



# Westlands Primary School Newsletter



Week 13 – 19/06/20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now welcomed back EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 and it has been lovely to see some of our children again.

Can we please remind you that you must arrive at your allocated pod opening time otherwise we may not be able to let you enter the school building. Children must enter via their own pod door and not via sibling doors.

There may also be times where we can't open some pods, so we will need to communicate this with you and will endeavour to do this as soon as we can.

Stay Safe  
Westlands Primary School

If you are in EYFS, have you logged into Google Classroom and been watching Mrs Strachans phonics lessons?

For some Science fun at home - look at these activities.....

[https://rethinking-ed.org/science-activities-for-parents-primary/?utm\\_campaign=592125\\_Weekly%20resources%20newsletter%2015.06.20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Extravision%20on%20behalf%20of%20Playforce%20Ltd&dm\\_i=4U2G.COVX.3BRL44.1FIGS.1](https://rethinking-ed.org/science-activities-for-parents-primary/?utm_campaign=592125_Weekly%20resources%20newsletter%2015.06.20&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Extravision%20on%20behalf%20of%20Playforce%20Ltd&dm_i=4U2G.COVX.3BRL44.1FIGS.1)

# SAFETY

Talking about the online world with your child can be difficult, and some topics can be particularly awkward; for you and your child! As a result of this, NOS have put together a series of 7 questions that will help you start an initial conversation with your child, so you have a better understanding of what they do online and how you can protect them. Additionally, it's important to note that regular conversations with your child about the Internet will help your child to build confidence when talking about online issues, and therefore help to build trust too.

**NOS National Online Safety**

## 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday  
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**1** Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MOST LIKELY WON'T TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE USING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICE, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

**2** Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY, ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.

**3** How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING, WHILST YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOMETHING THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

**4** Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER GAMES, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER, YOU COULD ASK THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE, "HAVE YOU MET ANYONE ONLINE THAT YOU LIKE TO PLAY GAMES WITH?" THEY MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

**5** Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR SHAME/EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER, HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHERE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

**6** Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY ALREADY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED, HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.

**7** Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION, TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES, YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHEN AT HOME.

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**UPDATE**



The ducks have loved having a paddle in their very own pond (set up by Miss Keirans and Mrs Monk).

They are all doing very well and have loved being looked after by Key Worker Pod A.

Thank you to Miss Kierans for taking them home over the weekend to keep them safe!

**UPDATE**



Year R have been reading the story Jack and the Beanstalk. They collected leaves in their outside pod and created a giant beanstalk and Elliot painted his own Giant from the story! It has been lovely to have some of the EYFS children back and watching them enjoy their learning!





## Following the rainbow



As we approach what is now the new normal

Sun isn't shining quite so bright

The weather is not important

At the end of the tunnel we need to see light!

So much more traffic on the roads

An occasional aeroplane even flies by

Playgrounds still closed and silent though

And for reasons we understand why!

It's back to school for some now

Sharing stories about what they've all done

Listening to each other's experiences

Of different ways to have fun!

Reading and sharing favourite books

The Rainbow Fish in the sea

Room on the Broom, Whatever Next

And The Tiger Who Came to Tea!

School may look a little different

With classrooms re-arranged

The thing that really matters though

Is that the people haven't changed!

Some friends still are learning at home

We are now in the Summer term

We will all be ready to welcome each other

When hopefully we all soon return!

**STAFF**

Mrs Piesley  
continues to make us  
smile with another  
lively poem....



TRY  
SOMETHING  
NEW

Monday	Plan your very own <a href="#">escape room</a> .
Tuesday	The Greatest Showman Part 2: plan your own circus show and invite your family to see your new skills.
Wednesday	Create your own <a href="#">grass head</a> .
Thursday	Create a <a href="#">treasure hunt</a> around the house.
Friday	Make some <a href="#">ninja stress balls</a> .
Saturday	Try The Oti Mabuse <a href="#">Cha Cha challenge</a> .
Sunday	Reflect on how you're feeling this week with a drawing or collage.



Hi everyone

I hope you are all well and staying safe, I am missing you all very much.

I hope you are managing to keep busy at home and are having lots of fun with your families.

Keep up all the amazing work you have been doing at home, I am so proud of you all.

Take care  
Miss Weston



Hello everyone.

I truly hope you are making the most of your time at home & staying safe!

It is still really important to continue to wash those hands!!!

I have been enjoying my new bike and cycling as much as possible. I have also been doing lots of home learning with my children, baking and more!

Keep up with your home learning and hopefully we will all be back together soon!

Look after yourselves!

Mrs Lake





Hi everyone!

I hope you are all well. I have been learning how to join in with Zoom and Google meetings, as well as using WhatsApp and FaceTime to keep in touch with work, family and friends.

I have been keeping busy sorting through my house and tidying. I have also started baking again and have made biscuits, cakes and breads over the last couple of months.

I've really enjoyed seeing some of the work you have been creating. Stay safe and I look forward to hearing all about your time at home.

With love, Miss Farrant.

LET'S  
CELEBRATE

## Home Learning.

Look at some of the amazing work that people have shared with us on Google Classroom – why don't you try some of these activities?

Beau in year 1 has been practising her spellings, after she wrote all of the words she chose the word 'trick' to write in a sentence, the sentence said...When I was 3 years old I did a trick with a football.

Sophie in EYFS made this edible dragon as one of her tasks from her teacher! It looks delicious!

The Rocket

• spiky! Yesterday was crazy. I heard a bang and suddenly there was a rocket outside my bed room window. I had to shout and wake everyone everyone up. What if it exploded? I was petrified!

My mind was going crazy, what if it was ... ALIENS

Harley enjoyed writing a diary about what would happen if a rocket landed outside the house.



Throughout lockdown, Holly has continued with her clarinet lessons via zoom and has achieved her Bronze award.





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**SITTINGBOURNE FC ARE EXCITED TO  
ANNOUNCE A NEW SOCCER ACADEMY  
PARTNERSHIP WITH KICK UP SPORTS!**

**DUE TO START FROM JULY  
CATERING FOR AGES 3-6 AND 6-13  
WHAT'S MORE THE 1ST SESSION IS  
ABSOLUTELY FREE!**

**PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH:  
ANDREW@SITTINGBOURNEFC.CO.UK**

**WE GIVE YOUTH A  
CHANCE**

Fancy something different for your child?  
Why not sign them up to this Soccer School?



## Book your space!

If you need a space at school for your son/daughter because you are a key worker or children can now attend in R, 1 and 6, please contact the school office. Children will NOT be able to just turn up.



## Contact us

Please remember that although the school is closed to the majority of pupils, there is always someone at school if you need any help or to speak to us!

Please do not hesitate to contact us  
01795 470864  
wpsoffice@swale.at



## Share your work with us!

EYFS – Please upload any photographs to your EexAt accounts

Years 1 – 6 – Upload any work to Google Classroom – If you need your Log in send a message via WEDUC.



Make sure you share any work you have been doing at home and see if you can spot it in next week's newsletter!

**We are closed on Wednesdays**

**Staff  
development  
day on 3rd July  
= CANCELLED**