

Christ Church CofE Primary School



Thursday 28th March 2024



KEY DATES

School Meals

As you know, on Tuesday 16th April our school meal service will change to a company called Mellors.

School meals will continue to be £2.60 and can be paid for using the Christ Church Parent Pay account (**not the current North Tyneside one**)

This is a new way of working for us as well as you. We have been planning and preparing for this change since Christmas and I think we have everything in hand and organised but I suspect we may have teething problems and for that I apologise. We will ensure all children are fed so please don't worry about that.

Any issues or concerns please just let me know and I will be happy to help.

Tuesday 16th April- School Re Opens for Summer Term.

Wednesday 17th April - Phonics morning for Year 1 Parents.

Tuesday 23rd April- School Readiness Session for all parents joining us in Reception September 2024

Monday 13th May- Year 6 SATS week

Friday 24th May- School Closes for May half term

Monday 3rd June- School reopens for Summer term 2

Monday June 10th- Year 1 Phonics Screener starts

Monday 17th June- Sports week and Refugee week

Tuesday 18th June- Year Six Leavers at Cathedral

Wednesday 19th June- Parents Vs Teachers Sports

Thursday 20th June- Sports Day (KS1 9.15AM- 12 noon, KS2 1pm - 3pm, EYFS To be confirmed)

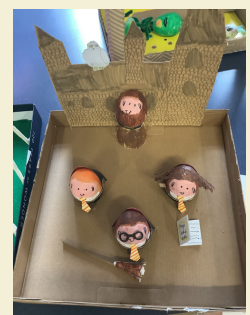
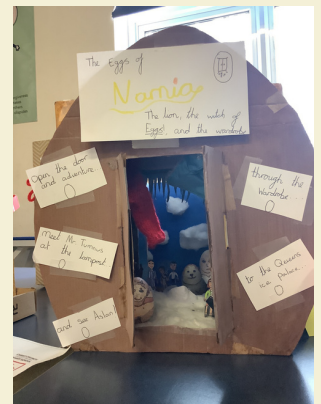
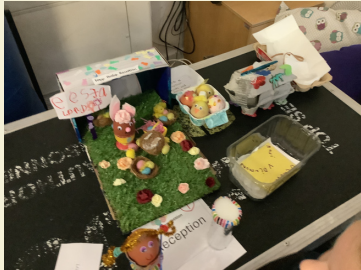
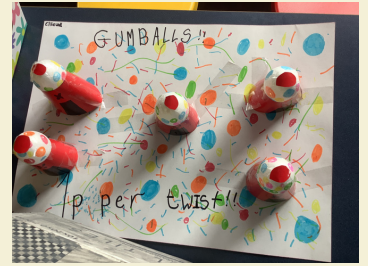
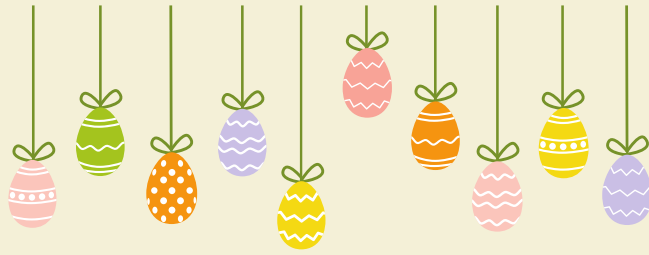
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Thursday 18th July - School Closes for summer

Happy Easter



EASTER EGG COMPETITION





Year 4 Geography Trip

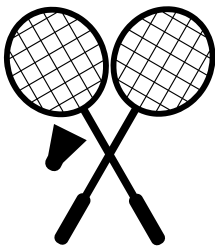


Year 4 went on a very wet fieldwork trip to Cullercoats Bay. We have spent the last half term studying coasts and it was great to see some of the features we have been looking at. We also have to say a big thank you to Alison who has been teaching us this half term and who talked to us all about what we could see at the bay.

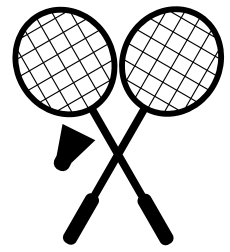


A big well done to all of our Year 5/6 pupils who completed their Level 2 Bikeability course this week. The Bikeability coaches commented on their impeccable behaviour and cycling skills-well done!





Year 4 Badminton



On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 went to John Spence to take part in a badminton competition. There were lots of different events to take part in. All three of our team scored over 150 points! But, one team won the competition! We are really proud of every single child who took part. Well done Year 4.



Year 6 Hockey

Last Friday, the year 6 hockey team represented school in a hockey festival at The Parks Sports Centre. They played amazingly well, with 3 wins and 1 loss.



Year 1

This week we have been writing instructions for making Easter cakes, the children then enjoyed using these instructions to make their cakes.



Last weeks OPAL superstars





After School Clubs **Summer Term 1**



Monday- Cricket Club

Years 5/6-Mrs Wake & Mrs Bell

Tuesday-Tennis Club

Years 3/4/5-Access Coaching

Thursday-Girls Football

Years 4/5/6-Mrs Smith & Miss Gray

Sign up for clubs via ParentPay
Some clubs have limited spaces. Allclub





We have 15 and 30 hour places available for September 2024.

To arrange a nursery visit please contact
0191 2570323



We offer a flexible approach to fit around the needs of individual families.



"Younger children get off to a good start in their education from their arrival in Nursery. Children in the early years enjoy learning in a welcoming and attractive space"
(OFSTED, 2022)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
13+ REST OF THE WORLD

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CLICK HERE

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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