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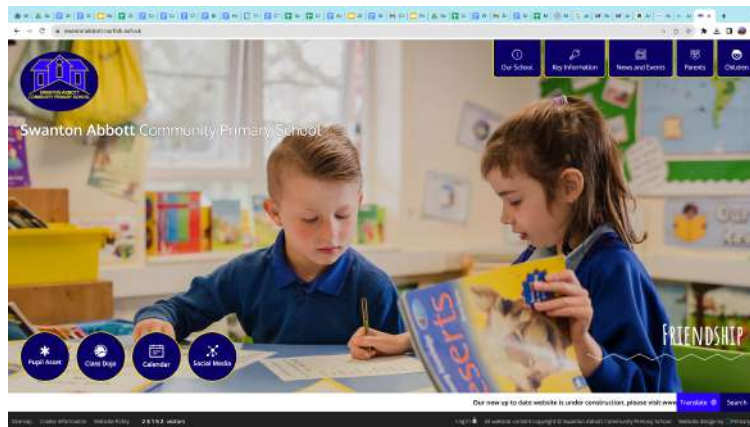
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Inspiring Creative Learners



Our new school website is currently under construction. Further information and policies can be found at coastaltogether.co.uk

Doves Class

Dove class have been working super hard! In reception we have been continuing to sort objects and learning our daily sounds. We have also been allocated our Year 6 'helping hands' partner. They are there to help us at playtime with the adults.

In year 1 and 2 we have been looking at place value, finishing our writing on the text Journey and designing our own flying machines. Our reading records have finally arrived and these will be sent home today.

Owls

We have had an excellent week and really enjoyed our topic. The children are recalling so many facts about the planes that were used during 'The Battle of Britain'.

We were so pleased and proud to be awarded the first attendance award of the year. 100% in the first week...let's keep it up 😊

In maths, we have been trying really hard to work collaboratively (one of our JONK characteristics). It has really helped our learning.

We ended the week by completing our first Long Independent Write. This was a narrative based on our shared book - The Little Ships. We enjoyed a little drama to inspire us. My favourite part was hearing the children excitedly discussing their stories on their way out to break!

Our Dojo system is very popular - congratulations to those children who have already reached the first target of 25 dojos and earned their first reward. Keep it up!



Finally, well done to those children who are completing their homework in a timely manner. What a super work ethic. 🌟



Merlin class

The children have been getting into the swing of their writing this week and the work they have been producing shows that they are really working hard and pushing

themselves. We have also been busy repopulating the library with the books we sorted through and it is now up and running with the children already taking books away to read at home.

The year 6 children have met their friendly faces this week and had a lovely time getting to know them and helping the reception children settle in and get around. We are looking forward to seeing the friendships grow over this term and beyond.

Topic has been in full swing and it has been lovely to see and hear just how much the children have been taking in and talking about Dunkirk and the German invasion. Please feel free to bring in any thing from home that relates to WW2 if you have any family members who were involved in this conflict, we would love to hear about it.



Mental Wellbeing

This week we have been focusing on mental health and raising awareness of its importance. To support the children to understand the different emotions we have introduced the Colour Monsters. The Monsters have been popular across the Federation and we have no doubt the children will love them at Swanton Abbott too.



How are you feeling today?

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

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe:
rest of the world 13+

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.

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



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Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.5%

Current updated Swanton Abbott Primary School attendance this year to date 98.44%

Dove class attendance: 100% Owl class attendance 98.46% Merlin Class attendance 97.01%

The class with the highest attendance this week is Doves achieving 100%

Amazing - Well Done Doves!

News and Reminders

Morning drop off

Doves class teachers/TA will either wait at the small gate or classroom door to welcome children into school. If the door is not open please wait until a member of staff is in the classroom before coming in with your child. Many thanks.

PE Days

On the day your child has PE please ensure they come to school wearing their PE kit. If they are taking part in a sports club (and it is not their PE day) they can come to school in their PE kit so they are appropriately dressed for the after school club.

Please remember: PE kit is a yellow T-shirt, plain blue or black shorts/joggers and a plain blue or black jumper. Children should not come to school in anything patterned or with labels or designs over them.

Dove Class - Years R, 1 and 2	Tuesday
Owl Class - Years 3 and 4	Swimming during the autumn term. Please come to school in uniform unless you are attending after school sports club
Merlin Class - Years 5 and 6	Thursday

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
27/09/2023	2:00-3:15	Macmillan Story Cafe - Parents and Carers invited to join us for this event
28/09/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
28/09/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club - Premier Sports - Ball Skills
05/10/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
05/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club - Premier Sports - Ball Skills
Wc 09/10/2023	By appointment	Open week for September 2024 new Reception intake
12/10/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre

12/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club - Premier Sports - Ball Skills
18/10/2023	TBC	Whole School Harvest Festival - provisional
19/10/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
19/10/2023	3:15-4:15	After School Sports Club - Premier Sports - Ball Skills
19/10/2023	3:15	Break up for October Half Term Holiday
30/10/2023	8:55	Return to school from October Half Term Holiday
02/11/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
09/11/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
16/11/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
23/11/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
30/11/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
07/12/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre
14/12/2023	1:00-3:00	Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons at Victory Leisure Centre

See below for term dates:

Term Dates

Norfolk County Council 2023-2024 Coastal Together

This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools, and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holidays or other commitments.

Key:
 White dates - schools open to pupils
 Yellow dates - pupil holiday
 Red dates - bank holiday
 Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be disaggregated into 8 Full days, 1 per Half Term)

All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240

The link below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
[**Fixed Penalty Notices**](#)





You're invited to join us on
Wednesday 27th September 2023
2pm - 3:15pm

For 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' (or afternoon in our case)

Macmillan Coffee Morning Story Cafe

If you're free, why not join us for our Macmillan coffee afternoon story cafe on Wednesday 27th September 2pm to 3:15pm? There will be a shared story, a chance for you to work alongside your child/ren in and out of the classroom before parents and carers return to the hall for the opportunity to purchase cakes, biscuits and drink. If you are unable to join us but your child would like to buy a cake, an adult from our school will take them to the hall. All funds raised will be going to Macmillan Cancer. To support the event please send any **cake or biscuit donations** to the school office on Tuesday 26th or Wednesday 27th September. Thank you for your anticipated support with this deserving charity.