



Newsletter
Date 29.11.24

Together



Life at Lutley

Parent lunches began in EYFS this week. This event is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience part of your child's school day and to share a meal together in our school community.

Upcoming lunch dates – 11:30 – 12:10:

- 1KH – Tuesday 3rd December
- 1LI – Wednesday 4th December
- 1SB – Thursday 5th December

Our Head Pupils have been fantastic change makers this week through their energy saving efforts: they have been reminding staff to switch off lights, computer monitors and interactive whiteboards when they are not in use!

Over the past couple of weeks, our photographer has been in school capturing individual and sibling photographs. We are looking forward to seeing these wonderful moments in time.

Important Dates Coming Up

December 2024

- Tuesday 3rd December - Year 2 Carol Service at the church – 9:30am and 1KH Parent Lunch - 11:30 – 12:10
- Wednesday 4th December – 1LI Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Thursday 5th December – 1SB Parent Lunch – 11:30 – 12:10
- Friday 6th December - Year 3 Carol service at the church – 9:30am
- Monday 9th December – 2KR Forest School
- Tuesday 10th December – RJG Nativity at Forest School - 9:30am
- Wednesday 11th December – RHH Nativity at Forest School - 9:30am
- Friday 13th December - Year 1 Nativity - 9.30am
- Monday 16th December – Mini Market and Forest School volunteers and their children – ‘Thank You’ session
- Monday 16th December – EYFS and Year 1 disco
- Tuesday 17th December – Year 5 and 6 disco
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas jumper day, Christmas lunch day, ABC afternoon and Year 2, 3 and 4 disco
- Friday 20th December - Toy Day and last day of term – day ends at 2pm

Learning

Attendance

25th – 29th November 2024

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	96.19	RHH	97.27		
1KH	99.23	1LI	94.17	1SB	90.43
2KR	98.67	2LO	99.00	2TF	93.33
3EG	96.67	3AC	94.64	3ES	92.76
4GO	97.10	4KM	97.93	4LH	95.00
5LO	96.77	5ZB	89.66	5SM	95.00
6BR	96.88	6EG	98.00	6AO	96.13

Worker of the Week 29th November 2024

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Mabel R Zachary W	RHH	Benjamin G Keira W		
1KH	Joshua F	1LI	Ayla R	1SB	Tillie D
2TF	Sophia G	2KR	Eliza B	2LO	Clay S
3EG	Quinn E	3AC	Elodie S	3ES	Elodie B
4GO	Lewis J	4KM	Logan L	4LH	Lilly McG
5LO	Logan G	5ZB	Lottie S	5SM	Rory McE
6BR	Daniel D	6EG	Ava W	6AO	Jenson B-S



Learning

Get ready for the Winter Cup!

Winter Cup starts 10th November!

It's that time of year!

CENTURY's Winter Cup will be running from 10th November – 8th December 2024. To help promote learning on CENTURY and increase your child's chance of winning the trophy, please support your child to complete their weekly nuggets. We will also be promoting this in school.



Accelerated Reader Millionaire Club

As a school, last year, we read 17,099,144 words.

This year, our target is to read **20,000,000** words!

At the end of each month, classes that have read the most words will receive double golden time!

This month, our double golden time winners are:

3AC - 420,376 words

4GO - 456,480 words

5ZB - 712,803 words

6EG - 965,088 words

Well done to those classes!

Team Lutley!

Congratulations to our Year 4 maths team in their Borchers Shield Maths Competition at King Edward VI School, in Birmingham on Friday 22nd November.

Very well done to Felix, James, Abigail and Hashim for achieving a bronze medal against the competition with 12 teams from across the Birmingham and Dudley region.

They showed their great teamwork, problem solving and maths creativity skills under pressure and we are so proud of their terrific achievement.



TTRS November Class Battles' results

Well done to all the children who took part in the class battles last week. You all tried really hard.

The Class winners are:

3AC for Year 3

4KM for Year 4

6EG for Year 6

In Year 5, each class won one battle! However, there has to be a winner, so well done to 5SM who won by just 48 points!

Look out for the next one, coming your way next spring...



Well done everyone for really great results over November!

Well done to 4LH, 4KM, 6BR for 100% usage.

Congratulations to our star class 4KM for 100% usage and an average of over 9,000 correct answers!

We recently communicated with you about Whatsapp and challenges we are facing in school as a result of the children's engagement with each other via this app.

This week, we have been made aware of a Whatsapp group that contains the majority of children in Year 6. This has resulted in some upset caused by inappropriate messages being shared by children.

We work hard to educate the children in school about appropriate use of devices and online.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
18+ 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

Parveen 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.

