



Newnham News

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Dear parents/carers,

We have had some children discussing their use of TikTok in a couple of KS2 classes, so I wanted to address online safety in today's newsletter.

While the internet can be an amazing tool for learning, creativity and communication, it's essential to understand the risks and ensure that children are staying safe online.

Social Media Age Limits

Most social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat, have a minimum age requirement of 13 years. These age limits are in place to protect younger users from content and interactions that may not be suitable for them. It's important that children under 13 are not using these platforms, as they may be exposed to harmful material, inappropriate contact from strangers, or cyberbullying.

Online Dangers

The dangers children may face online include:

- **Cyberbullying:** Hurtful or harmful messages can easily be shared online, causing emotional distress.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Children may accidentally come across material that is violent, sexual, or otherwise not suitable for their age.
- **Stranger Danger:** The anonymity of the internet can make it easier for adults with bad intentions to approach and try to exploit children.
- **Privacy Issues:** Children may not fully understand the risks of sharing personal information online, which can lead to identity theft or invasion of privacy.

By teaching children about eSafety, setting boundaries, and always monitoring their screen use, we can help protect them from online risks and encourage healthy, responsible use of the internet.

For more information, click [here](#) for the online safety link on our website.

Kind regards
Edward Ferguson

Diary Dates

Eat lunch with your Year 6 child	12.15pm Mon 21 Oct
Parent consultations	Mon 21 Oct
School photographs	Tues 22 Oct
Y6 swimming <i>after photographs!</i>	Tues 22 Oct
Eat lunch with your Year 6 child	12.15pm Wed 23 Oct
Parent consultations	Wed 23 Oct
PTA meeting	6.15pm Thur 24 Oct
Y5 forest school	morning Fri 25 Oct
Reception forest school	afternoon Fri 25 Oct
Half-term holidays	Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov
Back to school	Mon 4 Nov

Please check the school calendar on our website, which is updated regularly.

Whole school news

School photographs

The school photography team, Pret-a-Portrait, are coming to us on Tuesday 22 October, to take individual portraits of the children. Siblings who are in school will automatically have photos taken together, however if you have younger siblings that would like to come and join, please come to the school at 8.30am on that morning.

School Meals

The weekly menu is attached. The menu next week will be Week 1. The cost of a school meal is £2.50.

Classroom news

Reception

Reception has had a very busy week. We've continued with Reading and all children have been given their second home reading book this week, alongside their e-book logins to access their reading books online via the Collins Hub. We've also included a reading log, which parents can fill in and when the children reach 50 reading sessions, they will get a certificate. In Phonics, we've looked at the phonemes: ck, e, u and r and we practised writing out these graphemes. In Active Learning, some of the children chose to make use of the large building blocks and create towers and stepping stones. In addition to this, some of the children also chose to use their Active Learning to mark-make nests for the story *Owl Babies* which we have been exploring as a class. Well done for a fantastic week Reception.

Year 1

For our computing curriculum, the children in Year 1 have been further developing mouse skills on desktop computers. The class explored how different types of devices can look different in terms of the mouse or the trackpad, but the function is the same. Some of the children had previous experience of this from Reception but for others, the skill was new. The children worked on double clicking on the mouse and dragging the mouse to create pictures on the screen. It is all very different from using a touch screen, which most children are familiar with.

Year 2

This week in Year 2, the children have been busy! In maths, we've been learning how to weigh and compare different objects. For English, we expanded our vocabulary by finding synonyms for 'said', and the children used these new words to innovate their story of *The Three Little Pigs*. In science, we made predictions about which materials would make the best walls, then put our ideas to the test by building houses from different materials. In geography, we recapped how the weather changes throughout the seasons. During DT this week, the children finished and evaluated their moving storybooks, and some Reception children even tested them out! In PE, we continued to practise and perform balances on gymnastics equipment. Well done Year 2 for all your hard work this week.

Year 3

Year 3 has been busy this week learning about the importance of trade during the Iron Age. They enjoyed playing a game which involved using bartering as a way of collecting items together. In maths the children have been adding 2-digit numbers using partitioning (splitting into tens and ones). In English, the children planned their own versions of *Stone Age Boy*. They thought about the adverbials and adventurous vocabulary they wanted to include and the changes they wished to make. In science the children enjoyed learning about how fossils are formed.

Year 4

We've had another busy week in Year 4. In English we have started writing a sequel to the novel *The Stolen Spear* by Saviour Pirotta. In maths we have been practising spotting which mental methods can support our addition and subtraction calculations. In science we have been finding out about bees and how they are good for the environment. In art, we made 3D models of a character from the story, using air dry clay. For spelling this week we have been looking at tricky



words from the year 3 and 4 spelling list. Please see the attached list of spelling words.

Year 5

In maths, we continued to practise column addition and subtraction and applied it to different types of word problems. In English, we explored a variety of different kinds of poems, including complex poetry, rhythmic poetry and comedic poetry. We discussed which ones we preferred and why, and started to think about our ideas for writing our own poems for our class anthology. In PSHE, we thought about who our trusted adults are and who is in our support network. We had a lot of fun making cereal bars in DT and enjoyed eating them after our brilliant performance in our cross-country run.



Year 6

This week we did a cross-country run with Year 5 at Grantchester Meadows. In maths, we were doing missing number problems with algebra. In English we made biography posters about black people because it is Black History Month.

By Nora, Meena and Jinchen

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter, a copy of which can be found on our school website:

www.newnhamcroft.cambs.sch.uk

Community news

Autumn activities at the Grand Arcade

Please see the attached timetable of family activities happening in the Grand Arcade over the next few weeks.

Smartphone Free event

Please see the attached poster from the Smartphone Free Childhood movement.