



Comber Grove Primary School Weekly Newsletter Autumn Term 2

Friday, 25th November 2022

Quote for the week:

'Empathy grows as we learn.' - Anon

A message from our Headteacher

Dear Comber Grove families,

December is right around the corner, rehearsals are in full swing and children are excitedly preparing for their Winter Performances. This year our Winter Performance will be taking place on

Wednesday, 7th December 2022 at 2:00pm.

Children are very much looking forward to sharing their hard work with you and we hope you can join them and enjoy their festive performance. During the performance we will be accepting donations on the door. Any donations will be gratefully received and go towards providing additional, enriching activities for pupils at Comber Grove Primary School.

Staying Safe On-Line

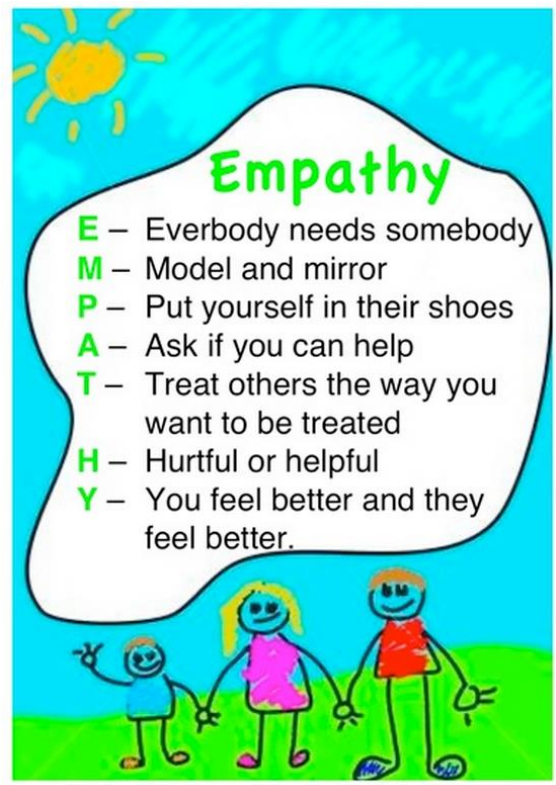
Messaging apps such as WhatsApp, on social media and in online games, are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online, involving, by definition, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place.

While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed. In the guide at the end of the newsletter, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as bullying, inappropriate content and unknown members. Staying safe online is also a part of the school curriculum and is taught as part of the computing and PSHE curriculum.

Thank you to Mr Cain and Team for organising the Cinema Night on Thursday. The children enjoyed themselves and were well behaved!

Have a restful weekend

Lorram Black and Comber Grove Team





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Stars of the Week



Value of the Week: **EMPATHY**

Class:	Pupil:	Reason:
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	Adama	Being kind and considerate to others in the class.
	Jeremy	Being kind and considerate to others in the class.
Year 2 David Attenborough	Radwan	For excellent writing this week and for showing empathy towards his friends.
	Zineb	For being kind and showing empathy towards her friends.
Year 3 Mo Farah	Samiatu	Showing empathy and good listening.
	Harley	Showing empathy and good listening.
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	Brianna	Showing empathy and being kind.
	Amina	Showing empathy and being kind.
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	Alex	Showing empathy to their friends.
	Emari	Showing empathy and being kind.
Year 6 Olive Morris	Sasha	For welcoming new pupils to the class.
	Tia	For welcoming new pupils to the class.



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day

Attendance Winners

School Target: 95.6%	This week's attendance: 91.2%
Years 1, 2 and 3	Year 3, 4 and 6
Mo Farah 97.6%	Olive Morris 94.8%
Class:	Attendance:
Reception Maggie Aderin-Pocock	79.2%
Year 1 Benjamin Zephaniah	91.3%
Year 2 David Attenborough	88.8%
Year 3 Mo Farah	97.6%
Year 4 Marcus Rashford	91.7%
Year 5/6 Mae Jemison	89.7%
Year 6 Olive Morris	94.8%

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Music at Comber Grove



Children are enjoying their music lesson at Comber Grove Primary School.



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School Information and Events

Dates for your Diary	
Wednesday, 30/11/2022	Winter Fair , 3:30-5pm (school hall)
Wednesday, 07/12/2022	Winter Performance (2-3pm)
Friday, 09/12/2022	PARENT DAY (pupils attend school at appointment times with parent/carer) School Dinner Taster Day (11am-1pm) for Parents/Carers
Tuesday, 13/12/2022	Christmas Jumper Day/ School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday, 14/12/2022	Class Parties
Friday, 16/12/2022	Parent/ Carer Breakfast at 9:30am (all welcome) School Closing at 2pm
Monday, 19th to Friday, 30th December 2022	CHRISTMAS Holiday (School closed)
Monday, 2 nd January 2023	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Tuesday, 3 rd January 2023	INSET DAY for staff (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 4th January 2023	First day of Spring Term 1 (Pupils return)
	SCHOOL DISCO (<i>will be taking place in the Spring Term</i>)

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Winter Fair



Wednesday, 30th November 2022 (3:30-5pm)



Café- bottom hall



Teddy Tombola

Bottle Tombola



Santa's Grotto

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School Photos



You will be receiving your proof Individual and Sibling Photos today.

Please complete your order either online at the weblink below:

<https://www.myschoolyear.co.uk/schoolphoto/index.php>

OR

You can also complete the order form and return it with the correct amount of money to the school before **Friday, 2nd December 2022**.

The envelopes will be collected by the Photographer on **Friday, 2nd December 2022** so that the photos can be printed and returned to you before we close in December.



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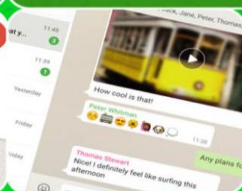
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WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.



AGE RESTRICTION
16+



What parents need to know about



WhatsApp

AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters, pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people' encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with somebody they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



National Online Safety

Top Tips for Parents

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.

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This is not a definitive guide. Please always check with the app's support information to see if your security and privacy concerns are addressed.

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