



The Wickford C of E School Newsletter



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ATTENDANCE

TARGET: 100%

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE FOR LAST
WEEK: 97.1%**

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Penguin: 95.5%
Wren: 96.5%
Robin: 99.1%
Puffin: 96.8%
Flamingo: 97.8%
Parrot: 96.5%

PADDINGTONS:

Penguin: Hollie, Layla,
Benaiah and Noah
Wren: Amelia W, Alexa,
Henry M and Ava M
Robin: Lily-Maria, Charlie-
Joe, Oscar and Olivia
Puffin: Megan, Iris, Hallie
and Kiamil
Flamingo: Joshua, Nifemi,
Willow and Tyler
Parrot: Ariella A, Bertie,
Annabelle and Devin

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to the last half term of this school year!

WARMER WEATHER A reminder for sunhats and water bottles to be in school. Please ensure they are named.

SWIMMING Year 2 children swim on a Wednesday, please remember your kit.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR A reminder that Kerry works in our school on a Thursday, supporting the whole school community. Many of you will already know but for those of you who may be new to the school, here is a little information about her: I am Kerry Westbrook, your school counsellor.



In 2000, I studied and gained qualifications in psychology. It then felt a natural progression to take up a diploma in therapeutic counselling, after which I qualified as a therapeutic integrative counsellor in 2006. I worked for St. Lukes Hospice and Thurrock Mind during my time studying and then CAMHS. After joining the Wickford Cluster schools in 2012, my portfolio has increased to 7 schools across the area.

I am very passionate about supporting the emotional well-being and promoting good mental health of our young people, their families and the school staff, taking care of them during the school day. Married with 3 grown up sons, I have a vast amount of life experience to draw on, as well as my counselling skills, and having connections with many outside agencies to be able to offer holistic support that is child centred.

Please ask a member of staff for me to contact you if you would like to book a confidential consultation.

She will be hosting meetings at the following places:

- Wickford C of E: Thursday 13th June 3:45pm
- Hilltop Infants: Friday 14th June 9:15am

All *parents* are welcome to either venue.

A leaflet, outline her work is attached.

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM Parrot class, Flamingo class and Little Teds have been on a bug hunt this week. They saw lots of little creatures including bees, butterflies, beetles and ants to name but a few. They had a lovely time and were so careful moving around.

TOP TECH TIP This week's information is about Tumblr.

MILK MONEY Milk money of £13.65 for this half term is now due. If your child has milk in school this will have been added to your School Money page.

ART WORK Just before the holiday I added an example of the amazing sunflower paintings the children have been enjoying creating. A selection of these will be on show in Chris DIY soon, watch this space!

THRIFTWOOD There is a change to the accommodation from the letter we sent home. We will now be staying in **Barcwood Lodge**. To get to this lodge; when you go through the main gate turn immediate left, follow the road to the end where you will see a brick building in front of you in a car park. Barcwood is in the left corner.

LOST PROPERTY Please check you have the correct uniform, Zachary has lost a pair of named PE shorts. Please make sure all uniform is clearly named so we can return lost items to their owners.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE It's that time of the year where KS1 are beginning to discuss their Enterprise projects. This is a wonderful thing where the children learn the importance of giving back and to understand the meaning of a charitable service. Each class are currently deciding on which chosen charity they would like to raise money for and how they will fundraise. A portion of the money raised for each charity will be also going to DPIG in memory of Olivia. So watch this space and keep your eyes peeled for more information to come!

MOMENT OF LOVELINESS

It was a pleasure to work alongside Briscoe, Hilltop Infants and Crays Hill for the art master class, the children experienced Batik and dying of fabric! Mrs Hall led an exciting and innovative session, many thanks to her.

Thanks to a very generous donation from a member of our school community, we have now reached our target of £2000 for our chosen charity into DIPG research. We were delighted to be able to share this news with the children on Thursday. Thank you very much!



HIRE THE HALL

Need to organise a children's party? Need some space to run an event? If so, please note that the school hall is available for hire. Prices start at £85 for a three hour slot, but we can arrange bookings for shorter or longer periods to suit your needs. Just call into the office and let them know what you are planning. We will try our very best to help.

Have a fantastic weekend, see you Monday!

Mrs Johnson



Tumblr is a popular social media platform and microblogging site with over 463 million blogs on its platform. In Europe you must be over 16 to sign up, but the age limit is just 13 elsewhere. However, in both cases, age verification is limited. The platform is designed to share different types of content, such as videos, photos or short articles. People can react to each other's content, share items they like, and even interact through the platform with direct messages.



What parents need to know about **TUMBLR**



WATCH OUT FOR ADULT CONTENT

You can post almost anything on Tumblr, so it's important you're aware of what your child is exposed to. In fact, it was briefly removed from the Apple store when it was found users were sharing illegal content involving the sexual abuse of children.

There has since been a ban on being able to share 'adult' material, but some material still slips through the net.

A BROAD SEARCH FUNCTION

The broad search tool on Tumblr makes it very easy for anyone to find almost any kind of content. In fact, an NSPCC investigation found there to be content about eating disorders and self-harm that could be damaging to a young person's mental health. There is no easy way to stop this broad search function, so it pays to educate your child on the risk of searching for such topics.

MISLEADING TAGS / ACRONYMS

The tagging function on Tumblr allows users to label relevant content and makes searching more effective. However, such tags often employ words with a dual meaning or strange acronyms that can lead to inappropriate content being associated with something innocent.

BE AWARE OF OVERSHARING

Tumblr is a public platform and anything that's shared on it can be viewed by anyone with a Tumblr account. It's important your child understands people they do not know could comment on what they share. You should remind your child not to share anything they would not be happy for everyone to see.

PROFILES AREN'T CLEAR

Due to the vague nature of the profile function on Tumblr, it's easy to remain quite anonymous. This means it's difficult for your children to be clear about whom they're interacting with. This increases the potential for cyber-bullying or grooming.

IT'S EASY TO POST 'FAKE NEWS'

It's easy for anyone to create and share information on Tumblr, whether it's true or not. Sometimes, this is done as a joke. Other times, it's done to be malicious or support an ideological or political agenda. It's important to understand your child could be exposed to this misinformation and take steps to encourage them to question it.



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Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 FILTER CONTENT

It's not possible to filter out all mentions of a potential harmful phrase, but you can filter out certain posts that are tagged with the phrase. You can do this in your account settings.



2 ACTIVATE SAFE MODE

You can turn on 'Safe Mode', which will hide sensitive content, however it's equally important to monitor your child. If you see their behaviour changing, calmly offer support and ask them if something is bothering them.

SAFE MODE

3 KEEP YOUR CHILD INFORMED

Encourage your child to seek alternative opinions and news stories and not rely on a single source for information, especially if it appears to be unsupported.



4 REPORT & BLOCK USERS

Show your child how to report and block specific content that is potentially harmful or upsetting. You can find details of how to on the 'Community Guidelines' page. Though blocking can be effective, you're only able to block a single post. To block a user, you must add them to the block list of each post.



5 RESPECT ORIGINAL CONTENT

It's easy to repost any content on Tumblr so it appears as your own. To avoid your child falling foul of any copyright or trademark infringements, make sure they understand the importance of citing the original author of anything they wish to share.



6 PROTECT THEIR PRIVACY

Check your child's Tumblr account settings to make sure they're hidden from all internal and external search engines. Turn off the auto-play function on all media and set it so only approved friends can message your child. Setting strong passwords and two-factor authentication will also make it especially difficult for anyone other than your child to access their Tumblr account.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.



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