

ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2024

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE CATHEDRAL...

Today, Year 5 visited Derby Cathedral for part of their RE work on places of worship. The children were exceptionally well behaved and very respectful.

DDAT 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY...

As you may be aware, St. James' Junior School is part of the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT). This year marks DDAT's 10 year anniversary. As part of the celebrations, the children have been learning a song, along with British Sign Language, which will form part of a celebration video. In addition to this, some children will be taking part in the celebrations at Bishop Lonsdale School next Tuesday.

PARENTS' EVENING...

A reminder that we will be holding our first parents' evening of the academic year on Wednesday. Appointments start at 2:30pm and run until 6pm. All appointments must be booked in advance. If you do not have an appointment, please contact your child's class teacher.

AFTER SCHOOL CATCH-UP & ENRICHMENT CLUBS...

Our after school catch-up and enrichment clubs will start on Tuesday 5th November. If your child has been selected for a catch-up club, it means that their teacher has identified an area in their learning that your child may need some extra support with. It is important that your child attends all of these clubs. The enrichment clubs are open to all children. We will be offering Art, Cooking, Board Games & Lego. All clubs finish at 4pm. Children must be collected and can not walk home alone.

INSET DAY...

A reminder that school closes to children on Thursday 24th October. School is closed to children on Friday 25th October and Monday 4th November. Children will return to school on Tuesday 5th November.



This week's theme for the Golden Book is
'Someone who looks after school equipment.'

This week's winners are:

3H	Hira
3W	Mylo
3/4K	Maria
4A	Patricia
4B	Iqra
5F	Azaan
5R	Henrieta
5/6B	Saffa
6F	Sophie
6Q	Moustapha

A huge well done to all this week's winners.



Have an amazing weekend!
Mr. Webb



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



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

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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.

LIVE A SAFE LOCATION

If your child is in a situation where they feel uncomfortable, they can use the 'live location' function to share their location with a friend or family member. This is a useful feature to have, but it's important to explain to your child that they should only share their location with people they trust. WhatsApp also gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually set their position as soon as they no longer need it.

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.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



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