

# Boorley Park News and Updates



Boorley Park School

26th January 2024

## Good Luck!

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Whitehead as she starts her maternity leave. We send our huge thanks for all she has done in both Year R and Year 4 and look forward to hearing 'baby news' in the near future.

Miss Gallop will be teaching Owl class for the rest of the year.

## Weekly Updates

Just a reminder that our teachers publish a 'weekly update' for each year group on Seesaw or Tapestry (for Year R) each Friday. This gives you a summary of what the children have been learning in class to help you with those conversations when you ask the children what they have done at school that week and they answer "I can't remember!"

Links to home learning are also published on Seesaw and Tapestry every week.

## Spotlight on... Trips and Residential

To enhance our curriculum, we plan trips and workshops to give the children additional experiences and memorable activities to aid their learning. We aim to make sure each year group has one trip or workshop each term and we work hard to make sure that we find the best value for money for the experience on offer. Sometimes this will mean going out on a school trip such Year 2's recent trip to the aquarium or sometimes this can be better offered through an experience in school e.g. Year R's recent 'Little City' morning in school.

We have also started to plan our residential trips for the oldest children in the school. These are still currently in the planning stage and need to be approved by our local governing body at our next meeting but we are hoping to have a one night residential in Year 5 at a local activity centre and then a four night residential at an activity centre slightly further away in Year 6. Our intention is for both of these to take place during the Autumn term for each year group.

There is always a cost associated with trips and residential. We shop around to find the best value we can (especially for things like coaches) and we do subsidise the trips from school funds wherever we can. It is always our hope that all children can access these opportunities so if you have any concerns in terms of being able to fund a trip or being able to meet a payment date, then please do speak to us. For residential where the cost is higher than a day trip, we will offer a variety of payment plans over several months to support with making payments.



## PTA News

Fund Raising February!

Bring your pennies on selected dates throughout February to purchase preloved uniform and books. Get stocked up on uniform ready for those warmer days; we have a range of sizes and styles ready to purchase.

Browse our range of books to keep the whole family entertained throughout half term! We have books for all ages ready to purchase.

We will be outside the hall and at the back bike shed at 3:15pm on Friday 2nd February and Friday 9th February.

All funds raised will go to the Boorley Park PTA to purchase new books for the school library—books for books!

Prices range between 10p and £2. We look forward to seeing you.



## Lunch Orders for Spring Term 2

The Spring Term 2 lunch bookings are now available via Parentpay.

Please can we ask that you all continue to order your child's lunches in advance.

You can book meals weekly, monthly or half termly. Bookings will close 24hrs before the meal is taken.

Any problems or queries, please contact the school office and we will do our best to help you.

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# Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

## Whole School

### Spring Term 2024

- Friday 26th January—After School—Messy Church in our school hall
- Monday 5th February—3:30pm—7pm-Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February—3:30pm—5:30pm—Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February—Last Day of Spring 1 Half Term
- Monday 12th—Friday 16th—Half Term
- Monday 19th February—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Thursday 7th March—World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
- Friday 15th March—Comic Relief (non uniform day)
- Thursday 21st March—PTA Easter Disco—Year R and 1—4:15pm—5pm; Years 2—4—5:15pm—6:15pm
- Thursday 28th March—Last Day of Spring 2 Term
- Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Holidays



## Year R

- Friday 9th February—2:30pm—Year R Afternoon Tea for Someone Special
- Thursday 28th March—2:30pm—Year R Community Rocks!
- Friday 21st June—9am-12pm-Mill Cottage Farm Experience in school

## Year 1

- Thursday 14th March—2:45pm—Recorder Concert for Parents
- Tuesday 19th March—Trip to Marwell Zoo - more details to follow
- Thursday 6th June—Trip to Portchester Castle - more details to follow

# Upcoming Events and Reminders

## Year 2

- **Hedgehog Class**—Tuesday 30th January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- **Fox Class**—Wednesday 31st January—2:30pm—Science Experiment with Parents
- Wednesday 17th April—Trip to Sea City Museum -more details to follow

## Year 3

- Monday 29th January—2:45pm—Share a Book with an adult
- Wednesday 13th March—2:45pm—Portrait Gallery for Parents
- Thursday 21st March—Trip to Staunton Country Park - more details to follow

## Year 4

- Thursday 1st February—2:50pm—Art Exhibition for Parents
- Friday 23rd February — Trip to Winchester Cathedral - more details to follow
- Wednesday 20th March—2:45pm—Volcano Workshop for Parents

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 of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

## for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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