



Mini Milton Messenger

Friday 9th June 2023

Summer Term 2

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome back the children after the half-term holidays. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us with lots of lovely events as you can see in our "Dates for the Diary".

If your child received an award last year at our Leaver's Service in church can you please return it to Mrs Dowdells.

If your child (Year 2 and above) would like to learn a musical instrument with Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts (NMPAT) in September please contact Mrs Dowdells for further details.

It was super to see so many of you in Achievement Assembly this afternoon to celebrate the children's successes over the last few weeks and our next assembly is on Friday 16th June 2023 at 2.45pm. We hope you can join us.

MANGO IN SCHOOL CLASS PHOTOGRAPH 2023

Don't Forget to order the 2023 class photo!

Look for an email from the school to see the photo

Visit www.mangoinschool.co.uk to order

Photos cost £18 each

All photos are supplied in a cardboard black mount

Please place your order by Friday 16th June

We will not be accepting late orders this year



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NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST NEWSLETTER

Please find attached a link to this month's Newsletter which focuses on the amazing events, clubs and groups that families, children and young people can access across the country that are free or affordable to attend.

[June 2023 Stay Connected Newsletter NCT \(office.com\)](#)



FOMS

FATHER'S DAY

Gift Sale

14TH & 16TH JUNE

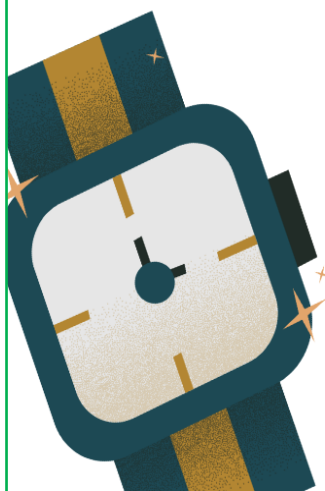
GIFTS AND CARDS WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR THE
CHILDREN TO PURCHASE
DURING LUNCHTIME

GIFTS £2.50

CARDS £1

PAYMENT AVAILABLE ON
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Thank you for supporting FOMS



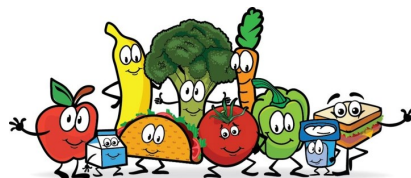


ABM SPECIAL LUNCHES

Please make bookings via ParentPay

Please reorder any bookings for Wednesday 19th July as all previous bookings have been removed

Wednesday 19th July = Hotdog



FREE SCHOOL LUNCHES Have you checked to see if you are entitled to free school meals for your children Years 3 to 6?

Information can be found via [Free school meals and pupil premium](#) | [West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)

SUN SAFETY

Please ensure that children bring a named water bottle, a named hat and a named bottle of sunscreen for their protection, safety and comfort.

Please also apply sunscreen to your child before they come into school. Thank you.

NMPAT TUITION INVOICES

This term's NMPAT music tuition invoices are available on ParentPay for payment, thank you.

DELAPRE SNACK PAYMENT

This term's snack payment for Delapre class is available on ParentPay, thank you.

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

WHATSAPP

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of
world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out: aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations 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.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Disappearing Messages

With 'disappearing messages', users can send messages that vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. A new feature also erases photos and videos from chats after they've been viewed. These files can't be saved or forwarded on, making monitoring what children are discussing problematic – and if someone sent your child an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove. Content can be reported to WhatsApp, however: ensure your child knows how to do this.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats 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.

Live 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." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to 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 will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one'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 their profile is protected.

Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, 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 accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. 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 – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's 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.

Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on a message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

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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Dates for the Diary:

Monday 12th June:	Pacesetters Athletics, Years 5 & 6 at Benham Sports Centre
Wednesday 14th June:	FOMS Father's Day Sales, available on ParentPay
Friday 16th June:	FOMS Father's Day Sales, available on ParentPay Achievement Assembly at 2.45pm
Monday 19th June:	Pacesetters Reception & Y1 Multiskills at Benham Sports Centre
Friday 23rd June:	Pacesetters Diamond Cricket Y3&4 at Benham Sports Centre Friends & Family Book & Biscuit, 2.45pm
Friday 23rd June:	Pacesetters Diamond Cricket Years 3 & 4 at Benham Sports Centre
Friday 30th June:	Pacesetters Diamond Cricket Years 5 & 6 at Benham Sports Centre
Wednesday 5th July:	Sports Day (morning, more details to follow)
Tuesday 11th July:	Brixworth class performance, 2pm Brixworth class performance, 6pm
Wednesday 19th July:	Rhino Sports Academy Performing Arts Show to school, 2.45pm Rhino Sports Academy Performing Arts Show to families, 3.45pm
Thursday 20th July:	Leaver's Service, Holy Cross Church at 2pm
Friday 21st July:	Last day of term

Academic Year 2023/4:

Monday 5th September:	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6th September:	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 7th September:	Back to School

Dates may change so please look out for ParentPay notifications.....