



What we have been up to this week:

This week has been dominated by our Year 4 and 5 Concert, Superstan. The children have worked really hard to ensure that they all know their lines, know what they need to do when and that they are confident to get on and off the stage and to put on a performance.

They have all had a great time and gained a lot from the experience, not least how to work together as a team. Our thanks go to all the Year 4 and 5 Team for their hardwork and commitment to putting on the show. What a treat!

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to Parents Evening this week to find out how your children are progressing in their learning. If you missed your appointment and would like to speak to your child's teacher please get in touch via Tapestry and we will arrange something for after the Easter break.

We have also been very lucky this week to have some volunteers from The Big Word who sponsored our school to get some trees to add to our Forest School. They were lead by a member of Tree Appeal who organised the day for us and made sure that we planted the trees properly. The children from Year 1 each planted a tree so we hope that these will establish quickly and they will be able to watch them grow throughout their time at our school. We were careful to leave space for the pond we are planning to create in the near future.



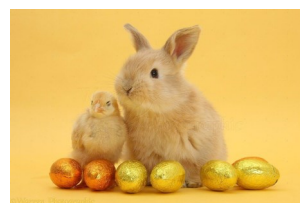
A great big THANK YOU to our fabulous volunteers.

After the holidays we have two new members of staff joining us. Miss Foggin will be working in Year 3 alongside Mrs Smith and Miss Astbury and Miss Borough will be working in Year 5 alongside Mrs Ives-Darling, Mrs Green and Miss Fisher. We are looking forward to having them in our Team.

Ms Talbot
Enjoy, Persist, Achieve

Dates for your Diary:

28.3.24	School closes
15.4.24	School opens
17.4.24	Class Photographs
18.4.24	Year 4 Skipping School
19.4.24	Coffee Morning
23.4.24	Reception Trip
26.4.24	Coffee Morning
30.4.24	Reception Trip
3.5.24	Coffee Morning
7.5.24	Governors
8.5.24	Year 4 Sleepover
15.5.24	Year 4 Trip
14.6.24	Coffee Morning
21.5.24	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
21.5.24	PTFA KS1 Film Night
23.5.24	PTFA KS2 film Night
3.6.24	Year 4 Times Table Checks
4.6.24	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
5.6.24	Year 2 Trip
7.6.24	Year 3 Mr Egypt
7.6.24	PTFA Dress Down Day
10.6.24	Assessment Week
10.6.24	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
17.6.24	Assessment Week
28.6.24	Coffee Morning
1.7.24	Rock Steady Concert
4.7.24	Year 6 Transition Day at Woodkirk
5.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Concert
10.7.24	Nursery Graduation
11.7.24	Year 3 Camp Over
19.7.24	School closes



We have a vacancy in our Kitchen if you are looking for a new job opportunity:

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We look forward to welcoming a new member of kitchen staff to our school team very soon.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could easily result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, apathetic and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as "8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True". Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

Meet Our Expert

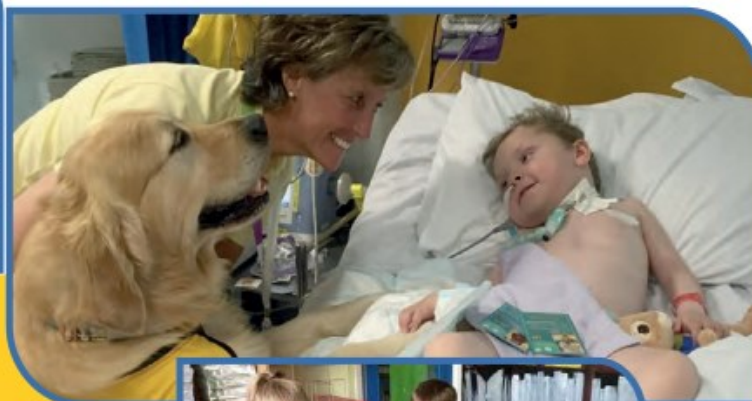
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