



Please make sure you have seen [Mr Buckley's Important Letter](#) from Thursday.

House Point Cup Weekly Winners

The House Points earned this week were...

Kennet	354pts
Avebury	345pts
Silbury	336pts
Ridgeway	334pts



Well done to all really close this week!

Children in Need

Thank you all for your support of Children in Need today. We enjoyed a day of exercise and making even more effort than normal to carry out acts of kindness.

If you still want to donate click here

[Donate to Children in Need](#)



Nursery News

We are very grateful to all of our nursery parents for working with us to ensure we can keep the nursery open and running smoothly.

Taking your child for a PCR test, when displaying symptoms, has really helped us with this process.

More than any other age group, our staff and children are in very close contact!

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.



Football tournament fun

Our footballers had mixed success at the Swindon Schools Mixed tournament yesterday.

Having won their first two games 6-0 and 2-1, they suffered a 2-0 defeat to eventual winners Brook Field, which eliminated AMCPS from the tournament and promoted Brook Field to the semi-finals.

It was another excellent display throughout the tournament from our players though and, but for a little bit of luck in the opposite direction, they could have progressed themselves.

Thank you to the parents for transporting the children and supporting them so well throughout



Golden Book

Congratulations to the following children for being mentioned in the Golden Book Assembly today for their excellent attitudes and approach.

- Noah & Thea (Beech)
- Hannah & Eleanor (Hazel)
- Jaydan and Antonia (1Birch)
- Jude and Daniel (1Alder)
- Freddie and Liliana (2Chestnut)
- Dylan & Tihan (2Hornbeam)
- William & Sophie (3Rowan)
- Elise, Kavin & Kaiden (3Sycamore)
- Laila and Alex (4Juniper)
- George and Sam (4Willow)
- Macie & Lexi (5Ash)
- Archie and Hallie (5Oak)
- Jude and Amiya (5Maple)
- Jovan, Massimo, George, Eloise, Jasmine, Imogen (Year 6)



Well done to all of you - keep it up!

Non-Uniform next Friday - donation ideas here.

Next Friday 26th November 2021 is **NON UNIFORM DAY**

for **Christmas Hamper Donations**

FOAMS are extremely grateful for any donation and will create hampers based on the donations made. Please do not worry about what to donate for a specific category, just donate something you feel able to give. The lists below are just ideas - you may have better ideas. Please ensure items are new and unopened:

Nursery & Reception	Ladies	Make up, toiletries, notelets, chocolates, picture frames, vouchers, magazines, alcohol, hair accessories, jewellery, scarves, candles, nail polish
Year 1	Gents	Toiletries, magazines, chocolates/sweets, alcohol, lottery ticket, snack food, books, stationery, crackers, games, mince pies, torch, socks, car or sport accessories, water bottle
Year 2	Children	Toys, scarves, games, paper, pens, magazines, sweets, hair accessories, puzzles, comics, pencil cases, books, art and crafts
Year 3	Grandparents	Christmas puddings, jar of mincemeat, books, alcohol, confectionery, biscuits, crackers, Christmas decorations or cards, wrapping paper, bookmarks, photo frames, stationery, kitchen accessories
Year 4	Christmas at home	Alcohol, crisps, popcorn, mince pies, crackers, Christmas puddings, wrapping paper, cards, tree decorations, tinsel, baubles, table decorations, vouchers, kitchen accessories
Year 5	Arts & Crafts	Pens, card or paper, stickers, colouring books, magazines, beads, painting, pencil cases, stickers, cross-stitch, designs of things to make, feathers, handmade gifts, origami paper, books or vouchers
Year 6	Hobbies	Sport equipment, golf balls, socks, tennis balls, games, playing cards, craft vouchers, sports or craft magazine, painting, baking, sewing, knitting, books, fishing, cars, DIY, cross stitch

THANK YOU for your help and support



Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal

We are supporting the Swindon Christmas Toy Appeal again to spread a little festive cheer to families around Swindon. This is the newly elected School Council's first initiative of the year! If you would like to donate, we will be collecting donations in class from Monday November 15th to Friday December 3rd.



Donations should be new gifts suitable for children from 0-16 years old. Suggestions can be found below:

0-3: Dolls, teddy bears, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles, educational toys (sorting) and role play items.

3-5: Dolls and action figures, cars and lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles, Play-Doh sets and role play items.

5-9: Educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs and family-friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords, craft sets, annuals and novelty back packs.

9-12: Games and toys, gadgets and novelty toys, stationery, DVDs, books, hair accessories, annuals, novelty back packs.

13-16: Books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergenic ingredients if possible), hair accessories, gift vouchers, gadgets and novelty items.

Thank you for your help!

Many thanks for your help.

Applying for School places

Every child in our Nursery Acorn class needs to apply for a Primary School place – even if they are already in the school. Attending our nursery class **does NOT** give an automatic passage to our Reception classes.

The Primary School application deadline is 15th January 2022

Please remember to apply.

Here is the link to apply from the SBC website:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions



School Uniform

The cost of school jumpers is not insignificant, yet we still keep finding items of school uniform without any name labels. Even writing in pen on the tag inside could save you lots of money.



Please label everything.

We are giving away lots of uniform soon, which is in really good condition, but we have not been able to give it back to the right child since it is not labelled properly.

Watch out for tables appearing at the front of school. Save yourself some money and help yourself to **FREE** recycled uniform.

Remembrance Links

Thank you to Birch class and Year 6 for their contributions to the Remembrance Day at St Andrews Ridge care home - you had a mention on their Facebook page!



Check posters on page 3



7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:

- 1 Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- 2 Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.
- 3 Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- 4 Go *slightly* outside of our comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5 Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6 Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7 Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

What parents need to know about WhatsApp

AGE RESTRICTION 16+

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 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 deleting their account or seeking parental permission.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES
WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous hoaxes, in India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
It's hard to see on 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 still connect by accessing the address book of a device and recognizing which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with some, body they don't know, they can work to get to know the WhatsApp.

THE ONLY ADMIN FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING
Cyberbullying is a form of bullying involving the sending of text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim of humiliating the recipient. WhatsApp chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to chat with others with their contacts or jobs. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. While this can be good for one-way communication, 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.

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 a location' icon on WhatsApp as a 'single and secure way to let people know where you are' Location sharing is a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's 'Snap Map' and Facebook Messenger and can be useful 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.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES
Adding your child to a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable 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 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'.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES
If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat and a message has not yet been contained and 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 the top 1% of the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 20,000 WhatsApp messages and watched 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.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE
If your child has received spam or offensive messages, such as attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent to a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove the 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 screen and tap on the settings.

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 settings and show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back to one, if they have a role, 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 minimum 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.

NOS National Online Safety
Top Tips for Parents

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This is a national guide. Please always check with the appropriate authorities to see if your child's situation is different.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com

WhatsApp
Have a look at the age for using this app!

Is your child in Group Chats? Do you monitor what other children are putting in that chat?

Click on the image for more help and advice.



Please contact Lynn Turner for a friendly chat and further information:
Tel: 07823525441
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Volunteers needed for our Parent Champion Scheme

If you have had a positive experience of your child's Early Education and Childcare and have a few hours a week to spare sharing these experiences with other parents then **you may be just who we are looking for**

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CHRISTMASY CREATIONS!

Colouring | Drawing | Baking | Painting and much more!

Send in your Christmas themed creations by 5pm on the 30th of December to be in for a chance to win a prize!

Email your creations to outreachprojectme@barnardos.org.uk

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