

Clenchwarton Primary School

Weekly Newsletter – 6th February 2020



Hello everyone,

Well done to the children who attended the Swimming Gala finals this week. They all gave it their best and showed great team spirit. Medals were awarded to Samuel and Milly.



Please could you ensure that your child(ren) are in correct, labelled uniform and that clothing that does not belong to them is returned to school promptly.

Please kindly refrain from bringing into school anything that contains nuts as we have children with nut allergies. Please kindly provide healthy nutritional snacks for your child(ren) (including snacks in their lunch boxes—NO NUTS). Thank you for your cooperation.



To keep your children safe, the attendance policy has recently been amended. If your children are ill and we unable to contact you to establish a reason why they are off, we will need to visit your home to ensure that you and your children are safe. We will make every effort to contact you by phone and email first but we would ask you to contact us before 9am on 01553 775035 or by email on office@clenchwartonprimary.co.uk. This change is in line with the West Norfolk Academy Trust Policy and Norfolk County guidelines.



Registration is at 8.50am prompt. Please ensure that your child is in school before this time, but not earlier than 8.40am as no supervision is provided (please drop your child(ren) at the brown wooden gate-Reception, Yr1, Yr2 & Yr3 only), together with all their P.E. kit and appropriate outdoor clothing (all named please). If your child is ill, please telephone or leave a message for the school office. Thank you.

As always, we want to ensure that your experience at Clenchwarton Primary is a positive one. If you have any concerns, in the first instance, please speak to your class teacher. Appointments can be made through school office.

Ms J Borley
(Executive Headteacher)

KEEP YOUR KIDS
SAFE Online



Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!



Golden Awards



this week

Well done to everyone who has achieved an award this week!

Denver-Lee	Evie	Leo
James	Esme	Huey
Caiden	Orla	Skye
Sebastian	Summer	

Attendance

Reception:	88.36%
Year 1:	95.69%
Year 2:	97.41%
Year 3:	95.97%
Year 4:	96.37%
Year 5:	99.48%
Year 6:	93.18%

Congratulations Year 5.

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Head lice



Please check your child's hair as soon as possible and treat, if necessary. Thank you.



P.T.A.

Hello everyone,



Upcoming events:-

Easter Disco—School Hall-18th March 2020—£1 per child for entry. 5.30-7pm.

Uniform orders-Update:-

As from Monday 2nd March 2020, all school uniform orders will now be ordered direct through Stratford's in King's Lynn. Please contact 01553 772043 direct.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Rachel Ballantyne
(PTA Chair)

School Closures



Please be assured that the school always makes every effort to open – whatever the weather! However, should the worst happen and it became necessary to close, we would try to give as much notice as possible. During bad weather, if necessary, we will communicate via:

Text via PupilAsset.

Publish it on the Norfolk Schools Website

www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk

or KLFM 96.7

Also, Norfolk County Council now offers the option for you to sign up to receive alerts by text message or email whenever your school is closed. To sign up for alerts or find out more, visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/disruptions.

School Council/Ambassadors

More details to follow.



Clothing



Please ensure that your child brings a suitable outdoor coat and appropriate footwear when coming into school. Please make sure that they have their name inside. **Please dress suitably for the weather now that it is colder.**

Thank you.



Lost Property—The lost property bins can be found on the KS2 playground and in the KS1 area. Please check these for any misplaced items. **Please kindly ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.** Thanks.



School Calendar

Please note that the West Norfolk Academies Trust school calendar for 2019/2020, 2020/21 & 2021/2023 can be located from the school's website. School holiday dates are slightly different to NCC.



ParentPay Lunches

Please book school lunches via ParentPay before midnight on a **Sunday**. Thank you.

Please make any outstanding payments on ParentPay ASAP.

Free Schools Meals on-Line

From 16th September 2019 you can file an application on-line. Please visit:-

www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo.

Thank you.



Lunchtime Co

Please see the school website for the menu. Bookings via ParentPay, by midnight on a Sunday. Change of pudding on 25th February 2020—Pancakes.

Thank you.



Diary Dates

***Please be aware that dates are for guidance only and are subject to change.**

Diary dates are also located on the school website.

Wednesday 12th February 2020	Yr6 Transition lesson at St Clements-during school day.
Friday 14th February 2020	School closes as usual time of 3.15pm.
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020	School Closed. Half Term.
Monday 24th February 2020	Parent Consultations.
Monday 2nd March 2020	<i>*School Uniform orders are now being dealt with through Stratford's in King's Lynn. Contact 01553 772043 direct.*</i>
Tuesday 3rd March 2020	Yr6 Transition lesson at St Clements-during school day.
Thursday 5th March 2020	World Book Day—Dress as your favourite fictional character—Special Lunch available—Letter now out.
Tuesday 17th March 2020	Yr6 Transition less at St Clements-during school day.
Tuesday 24th March 2020	Yr4—Holkham Hall Trip—Payment via ParentPay. Thank you.
Wednesday 25th March 2020	Yr2-Sainsbury Centre Norwich-Letter to follow. Scholastic Book Fair arrives. - School Hall between 3.15pm—3.45pm
Thursday 2nd April 2020	School closes at usual time of 3.15pm
Friday 3rd April 2020	School closed. Inset day.
Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April 2020	School Closed for Easter holiday.
Monday 20th April 2020	School re-opens at usual time for 8.50am prompt start.
Tuesday 28th April 2020	Yr6 Transition lesson at St Clements-during the school day.
Wednesday 29th April 2020	Yr6 Crucial Crew Trip— More details to follow. Yr5—Gressenhall-More details to follow.
Friday 8th May 2020	May Bank Holiday
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2020	School closed. Half term.
Friday 17th July 2020	School closes at usual time of 3.15pm for summer holidays.
Monday 7th September 2020	School re-opens at usual time. 8.50am prompt start.

After Schools Clubs

Afterschool clubs are still available for Netball and Football. Please see school office.

PE/After School Clubs.

This is for your information:- Pupils to be shown how to dress appropriately for PE (appropriate clothing, long hair tied back away from the eyes, no hard head accessories)

Earrings. Ideally pupils will remove earrings however, pupils unable to remove earrings should make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received from equipment such as a ball or a person. The taping may be done at home for younger children (as stated Safe Practice in PE and School Sport and Physical Activity 2016).

Morning Club Spaces are available for the morning club which runs everyday in the hall from 7.40 am-8.40 am @ £2 per session. If you would like your child to take part. Please email icscoachingol@gmail.com or telephone 07876141107. If your child is not attending an afternoon club for any reason, please inform the school office with the reason. Thank you.



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-synching and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about

TIKTOK



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.

INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-synching and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.

TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities – social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Safety Tips For Parents

TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media stardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.

ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.

EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.

LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.

Meet our expert

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