Boorley Park News and Updates 12th July 2024



Reports

Today your child has been sent home with their annual school report. Staff have taken a lot of time to write these reports and I would encourage you to read these and celebrate your child's success with them. There is a feedback form to sign to say you have received the report and for you to write a comment. Please could these be returned to class teachers by Monday 22nd July.

Staff leavers

It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that our wonderful site manager, Mr Raine, or Andy, as he is known to many, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to retire. Andy has given so much to Boorley right from the school's infancy and his care for the children and community is second to none. I am sure you will join me in thanking Andy for his dedication and hard work in looking after our school site and being a friendly face at the beginning and end of the day.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Payne who leaves us to join the team at Deer Park to pursue her passion as a Food Technician. Since she joined us, Mrs Payne has been a fantastic Learning Support Assistant who has worked in our Early Years setting supporting many of our children in their start to school. Mrs Payne has always been a kind, caring and hardworking member of staff who will be greatly missed. We will ensure Mrs Payne keeps in touch with the school and once children begin secondary school, many will have a familiar, friendly face to greet them!

Photographer

On Monday, we will have a professional photographer in school taking photos for our school website and prospectus. Any children who do not have permission to be in photographs will not be included. Please could we ask that children arrive in school in clean, full school uniform and their Boorley jumper. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Music Lessons

We are looking to offer peripatetic music lessons at Boorley through Hampshire Music Service. This is something that would require a year long commitment. Please look out for a Google Form to express your interest in peripatetic music lessons and if so, what instrument.

Respect

In assembly our focus this week was respect and the importance of being kind to each other. This includes using kind words, kind hands and kind feet. Sometimes at this point in the year children feel tired and it can be easy to forget the importance of kindness and respect. We would ask that you also support us by reiterating these messages at home in order to keep everyone safe and happy.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend, we hope you enjoy the fantastic weekend of sports finals ahead!

Dates for Your Diaries—2023-2024

Whole School

Summer Term 2024

- Tuesday 23rd July Last Day of Term
- Wednesday 24th July Monday 2nd September Summer Holidays



Autumn Term 2024

- Tuesday 3rd September First Day of Autumn Term 1
- Friday 11th October INSET DAY School closed for pupils
- Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November Half Term Holidays
- Monday 4th November First Day of Autumn Term 2
- Friday 29th November INSET DAY School closed for pupils
- Friday 20th December Last Day of Term
- Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - First Day of Spring Term 1

Year 1

- Rabbit Class Monday 15th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- Otter Class Tuesday 16th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Year 2

- Hedgehog Class Wednesday 17th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents
- Fox Class Thursday 18th July—9:15am—Celebration Assembly for Parents

Library

The Library is now closed. Please can <u>ALL</u> books be returned by Friday 19th July.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES

An intimate image depicts sensitive – often sexual – content, and sharing these photos or videos is commonly known as 'sexting'. As of January 2024, it is a criminal offence to distribute any intimate images shared by a third party without consent, with offenders facing prison time. Naturally, misuse of intimate images can lead to emotional distress and reputational damage.

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WARNING!

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EMOTIONAL DISTRESS

Victims of the misuse of intimate images and so-called 'sextortion' (blackmail involving sexual material) often experience significant emotional distress. The threat of having these photos or videos shared publicly can lead to anxiety, depression and a sense of helplessness. This emotional turmoil can affect daily life, academic performance and personal relationships.

DAMAGE TO REPUTATION

Intimate images being made public can severely damage a person's reputation. This can lead to bullying, social ostracisation and long-term impacts on personal and professional relationships. If a blackmailer gets their hands on any intimate images, the fear of reputational damage can also make a victim far more vulnerable to ongoing extortion.

PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Once intimate images are shared online, it can be difficult to quickly control where they wind up and who else sees them. This loss of privacy can have lifelong repercussions, including identity theft and persistent online harassment.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION

Perpetrators of sextortion may demand money from victims under the threat of releasing their intimate images publicly. This can lead to severe financial problems for victims and their families, compounding their emotional and psychological distress.

LEGAL CONSEQUENCES

If a child or young person creates and/or sends intimate images to others – especially adults – this is considered a form of child abuse under UK law. Having to disclose this type of abuse, although necessary, can be harrowing, leading to further trauma. It's crucial for parents, carers and educators to understand the legal processes and be able to provide proper guidance and support.

TRUST ISSUES

Sharing of intimate images without consent can lead to long-term trust issues. Victims may find it difficult to trust others, impacting future relationships and their ability to form healthy, supportive connections. This erosion of trust can have profound effects on mental health and social wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOSTER A CULTURE OF OPEN COMMUNICATION

It's vital to encourage open communication with children and young people about the dangers of sharing intimate images. Create a safe space where they feel comfortable discussing their online activities and any concerns they may have without fear of judgement. Be sure to respond to any worrying information with an attitude of support and learning.

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Digital literacy is incredibly important for children and young people to understand how to protect their privacy online. Teach them about secure online practices, such as using strong passwords, enabling privacy settings and recognising suspicious behaviour. This empowers them to be proactive in terms of their own safety.

EDUCATE CHILDREN ON THE RISKS

Children and young people often want to understand why certain rules are in place. Educate them about the risks of sharing intimate images online, explaining the reasons for monitoring and other security measures. Highlight the potential for misuse, including sextortion, and the long-term consequences that can arise from these actions.

PROVIDE SUPPORT RESOURCES

Ensure that children and young people know where to seek help if they become victims of sextortion or any other online abuse. Help them identify in advance which adults they can turn to and provide them with information about trusted resources like helplines (e.g. Childline) that they can access if they need help.



Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding and neurodiversity consultant with over 30 years' experience working with children, families and adults in education, local authority and mental health settings in the UK and abond



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: what-parents-need-to-know-about-sharing-intimate-images









Boorley Park Term Dates 2024/25





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Bank Holiday
School Holiday

INSET Day (school closed to children)