



Newsletter



December 2022

Christmas

The build up to Christmas has well and truly started in school and you can see from the December dates below that we have lots of events to look forward to. Thank you to everyone for their chocolate and pre loved book and toy donations that you sent in. They all helped to make the Christmas Fair a great success, raising £1066. A huge thank you to our FOBHHS for organising the event.



Sport

November was a busy month for competitive sport. Firstly, our talented athletics team entered heat 1 of the Wirral sportshall athletics competition. We had some excellent individual performances in the field events and the children worked well as teams in the relay races, winning 4 of the 12 races and coming 2nd in 4 others. On the night, we came second overall and will now have a nervous wait to see if we will qualify to represent Wirral at the Merseyside Games. Our Year 5 football team played their first game in the Wirral Corgi Cup against New Brighton Primary School. It was a thrilling, end to end game, with some great talent on display. We went 3 nil down in the first half, only to show great spirit and fight back to equalise in the last minute of the game. We then went 4-3 up in extra time, before unfortunately conceding twice late on. The team showed great character throughout and showed real sportsmanship in defeat afterwards. Well done to everyone!!



December Dates

4th December – Breakfast with Santa
w/c 5th December – 6P swimming
8th December – Brass, ukulele and cello concerts
9th December – Santa Dash
w/c 12th December – 6T swimming
14th December – Drums & guitar concert
15th December – Y5/6 Christmas concert at 9.30am at St Michael's & All Angels Church
15th December – Y3/4 Christmas concert at 11.00am at St Michael's & All Angels Church
16th December – Keyboard and choir concert
16th December – Christmas dinner
16th December – Rocksteady concert
20th December – School closes for Christmas
4th January – School opens for children



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Attendance

Attendance at school is incredibly important for all children, especially after large periods of closure in the past few years. Each month, I will share our whole school attendance in our newsletter. Our target is 96%

Whole School Attendance for November 2022

94.14%

190 DAYS 100%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	175 DAYS 92%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Very best chance of success	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (your child misses a lot)

E-Safety

The statistics around online sexual abuse involving children of a primary school age are worrying and rapidly on the rise. Snapchat is one of the most common apps used by groomers. This poster comes from the National Online Safety website and highlights some of the conversations that you can have and some of the settings that you can add which will make your child's device safer.

National Online Safety **Top Tips for Parents**

THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP
Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshotted and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'
'Quick add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature.

EDUCATE ABOUT RISKS OF SEXTING
It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but if it helps them protect themselves, then it is worth it. Talk to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks prior to using Snapchat.

REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to safety@snapchat.com. If the problem persists, contact CEOP at ceop.gov/report.

RESTRICT WHO CAN VIEW THEIR STORY
Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in their friends list can see their story. We recommend that children only have their close friends and family on the app.

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ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS
We highly recommend enabling Ghost Mode on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this, go onto the Snap Map and tap the cog in the top-right corner. Here, change your settings to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT
If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:
1) Go to support.snapchat.com/delete-account
2) Here, click on 'Delete my account'
3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again

DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT
Snapchat 'deletes by default' which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately - See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

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