

### 'Achieving Together'



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### Friday 23rd February 2024

Absence Reporting Please report your child's absence to the school office via telephone or via text message to 07891 274 260

### **SCHOOL DAY REMINDER**

Please can we remind families and pupils that the normal school day begins at **8.55am** and the gates will open automatically at **8.45am** (no need to press the buzzer). If the gates do open for children in boosters, visitors or staff before this time please remain at the gates and do not enter the playground. Many thanks



### SPRING 1 & 2 DIARY DATES

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



07.03.2024—World Book Day

07.03.2024—World Book Day Lunch Menu

11.03.2024—Big Walk & Wheel

15.03.2024—Red Nose Day

21.03.2024—Y3 Sleepover

22.03.2024—Y1 Little Sing

25.03.2024—Y4 Drumming Performance

29.03.2024—School Closed—Easter Break

29.03.2024—Good Friday

01.04.2024—Easter Monday

15.04.2024—Summer Term Begins

25.04.2024—Y5 Grinton Lodge

25.04.2024—Y6 Weight & Height

06.05.2024—May Bank Holiday—School Closed

24.05.2024- May Half Term

03.06.2024—School Opens

### **MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS!**

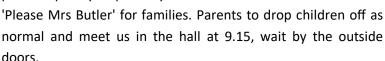
Improving school attendance is everyone's business and to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together. Every school day is important to ensure that your children receive the optimum education. This



includes making sure that your children arrive on time to school. School begins at 8.55am—gates and classrooms open at 8.45am this gives the children time to settle into their daily tasks.

#### YEAR 3

**Wednesday 6th March**, Year 3 classes will perform poetry inspired by their class reader



### MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please can you try and arrange for your child's medical and dental appointments for after school to ensure that your children are not missing out on their essential education.

### YEAR 4

On Monday 25th March, Year 4 will be doing a drumming performance to parents at 2.30pm.



### **WORLD BOOK DAY**

Thursday 7th March, all children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas, as our theme this year is 'Bedtime Stories'! On this day, children can also bring in a book to share with their friends this school. Please don't forget to name any items of clothing and books which the children are bringing into school.



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### **RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY**

Mrs Horan led 2 amazing assemblies on our last day of half-term. The children pictured all were recognised as OUTSTANDING members of their



respective classes, completing lots of learning and fulfilling our pupil aims of showing resilience, kindness, happiness and being confident learners. Just look at how proud they are. Thank you to all the family members that kept their invite secret from their children and thank you to GREGGS BAKERS for another amazing donation of treats for all the winners to enjoy at the end of the assemblies.





### **Y3&4 HANDBALL**

Some of our year 3 and 4 children attended Crawshaw last night to play handball! All the children had a fantastic time and represented Park Spring brilliantly.













### YEAR 5 BAG PACK

What a fantastic way to start our half-term holiday! Mrs Horan, Miss Glastonbury, Mrs Newnes, Mrs Lawton, Mr King, Mr Hansen, Mr Woods and Mr Barker were in attendance with 18 of our AMAZING Y5 pupils as they began a year of charity fundraising. The children were packing bags for the customers in return for a donation if they so wished. We had SO MANY positive comments from the staff of Morrisons and the customers about how SMART and POLITE our children were. We were very proud of them all. They also managed to raise over £400 which is an amazing start to them raising their own funds for their Y6 Hoodies!







### **UPCOMING ROADWORKS**

Freedom Group are carrying out a substation replacement and relocation scheme on behalf of Northern Powergrid on the substation outside the school entrance Hough Top 1956. The substation is being relocated to the grass verge adjacent to the school entrance, there will be a small site team carrying out the work under temporary traffic management.

The works are due to start **5th March** to install a link box near the junction of Harley Drive under 3 way lights, this section is due to be completed on the 14th March. From the 18th March they will be installing the new substation base in the grass verge, this will include excavations in the footway and





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### **NUMBOTS / NUMBERBLOCKS WEEK**

What a fantastic week Reception and Year 1 have had spending time on Numbots in school – working hard through the levels to see how many coins we will earn! Also watching and discussing Numberblocks episodes in school to build up children's knowledge of number!



Today Reception and Year 1 could come to school dressed as a numberblock or numbot robot!! I think you will agree that all the children looked absolutely AMAZING! (even some of the teachers embraced the theme!)















### **LOVE THE ONE**

On Wednesday we raised money for the love the one charity by coming to school with Wacky Hair! We raised **£189.00** and the children looked fabulous in their wacky hair!!







### **FOPS**

FOPS helps raise much needed funds for our school



which we are so grateful for and we have some fantastic members, but as the great saying goes 'the more the merrier' FOPS are looking for volunteers of any kind. If you can only spare half an hour or if you can spare a few hours—we are looking for you! Any help is gratefully received.

We have lots of lovely events coming up for the children and if you would like to help out, in any capacity, please email fops@parkspringprimary.co.uk



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# 50% OFF OUR NEXT TWO HOME MATCHES





SAT 2ND MARCH 3PM KICK OFF FRI 15TH MARCH 8PM KICK OFF

# USE PROMO CODE 24LR2PARS

BUY UP TO 5 TICKETS IN ANY AREA OF THE GROUND BY VISITING TICKETS.THERHINOS.CO.UK

FOR ASSISTANCE CALL 0371 423 1315 BETWEEN BETWEEN 10-4PM, MON - FRI [EXCLUDING BANK HOLIDAYS] OR EMAIL TICKETS@THERHINOS.CO.UK









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At National Online tasky, we believe in empawering 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 appropriation we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalsniinerately.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SNOPCHAT 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed, however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe — with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My Al': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends – but these "friends" are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, Snaphap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

#### EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Chollenges tempt users into spending time producing content in search of cash prizes and online tame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren't suitable for children. The hashtage used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My Alis Snapchet's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to Al for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the beautily effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat new also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

### VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safety — but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#NOFILTER

### TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts. Ist. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strongers. We recommend that your child turns of Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

### CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them at the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as apposed to strengers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

### DISCUSS AI

Although My Al's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainty isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My Al's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My Al shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be rejuctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator jose control over where it ends up—and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.

### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sesual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

### Meet Our Expert

or Claire Sutherland is an ordine 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 secting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





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Dear Parents/Carers.

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in the 15th year celebration of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 11-22 March 2024. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

### What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

### Including everyone

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact us and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

### Why we are taking part

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate.

A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

### Useful resources

To help you prepare, Sustrans has developed a handy free guide to walking, cycling or scooting to school. It is packed with advice to help you have hassle-free journey to school.

Download your free family guide using this link: <a href="https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/">https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-school-run-guide/</a>

For more information about the event go to <a href="https://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk">www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk</a> . Enjoy the challenge!

# Why should my child have a school meal?



A school meal provides a significant amount of a child's daily nutrient intake.





A nutritious meal can improve learning, concentration, behaviour and brain function.



All school meals provided meet the School Food Standards.



School lunches are tasty, healthy and nutritious.





If you are eligible for free school meals you could save up to £456 per child, per year!

