the Week**

> F2 – Larry Class 1 – Georgia, Clara Class 2 – Eva S, Aymann Class 3 – Sienna, Quinne Class 4 - Stanley Class 5 – Oliver, Ahmed Class 6 – Mason W, Florence





WhatsApp safety guide for parents

internet matters.org



WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

37%

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

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<u>Review privacy settings</u> WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.

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Customise contacts Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.

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Talk about personal information Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



Show them where to get support If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.

Check in regularly Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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Join Brush Party at Weston Turville School Friday 17th May 2024 - 7pm start

For tickets, please email westonturvillepta@hotmail.com

All materials provided. No experience needed



Weston Turville School PTA



Have crazy hair or wear a hat Come to school in your pyjamas Wear trainers Bring your own snack for break time (**NO NUTS or SESAME**) Wear a hoodie Have a temporary tattoo Have squash or juice in your water bottle Wear nail varnish Bring a cuddly toy to school Wear bright socks or tights

It's time for our ever-popular Make the Rules Day! We are raising funds for playground refurbishments

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- End of term presentation for family and friends



 I'm very impressed by the thoughtful way each session is run. It is great to know that Ethan is not just being 'entertained' for the hour but proactively being taught new life skills. Kate Whyley



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