

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the long weekend.

Whole School Assembly

Today in our whole school assembly we discussed racism. We discussed what racism is, how people are racist and we also looked back at racism in the past. We then discussed how racism makes people feel and what we can do as a school and community to stop racism.

As a school we are going to say 'no' to racism, as everyone has the right to be respected.



Parental Controls - Online Safety

Deciding what's appropriate for children to see online

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services, but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents and carers to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability, beliefs and family values.

What are parental controls?

Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.

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Home broadband and WiFi

Home internet providers can offer parental controls for your family. You can:

- use a filter from your internet provider to control the content that you and your family see. Some providers allow different settings for each user
- set up any device connected to your home broadband. How you do this depends on your provider and you'll need to access your home router. You can ask your internet provider for help setting this up. Remember that this only affects your child accessing the internet through the WiFi – if they are using 4G or 5G etc to connect you need to check the settings on their mobile device too (see below).

Games consoles

Most games consoles have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. On many consoles there are parental controls which allow you to manage which features are available to your child. On some devices you can:

- turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to people they don't know
- restrict games based on age
- turn off in-game purchases, or set a limit.

Check the website for the console your child has for a parent's section and details of features. Some games also allow you to change settings for that individual game.

PlayStation Family Management

On PlayStation consoles you can set up a Family Manager account which allows you to manage different accounts for different children/users. Within this you can manage a range of features, such as restricting communication with other players, restricting content, setting play time controls and set spending limits. See all the features available for PS4 and for PS5.

Mobiles, tablets and computers

All mobiles, tablets and computers have parental control settings, which can differ between devices, these include:

- allowing or disallowing in-game or in-app purchases
- settings such as location settings and what information your child is sharing
- wellbeing settings to help with limiting screen time.

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You can get more advice about setting up controls on different devices from your mobile provider and the UK Safer Internet Centre.

On Apple devices such as iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, Apple TV etc. there are features available for parents all tied into an account. You can set content and privacy restrictions, prevent purchases, allow or disallow apps and more. See what parental controls are available on Apple iOS devices.

Apps and online services

Many social media, apps and online services such as film and TV streaming services have features such as:

- content filters
- chat filters
- privacy settings
- in-app purchase settings.

You can find out about these features by looking in the settings on each app, or take a look at their website for more information. They might be called settings, family features, privacy or security. Facebook has a Parents portal which helps explain the features available.

For Netflix, you need to visit the website to set up parental controls – we suggest you do this as soon as you create an account.

Microsoft Family Safety – by creating a family group you can manage many settings, such as setting screen time limits, blocking inappropriate content, receive activity reports, set app and game limits and more. To learn more about Microsoft Family Safety see the Microsoft page and Xbox Family Settings.

Search engines

Sometimes, innocent searches can lead to not so innocent results. If you're worried:

- make sure the content your child sees online is appropriate for their age by using parental controls and filters in search engines like Google, Yahoo and Bing
- make sure you have set parental controls on the home broadband and devices.

Google Family Link - a very useful app to manage a range of features such as restricting content, approving or disapproving apps, setting screen time and more. For lots of useful information see the Google FAQ page.

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WiFi and being away from home

The controls you've set up on your child's device and your home broadband won't work if they use 3G or 4G, public WiFi or log onto a friend's connection instead. Remember:

- public WiFi is often available when you're out and about, but it's not always safe
- some public places and businesses offer family-friendly WiFi. When you see the family-friendly WiFi symbol it means there are filters to stop children from seeing inappropriate or upsetting content
- talk with your child and agree what they can and can't do online. If your child is visiting friends or family, remember that they might not have the same controls set up.

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can also contact our trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.

The limits of parental controls

Whilst parental controls are a helpful tool there are limitations. So they shouldn't be seen as a whole solution. Even if you've put things in place on your home broadband and your child's device, they won't help if your child connects to a different WiFi with no controls in place.

Parental controls are just part of the way you can help keep your child safe online. More top tips include:

- Talking to your child. Explain why you are setting parental controls; to keep them safe. But also let them know that they can talk to you to discuss why certain settings are in place.
- Set good, strong passwords where you are able. On some parental controls you can set a password which prevents settings and features from being changed.
- Age is a significant factor; as children get older, restrictions and controls you use will change, but only at a pace that is appropriate for your child, not pressure from your child "because everyone else is allowed".
- Content filters are never 100% effective, it is likely at some point that your child will see inappropriate or upsetting content and it is important that you are able to talk to them about this.

Best wishes,

Samantha Williams
Headteacher

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Netball Tournament

On Monday 29th April, 9 of the girls from our netball squad enjoyed a great afternoon at Highfield Primary School. We took part in a friendly netball tournament, meeting other schools in the local area: Highfield, Eastfield, Raglan and St. John's. We played 5 7-a-side games of 10 minutes each - with just a quick water break between each one, the girls were kept on their toes! The players showed a really positive attitude throughout the afternoon and took on board advice after every game, which definitely lead to improvements in their performance each time.

Well done Anya, Larissa, Alex, Sienna, Orinthia, Cicely, Andrianna and Chloe... what a lovely way to spend a sunny (but windy!!) afternoon.

Thanks to our parents who were able to assist with transport and provide great support for the team!

Miss Boothby and Miss Kilkenny



Forest School News

This week we had Woodpecker class at the forest school site for the very first time, they were all wonderful and listened intently to how to fun whilst being safe at forest school.

We read Michael Rosen's book 'We are going on a bear hunt' and they re-enacted it all through the site as a way to introduce the children to all the different areas they can explore and play in. Thank you Woodpeckers you were all brilliant.



Year 1 had a busy session identifying bugs as a little bit of research, on which residents we may get when we create our very own bug hotel in the coming weeks. We also continued with the theme of plants - children were super busy planting tomatoes, peas, mangetout and sweet corn. We planted them in pots which will then be placed on the window sill in the Year 5 classrooms. As year 5 are also doing forest school this half term this is an ideal collaboration. The year 5's will make sure the pots get watered and are well looked after.

Thank you for another lovely week.

Anna Reekie - Forest School



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Our value for the month of May is

Excellence

Attendance

One of the areas the school is working hard to improve is the attendance of children at Eversley Primary School. The United Nation Convention on the rights of the child entitles them to a Right to Education (Article 28). If the attendance drops below 95%, this could potentially affect any future Ofsted judgement, as well as children missing vital learning which reduces their chances of success. Please help us to continue the upward trend by ensuring your child comes to school every day and on time.

The overall school attendance to date is 95.67%

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Superstars

Congratulations to our latest Superstars



Superstars			
1C	Eli B	4KR	Aryan
1M	Arabella	4SE	Miles
2G	Leonidas	5A	Alexander
2N	Ruby	5BH	Dane
2PS	Noah	6B	Daniella
3P	Georgia	6K	Andreas



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Birthday Book Donations



We would like to wish

Erik (Woodpecker)

a very Happy Birthday and thank you for donating a birthday book to your class

Dates for Diary – Spring/Summer 2024

Date	Time	Event
Monday 6th May	School Closed	May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday 21st May	8.45am	Year 5 Music Performance to Parents
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	School Closed	Summer Half Term
Please remember to book your child's school meals before returning to school		
Monday 3rd June		Return to School
Monday 3rd - Friday 7th June		Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood
Sunday 14th June	12 noon - 4.00pm	EPSA Summer Fete
w/c Monday 17th June		Sports Week
Monday 24th June	**NEW DATE**	EPSA Happy Bags Collection (drop off at either gate)
Monday 24th June	am	Years 1 & 2 Sports Day
Tuesday 25th June	am	Years 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 26th June	am	Years 3 & 4 Sports Day
Monday 24th June	pm	Reception Sports Day
Thursday 11th & Friday 12th July		Year 4 Residential Trip to Phasels Wood Activity Centre
Friday 12th July - Save The Date	evening event	Year 6 Leavers Party - Full Info to Follow
Wednesday 24th July	1.30pm	Break up for Summer Holidays