

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been very lucky with the sunshine this week, it feels like Spring is finally on its way.

Ukraine crisis

I am sure you are all aware of the current difficulties that Ukraine are facing. As a staff we are mindful that the children may have a lot of questions about the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and we are prepared to answer these in ways that are age appropriate. There is lots of child friendly information online to support you as parents/carers, Children in Need have provided lots of different resources which you can find here - <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/useful-resources-for-talking-about-ukraine-and-russia/>

With this in mind, as a school we are very keen to support the people of Ukraine and will therefore be accepting donations of the following items:

- Bandages, plasters, disinfectants, tourniquets
- Blankets, duvets, pillowcases, sleeping bags, thermal blankets
- Personal hygiene items - soaps, shampoos, sanitary napkins, tampons, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc
- Toys for children - preferably small ones, colouring books, crayons.
- Pacifiers, bottles, formula milk, baby jars and tubes
- Long term food: pasta, cereals, canned food
- Flashlights, batteries, thermos flasks, hand warmers
- Disposable cups, plates, bowls and cutlery

We will then drop these off to local drop off points to be sent out with the next container travelling to the Ukraine, so could we please have these donations by Friday 18th March. Many thanks for your support.

Maths week

Next week we are holding a maths week across the school where the children will be taking part in investigative and problem-solving tasks. A big thank you to Mrs Rackett for organising this - I look forward to seeing what the children get up to and all their hard work!

Safety at drop off and pick up

Can I please remind you to park appropriately when dropping off and picking up - please make sure that you are parked safely and not blocking in local residents' cars or obstructing West Street. Cars cannot be parked on the zig zag lines outside of school, staff will be outside daily to monitor the situation. It is also important that you are making sure your children are leaving the school site sensibly to avoid danger to themselves and others as we do not want serious accidents occurring. We all have a duty of care to keep each other safe. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Gilbert.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day – bring in your spare change to fill up our Red Nose!

Monday 14th March

Zig Zag class Tapnell Farm trip

W/C 4th April

Parent/carers consultation sessions – days tbc

Easter competition activities - tbc

Friday 8th April

Virtual Easter service – time tbc

Easter Egg Hunt – whole school

Year 6 sailing at UKSA

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April

Easter holidays

Monday 2nd May

Bank holiday Monday

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June

May half term

Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd July

Development days

Monday 23rd July – Wednesday 31st

August

Summer holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022

Development day

Red Nose Day 2022

Next Friday (18th March), to raise money for this year's Comic Relief, please donate any spare change you have to fill up our Red Nose!

Thanks for your support.

Lunch Menu – week commencing 14th March 2022

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken	Lasagne and Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian	Veggie Bolognese	Tofu & Veggie Noodles	Creamy Vegetable Pie	Mild Chickpea and Potato Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger
Served with	Dough Balls Carrot Sticks Cucumber Sticks	Broccoli Peas	Roast Potatoes Cabbage Carrots	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Beans
Dessert	Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding & Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream
<i>Daily favourites include jacket potatoes with a choice of filling or tomato pasta</i>					

We are so happy with how well SchoolMoney has taken off, we hope that you are finding it a lot more efficient when it comes to payments and ordering food. Remember that all meals must be ordered in advance, if your child does not order they will automatically be given the main meal of the day. All wrap around care, fun clubs and trip payments should now be made via SchoolMoney too. If you are having issues with the app please see a member of office staff and they can help you.



SPRING FAYRE
Raising funds for Brading Youth Club and
Community Projects
At Brading Youth and Community Centre
(Opp main car park)

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022

11AM – 3PM
Come and support
your Youth Club

Adult Raffle
Children's Raffle
Craft Stalls
Mothering Sunday Card Making
Tombola
Sweet Stall
Quality Jumble
Side Shows and more...
Café open
Hot Drinks, Bacon Rolls
And Cakes

YOUR YOUTH CLUB NEEDS YOU!

BRADING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

Hooks for this term

Zig Zag – In Zig Zag we have received a mysterious letter from someone with a special job to do!

Maldives – We are learning about the United Kingdom and we are going to fill in blank passports and 'stamp' them as we find out more about each country within the UK.

New Zealand – We've had a special delivery from the jungle!

Malta – We are going to be trying foods from different countries and cities.

Galapagos – Galapagos class will be taking on a Spanish Café topic and will try their hand at some Spanish cookery too!

Iceland – The children researched different cities around the world to find out some interesting and fun facts about urban areas. They enjoyed sharing this information and finding out about lots of places they had not known before! Some of the children also enjoyed sharing their own experiences in different cities where they have lived or visited.

Jamaica – Our class topic is Trading with the World and our hook is playing The Trading Game.

Hawaii – Our hook is watching 'Spywatch', a WW2 programme about evacuees.

Well done to Ellyse, Ophelia and Willow for their achievements outside of school



Bible Reflection

Romans 5:5

He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

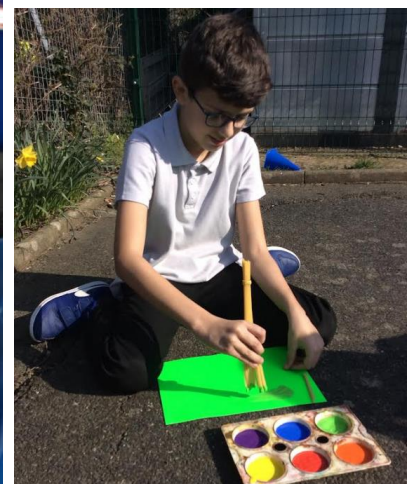
Eli's joke corner

Why did the man run around his bedroom at night?

To catch up with his sleep!

THIS WEEK AT BRADING...

This week in Hawaii class we have been using spaghetti in different ways, from using it to create pieces of art to cooking our own homemade spaghetti in tomato sauce.





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



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.



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Branch Reopening

31st March 2022

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Meet the Branch Members
Apply to join the branch
Chat to other autistic people and
parents and carers of autistic children/adults
Refreshments and cake

**Followed by
'Drop in & Chat' Sessions
Every other Thursday
9.30 am - 11.30 am**

2022 DATES
April 7th, 28th
May 12th & 26th
June 9th & 23rd
July 7th & 21st



Location:

The Green Room
Ventnor Enterprise Centre
Salisbury Gardens

More details:

E: isleofwight.branch@nas.org.uk



www.autism.org.uk/what-we-do/branches/isle-of-wight



Help improve local health and care services. Have your say.

The Island's NHS, the council and the community and voluntary sector are working together to improve health and social care services on the Island and want to hear what you think about local healthcare.

- What do you think is working well?
- What do we need to continue doing to support you?
- What is not working and needs to change?

Your experiences of local services will help to shape the future of healthcare on the Island over the next three years.

A public survey has launched which is available online at:

www.iowhealthandcare.co.uk/conversations

The survey will close at 8pm on Sunday 20 March 2022.

For further information or to request the survey in an alternative format, please get in touch via: iownt.comms@nhs.net or telephone **01983 822099 ext. 6175**

COVID

BUBBLES

As rates are still high on the island, we are continuing to reduce contact so we will be working within the same bubbles. Lunches will continue to take place within the classrooms.

TRIGGER POINTS / THRESHOLDS

We follow national guidance and we will not be informing parents/carers when individual cases arise in school. However, we do have trigger points/threshold which is when:

- There are 5 positive cases among pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely within a 10 day period.
- 10% of pupils or staff who are likely to have mixed closely test positive within a 10 day period.

We will then contact the DFE helpline and follow their guidance as well as the Health and Security agency recommendations, which could include just a letter sent to parents/carers of those children affected or having to move to remote learning.

To help with this, we need to know if your child tests positive or if they have any of the following symptoms:

- High temperature
- A new continuous cough
- Loss or change to sense of smell and/or taste

Your child should not be in school if they do have the above symptoms and we will be asking you to collect your children if they present these in school.

TESTING POSITIVE

As from Thursday 24th February 2022, children with Covid should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFT from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

