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**Friday 11 February 2022**

***Ethos Statement "I recognise that others need space"***

## Spring 1 Diary Dates

Please find below a list of events that will be taking place during this term;

**14.02.2022 Defibrillator Bun Sale & Tombola**  
**15.02.2022 Year 2—Armley Mills Trip**  
**17.02.2022 Year 3 Synagogue Trip**  
**18.02.2022 Defibrillator Bun Sale & Tombola**  
**18.02.2022 Break up for Half Term**  
**28.02.2022 Return to School**  
**18.03.2022 Red Nose Day**  
**27.03.2022 Mothers/Spring Fundraiser**  
**31.03.2022 Year 1 Zog Theatre Trip**

## Bun Sale Donations and Tombola Donations

On 14 and 18 February we will be holding a bun sale and tombola after school in order to raise money towards a defibrillator on our school grounds.

We would be grateful of any donations of any buns, cakes or biscuits and any prizes for our tombola. Please drop these in the office. Thank you in advance

# BUN SALE



## World Book Day— 3 March 2022

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating 25 years of World Book Day. To celebrate, this year we are asking all children to make a book character out of a potato!

Can all potato characters be brought into school on the morning of Monday 28th February where they will be judged and our winners will be chosen in an assembly on Tuesday 1st March!

The winners will receive a book voucher.

**Here are just a few ideas**



## ATTENDANCE

If your child is going to be absent from school then please text this number **07891274260**. Please note that this phone will not be answered for phone calls. This is last week's attendance report for the week ending **11 February 2022**:

Rec A 92.7%	Rec B 93.1%
1a 94.1%	1b 82.8%
2a 96.2%	2b 86.5%
3a 93.5%	3b 92%
4a 94.3%	4b 93.3%
5a 90.7%	5b 85.2%
6a 92.6%	6b 96%



Every student. Every day.

**Total School: 91.15%**

6c 83.3%



## NEW School Lunch Menu

On Monday 28 February we will be launching our NEW lunch menu for school dinners.

We are committed to providing a wide variation of meals which provide nutritional balance.

If you pay for your child's school dinners (i.e. if your child is not entitled to Free School Meals) these are payable on ParentPay.

The cost of school dinners is £2.20 per day and for this your child will have access to a salad bar, be able to choose from three hot meals and be provided with a pudding or fruit.

We cater for allergies and dietary preferences each day.

Please see our new menu on our website here: [Menu](#)

## Family Consultation Evening

You should have received a letter this week and a text message asking you to book your slot for your Family Consultation evening on either 1 or 3 March.



## ABSENCE REPORTING

PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL VIA THE OFFICE OR VIA TEXT TO THE ABSENCE MOBILE **07891 274260**. THIS INCLUDES IF THEY HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

**FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL RESULT IN YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE BEING MARKED AS UNAUTHORISED**



## Parking Issues Around School



We have been contacted by residents who live near to school who are disgruntled about irresponsible and unsafe parking in the area, especially at drop off and pick up times. This includes parking on double yellow lines, on the zigzags by the zebra crossing, double parking, blocking access for residents to enter their property and mounting pavements excessively.

On inspection over the last week and with photographic evidence we are inclined to agree with the residents that the parking does pose a risk to residents, pupils and members of the public.

We have contacted our Neighbourhood Policing Team and our local councillors for advice and assistance in addressing this very serious matter.

We must ask all of our families to park responsibly. We understand the weather is not always fantastic so, however, in order to keep us all safe you may need to park a little further up the road.

**In addition please note that during the hours of 8.45am to 9.15am and 3pm to 3.20pm the school car parks are out of bounds to families, unless you have a Park Spring Primary Parking Permit.** This is to keep everyone safe while coming into and leaving the school grounds.

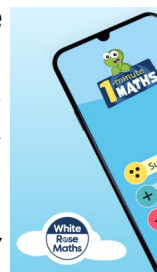
We have also been notified of cars parking over or near the crossing at the top of the school gates. For obvious reasons this is unacceptable and illegal.



If you have any concerns please let us know via email: [office@parkspringprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@parkspringprimary.co.uk) or contact 101 to report any issues. **PLEASE KEEP US ALL SAFE**

## Key Stage 1—One Minute Maths

For parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents. Have you seen his app?



- It is FREE
- It works BRILLIANTLY on a phone or tablet
- It supports the learning your children are currently experiencing in their daily 'MASTERING NUMBER SESSIONS'

Games take a minute - the app is very simple and intuitive. All the children that we have trialled it with - absolutely love it.

We suggest:

- You download the APP from your preferred APP STORE (you can click the logo's below)
- Support your child's access to the app. Daily and for 5 minutes each day would be perfect!



Any questions or help needed please contact your child's class teacher or Mr Barker our Maths leader.

## School Uniform and PE Uniform

If your child has PE on a specific day of the week they will need to come to school in their PE Uniform (please refer to the uniform policy) and will remain in their PE Uniform for the rest of the school day. PE will be outside so you will need to make sure you are warm. For your reference please see the PE days below. PE Uniform MUST be a **navy blue or black hoodie/zip up jacket, navy blue or black jogging bottoms or leggings and a white t-shirt**. You can also buy PE Uniform from the Gooddies website <https://www.gooddies.co.uk/>

**Please note that leggings can only be worn as PE uniform and NOT as everyday uniform**

If your child's PE lessons will be taking place on the field your class teachers will be in touch to request that your child brings a pair of trainers to change into for the lesson and obviously one to wear as normal around school and to and from school. The field is very muddy at this time of year, and we are upsetting the cleaning team! If you can send your child's PE trainers in a named bag this would help avoid loss, keep them all stored safely and be a place to put the muddied footwear back into to return home with.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL UNIFORM AND NOTE THAT BRIGHT AND PATTERNED CLOTHING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.**





AGE RESTRICTION  
**18+**

# What parents need to know about **GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)**

**grand  
theft  
auto**

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they were not just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.



## Top Tips for Parents

### THE RISK - PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The 'social club' is GTA's very own social platform where users can bet money, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

#### What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the 'social club', it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

### WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

### THE RISK - ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even raping other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

#### What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

### THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

#### What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

### THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the 'session'. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

#### What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

### THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

#### What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

#### SOURCES:

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Online  
Safety**

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