

New Marston Primary

School News and Internet Safety Letter

Monday 11th June 2018



Newsletter from Ms Smith:

Internet Safety from Mrs Vlachonikolis:

We have recently had a number of incidents which have involved our pupils and social media.

Please find some information which we hope will be useful for you. Our aim, as we are sure yours is, is to protect our pupils.

We have had our weekly assembly focusing on this area today so do talk to your child about what they have learned.

Social media sites

It's important that parents know that all social media platforms have age limits on them. The most common social networking sites are listed below. NONE of them are appropriate for children of primary age.

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| YouTube | 13 | My Space | 14 |
| BBM | | WhatsApp | 16 |
| Facebook | | Periscope | 17 |
| Musical.ly | | Yik Yak | 18 |
| Snapchat | | | |

We are aware of some of our students on WhatsApp and YouTube specifically. These are not appropriate sites for our children to be on.

Time online

It might be useful to agree as a house how much time is to be spent online. Many sites recommend that children over 5 should have no more than 2 hours online per day. This might be split into half an hour before school and 1.5 hours after school.

It's agreed that no screens should be used for half an hour before bedtime.

Try using [Forest](https://www.forestapp.cc/en/) – an app that gives your kids a great incentive to stay away from their screen. It lets them grow a forest full of trees and the longer they leave their phone untouched, the bigger the forest grows! <https://www.forestapp.cc/en/>

Staying safe online

Social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Not all of these risks turn into actual problems; and if children never face any risks, they never learn how to deal with them. By helping your child understand what the risks are, you can play a big part in preventing them from turning into problems.

Some tips:

- Ask your child to show you what apps they are using.
- Check privacy settings
- Turn off the 'geo-location'
- Show them how to report offensive comments
- Check 'tagging' settings so no one else can tag your child
- Encourage your child to talk to you if they see anything which upsets them.

What to do if you're worried

If you are worried about the way someone has been communicating with your child online, there is a dedicated team to support you. Visit <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> for more details.

Useful websites:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/>

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/5_7/

Photos

On Tuesday 19th June, we will have a photographer in school to take photographs of the Reception pupils and Year 6.

Summer BBQ

FONM will be holding our Summer BBQ on Saturday 7th July, 1-4pm. Please look out for further updates here and on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1480960318824343/>

Science Week

We will be having lots of science going on in school during this week. On 20th June, Year 5 pupils will have the chance to spend a day working on “How does the brain work?” with scientists from Oxford University. On Friday 22nd June, parents are invited into school from 1.45pm to see some of the projects their children have been working on.

Yoga sessions for children and parents

One of our teaching assistants, Alessia Nigro is a trained yoga teacher and is offering to run a club after school on Mondays, from 3.15-4pm, for pupils up to Year 4. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in the session with their pupils. Sessions will cost £5 per person. Please email Alessia on anigro@new-marston.oxon.sch.uk if you are interested.

Food Bank

If you think you might struggle financially over the summer, please contact Kate Stratford, our Home School Link Worker, as she will have some Food Bank vouchers to give to families. Her email address is kstratford@new-marston.oxon.sch.uk

Leila

Leila in the Nursery has started her Maternity Leave today. We wish her all the best.

Year 6 Musical

Matilda will be performed on Tuesday 10th July at 1.30pm and 6.30pm and pupils will be able to watch the dress-rehearsal in school the previous day.

End of Summer Term After-School Club

As we finish at 1.30pm on Wednesday 25th July, there will be no after-school club on that day.

Dates for the term

Science Week - 18th-24th June. Parents invited in Friday 22nd June from 1.45pm.

Year 1 trip to Whipsnade Zoo—Wednesday 20th June

Reception Trip to Cotswold Farm Park—Tuesday 26th June

Non-uniform day—Friday 29th June

Nursery and EYFS Sports Day - Monday 2nd July

KS1 and KS2 Sports Day - Thursday 12th July and if rained off - Friday 13th July - KS1 morning — KS2 afternoon with a picnic for lunch.

Summer BBQ—Saturday 7th July 1-4pm

Harcourt Arboretum: Rec— Monday 16th July

Harcourt Arboretum: Year 4 —Tuesday 17th July

Year 6 residential—July 16th-20th 2018

Break up for Summer: Wed 25th July at 1.30pm

Return to school: Wednesday 5th September

INSET days for 2018-19

4th Sept, 21st Dec, 7th Jan, 3rd June, 24th July.

Class Assemblies

Friday 15th June —Aspen **and** Hazel

Friday 29th June—Beech Class

Our assembly this morning was based on Internet Safety. Here are a couple of child-friendly videos you might like to watch with your children.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5kW4pl_VQw&t=3s

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-njh8mFvVk>