

Good Afternoon from Miss Marwood

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school after the holidays, I hope you all had a lovely break and managed to enjoy sometime with friends and family – despite the rain!

We've had a great start to the new term. On our first day back members of the school choir along with Miss Aspinall, Miss Fowles and Mrs Sadiq, travelled with the choirs from the other Priestley Academy Schools to Sheffield to perform in the Young Voices choir. This was a brand new opportunity for our choir to join with 4500 other children to make the biggest children's choir in Europe. They performed a 2 hour show to an audience of 1000 people. It was a fabulous experience, we all had an amazing time and hope to do it all again next year. A huge thanks to staff who gave up their time to travel with the children and a special mention to Miss Aspinall and Miss Fowles who volunteer their own time to run our school choir. We really enjoy watching the school choir perform in assemblies and we are looking forward to our next performance at St George's Hall in Bradford.

On Thursday we had the Smoothie Bike in school. Children in Year 3, 4 and 5 mixed together ingredients and had to use their peddle power to turn the ingredients into a delicious smoothie drink. My personal favourite was the Vegan banana and strawberry smoothie.

A polite reminder to please make sure that you put your child's name and class into coats, hats, scarves and jumpers. This helps us to ensure property is not lost in school

Please also find attached to this newsletter some useful information about how to keep your children safe online. There are lots of top tips and useful information for parents on how you can monitor online content. The focus for this week's newsletter is Youtube.

Packed Lunches

Please remember that we are a **nut, melon and pineapple free** school. This means that children are not able to bring these foods into school in their packed lunches. This includes **Nutella** which has hazelnuts as an ingredient.

A reminder also that packed lunches from home need to help children maintain a healthy diet.

Diary Dates

This half term events	
Monday 22 nd Jan	Year 1 Forest Schools- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear.
Tuesday 23 rd Jan	9am-10am Head of School drop in
Wednesday 24 th Jan	9-10am Toddler Group Tuck Shop at Break time Parents' Maths Course 1pm-3pm
Friday 26 th Jan	Parent Partners at 9am- all parents are welcome to attend.
Monday 29 th Jan	Year 2 Forest Schools- Please ensure that the children wear sensible footwear. SCARF workshops begin for all children
Tuesday 30 th Jan	Science Day – more information to follow
Wednesday 31 st Jan	9-10am Toddler Group Tuck Shop at Break time Parents' Maths Course 1pm-3pm

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types

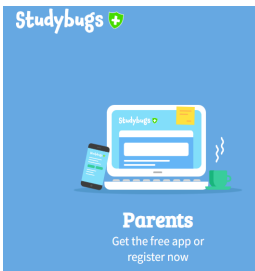
LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series

Attendance



If you haven't done already please download the StudyBugs App



This is an easier way for you to report your child's absence from school.

A reminder that it is parents' responsibility to contact school by 9am if your child is going to be absent from school. This can be done via the Studybugs App or by phone and must be done for every day they are absent. If you do not contact school to report a child's absence this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and may result in penalty notices being issued by Bradford Council Education, Attendance and Safeguarding Team.

A reminder - if you are considering taking a period of extend leave you must book a meeting with a member of the leadership team before booking any tickets. We want to help explain the impact that extended leave has on your child's education and make sure you are fully aware of council process involving fines of up-to £2,500 and in some case prosecution.

This term's attendance			
We are trying really hard to be above 96% for this year for the whole school, well done to class 6A for reaching this target so far this term.			
Nursery		AM — 86% PM – 85%	
RS 84%		RG 95%	
1L 80%		1P 92%	
2M 92%		2S 91%	
3G 91%		3C 84%	
4S 93%		4B 89%	
5W 91%		5H 89%	
6A 96%		6S 93%	

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