



Collective Worship Theme this half term = Honesty & Trust

Attendance this week is 95.25 % (target is 96%)

22 Sept 2023

Message from the Headteacher

I was privileged to attend the first Friends of Gillamoor School meeting on Monday this week, where I was blown away by the dedication and determination of their members to organise an amazing range of events and fundraisers for the children's benefit. As well as helping support our children, it's a great way for our new families in the community to meet other parents. Thank you to all involved, and do get in touch if you want to know more.

Mrs Elsey

School News

In the Infants classroom this week, there was great excitement with the discovery of a mysterious egg in the playground. Despite the rainy weather, the children all headed out to investigate and worked hard creating questions about the egg. In the Juniors, we've been enjoying delving deeper into the language choices authors make with our class texts, Hodgeheg (Y3/4) and Land of the Gods (Y5/6).

School Gate

The School Gate opens at 8.45 am to 8.55 am each morning. If you are late, please ring the bell on the door at the front of school.

Fire Drill

We had a fire drill this week. The pupils all came out of school quickly and safely and congregated on the village green.

School Photographs

Richard from Impressions will be taking pupil photographs on Tuesday 11 October.



JOB VACANCY

School Administrator required

We require a School Administrator to work 6.5 hours on a Friday. Full details and application form is on our school website and on the northyorks.gov.uk job page.

If anyone would like any further information, please contact Mrs Hugill.

PE at Gillamoor

All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their PE, dance and swimming. It was lovely to see the Infant children attempting their moves and star jumps whilst our Junior worked hard despite the rain in their tag rugby session



First the blade, then the ear,
then the full grain.

@SchoolGillamoor

Gillamoor C of E Primary
School

This week's
winning House is
Elm

Last week's win-
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 Oct—2.45pm-5.00 pm Parent Consultation
- 3 Oct-FGB
- 3 Oct-Y6 information evening, Ryedale School at 6.00 pm
- 4 Oct—3.45pm-6.00 pm Parent Consultation
- 9 Oct-Closing date for School Administrator vacancy
- 13 Oct-Film Night 6.30 pm
- 18 Oct-school photographs
- 20 Oct- Y3/4 Girls Football, Ryedale
- 22 Oct-Domino Drive, Fadmoor Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm
- 26 Oct-Influenza Vaccinations
- 27 Oct- Y5/6 Girls Football, Ryedale.
- 27 Oct-break up
- 6 Nov—Return to school

YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU, WHAT YOU DO WITH IT IS YOUR GIFT BACK TO GOD. LEO BUSCALIA



We had a good meeting on Monday night and got a good start on our diary of events for this coming school year. Attached is a list of them but you can also find them on our Facebook page. Following us on Facebook is a good way to keep to keep informed on what's happening. The first event will be Friday 13th October with our first Cinema night, more details to follow on this. We are also looking for someone to design a logo for the FOGS group so if you can or know of anyone who might be able to help us with this please let us know.

Healthy Snacks:



As a school, we promote healthy food and snacks. Children are more than welcome to bring a snack for break time; however this needs to be something healthy and not crisps, sweets or chocolate bars. In addition, children in Robin class receive a daily fruit snack. Thank you for your support.



Parent Workshops:

We will be running a series of parent workshops this year. Please see below for the topics we will be covering this half-term.

These sessions are free to attend, but we will be sending out a sign-up email each week, so that we know if there is interest before planning a topic. We have scheduled the sessions for 3pm, but if we receive enough interest, we can look into running these a little later in the day, if preferred.

10.10.23—School phonics and reading with your child

24.10.23—Online Safety - What's App, Snapchat and Parental settings workshop

Staff Training/meetings

Diocese Induction

Project Marigold

School Lunches

Week beginning 25 September is week 1 of our menu.

The dates are on the top of your menus.



Online Safety is a serious subject and as teachers, we are keen to help parents understand ways they can act to keep their children safe online. Each week, I will share a link to materials from the National Online Safety organisation. This week's theme is about What's App

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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+
In UK and Europe; rest of the world 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.



'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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 sending behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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