



GEORGE WHITE
JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 21st October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well.

I can't believe we have reached the end of our first half term. We have had a very busy 7 weeks of term and as I look back to the start of September I am proud of what we have all achieved. The children have had such a broad range of learning and enrichment experiences and they have grown in confidence and ability. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff at George White Junior School who have worked tirelessly to support and help each and every child this half term.

As we end this half term, we say goodbye to Miss Whing who leaves us today to begin her maternity leave. Everyone at George White Junior Schools wishes Miss Whing and her family the very best of luck on the pending arrival of her twins.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 31st October at 8:40am.

Thank you for your continued support. Warmest regards,

Mrs Petchey and the George White Junior School Team

Our RESPECT VALUES are integrated into the curriculum and enhance each child's development.

We value RESPECT. I show consideration for myself, other people and my environment.

We value Responsibility

I care for myself, others and the environment in which I live.

We value Empathy

I understand other people's feelings and situation.

We value Safety

I tell the truth. I know how to keep myself and others safe.

We value Perseverance

I keep trying when faced with challenges and adapt to change.

We value Engagement

I want to do well, I am interested in learning and want to find things out.

We value Confidence

I think for myself. I take ownership of my own learning and behaviour

We value Teamwork

I am helpful, patient and work well with others.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week Year 3 have been ordering and comparing numbers up to 1000. In English we have written some fantastic setting descriptions focusing on adding adjectives for detail. In geography we have consolidating our learning by making posters to show why Norwich is a fine city and including the features of a city. We are getting to grips with quizzing and some great percentages are being seen. Well done Year 3. Have a lovely half term.

YEAR 4

This half term year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their learning on a Wednesday afternoon. In PE the children have been improving their fundamental skills. In art they have studied warm and cold colours along with the Inuit style of art. The ukulele sessions have been a highlight, the children have learnt different chords and learnt to play and sing a range of songs.

YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been working on multi-step addition and subtraction problems in Maths, and in English they researched an animal and began to write up their non-chronological report. We also learnt about emotions in RSE this week. Finally, we had our school trip to the Forum which the children loved! They got to look at some materials from the heritage library, completed a quiz about the library, and got to choose a book to take home with their library cards!

YEAR 6

In English, Year 6 are completing their final narrative story today based around bullying and difference.

In Maths they have become familiar with their division methods and strategies.

For PSHE, we have been thinking about stereotypes as portrayed in the media and how this can affect our self-esteem.

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **5 Cedar**

With 96 % - Well done!

FACTS OF THE WEEK



A bolt of lightning is five times hotter than the sun!!

Octopuses have blue blood and nine brains!

What's On – Diary Dates



OCTOBER 2022	
24th October	Half term
31 st October	School begins at 8:40am for all pupils
NOVEMBER 2022	
1st November	Online safety parent meeting in the school hall led by Mrs Waller & Mrs Breakenridge
7th November	Year 3 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
8th November	Year 4 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
9th November	Year 5 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
10th November	Year 6 open Doors for all parents & Carers. An opportunity to come into school and find out more about how we teach maths.
DECEMBER 2022	
8th December	Christmas fair in the school hall with carol singing by the school choir.
13th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Disco
14th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Disco
16th December	3:20pm - End of Autumn term

SCHOOL NOTICES



We offer a wide range of music lessons, Guitar, Keyboard, Drum & Violin if your child is interested please contact The School Office.

WANTED - Friends of George White Group

We are still looking to set up a Friends of George White Junior School group. We are still looking for a group of parents and carers who are interested in working alongside some staff to support the school with fundraising ideas and events throughout the year. If you are interested in joining this group or finding out more, please speak to Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts in the office. Our first big event will be planning and organising the school Christmas Fair.



MSA ROLES

We are currently looking for two MSA'S to join our staff in supporting our children at lunchtimes. These are paid positions. If you are interested in this role or would like more information, please pop into the office and Mrs Chester or Mrs Watts will be able to give you more information.

OUR SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Our school Facebook page is now up and running. If you haven't already, please like our page. It is an opportunity to find out more about your child's learning as well as any school and community notices.

Please find our page linked below:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083188067525>

BOOKS, COMICS and MAGAZINES

Thank you to those children and parents who have already donated comics and books for our school library, your support and help is very much appreciated.

We are always looking for good quality used books, magazines and comics. If you have any you no longer need we would love to have them for our children to read in school.

School Uniform:

We would like to remind parents and carers that correct school uniform must be worn at all times. We take pride in wearing our school uniform and want our pupils to look smart. Our winter school uniform consists of:

- ✓ Blue or Yellow polo top
- ✓ Grey, Black or Blue trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore
- ✓ Blue school logo jumper/cardigan OR a plain blue jumper/cardigan
- ✓ Black school shoes

Our PE uniform is:

- ✓ White plain t-shirt
- ✓ Black or blue plain sports shorts
- ✓ Black, blue or dark grey plain leggings
- ✓ School logo hoodie or a black or blue jumper. If you do not have either of these, your child can wear their normal school jumper/cardigan to school on their PE days.
- ✓ Trainers

We are seeing some branded clothing and non-school uniform clothing colours being worn in school during PE days. Please can you ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit. We do not permit any football kits or branded clothing as these are NOT a part of our PE uniform.

Thank you for your support to ensure all our children look smart and respectable.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named, this makes it easier and quicker for us in school to return items back to the right pupil.

MAKE UP

Please ensure your child does not wear any make up to school. We do not permit the wearing of any make up as this is not part of our school uniform.

School Gates

We would like to politely remind all parents and carers to please not smoke or vape at, or around the school gates and entrance to the school.

We also politely ask for any dogs to be kept off school property and away from all school entrances and exits as we have some children who are frightened and anxious around dogs. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind all parents and carers that children are to have only healthy snacks for playtimes. Items such as fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks and cereal bars are great but no crisps or chocolate thank you, these should be kept for lunchboxes.

We do not allow sweets in school.



SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Derer is on our school playground every Thursday and Friday morning. Mrs Derer is our school Parent Support Advisor, you may already recognise Mrs Derer as she works at Mousehold every Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Derer is always happy to talk to you about any worries relating to your child at home or any further support we may be able to offer or signpost you to.

Our school Designated Safeguarding Leads who are in school are:

Mrs Petchey, Mrs Stolworthy, Mrs Eaglen and Mrs Matless.

Please speak to one of these members of staff if you are worried or concerned about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, the number to ring is:

CADS – Children’s Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

UK AND EUROPE
16+
THE REST OF THE WORLD

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

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.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

